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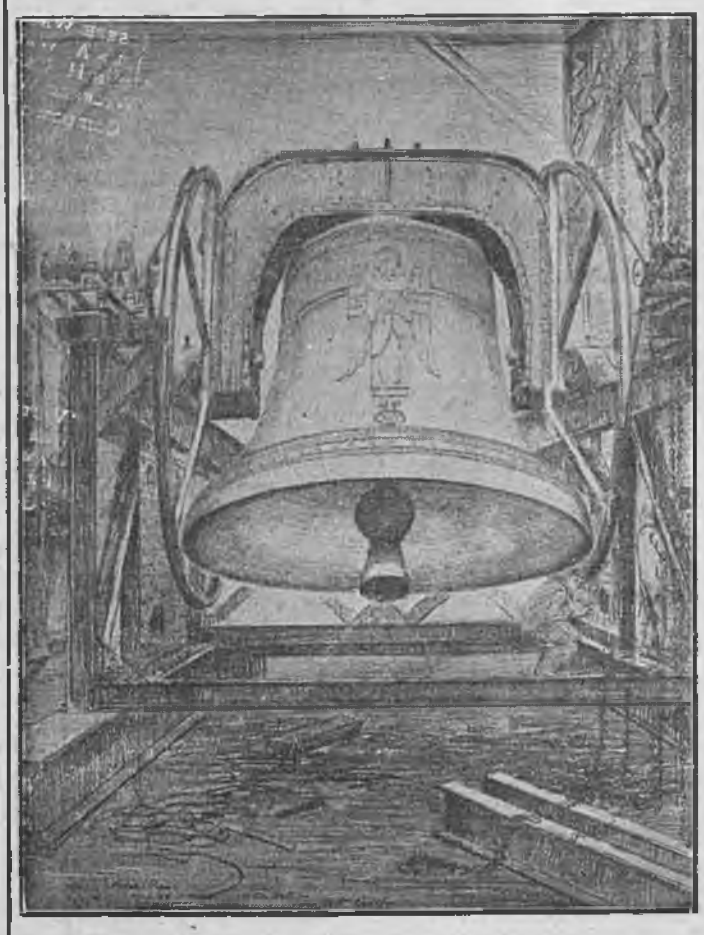

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

To all members of the great confraternity of the Exercise and particularly to all our readers: Greeting! A happy and prosperous New Year. Old 1931 left a gloomy, almost sinister, reputation behind him, and everyone is hoping for a much more cheerful turn of Fortune's wheel in 1932. It is the custom to rate at the expiring year, to look back upon it with a sense of disappointment at aspirations unachieved, hopes unrealised, and to watch its departure with a feeling of relief. That happens with most of us every year; and equally we turn to the new with revived resolutions and determination and look to it for fresh inspiration and more hopeful prospects, although upon cool reflection one marvels at the childlike simplicity of the human race in clinging to the fiction that the mere passing of an arbitrary date in the calendar contains special possibilities of providing the change of private, national or universal fortunes which everyone earnestly hopes to see. There is no fairy, beneficent or malign, that waves a wand over careworn humanity at midnight on December 31st, and any improvement which can be wrought in this year of 1932 in the affairs of individuals or nations must be the result of individual or national action. The first day of a new year, however, is an opportune occasion for stocktaking, and it is not, after all, a bad time for beginning a new reckoning; in any event custom ordains that it is on this date good resolutions are to be made; new plans put into operation and new hopes set on the future.

As far as the Art of Ringing is concerned we think, on balance, it has well held its own in 1931 with previous years. There has been great activity among peal ringers, but with the reports for the concluding days not yet all recorded, it is impossible to give any comparative figures. Peal ringing, as we have so often remarked, is not the only criterion by which the position of the art should be judged, but it is a good guide to the progress of change ringing and to the efficiency of ringers. Those who have reached the peal ringing stage are usually among the best service ringers; their keenness ensuring regular attendance; their skill, generally speaking, helping to raise the standard of striking in their own towers. No outstanding long peals have been rung during the year which has just closed, but there have been advances in method splicing—a development of the art which holds great possibilities for competent ringers. The great event of 1931 was, of course, the celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary, in which the Exercise in its collective capacity has carried out a scheme far beyond anything

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ever before achieved, or even attempted, in its history. The Stedman Tercentenary year will always be a landmark in ringing annals, and we can only hope that the spirit which inspired Stedman to give so much to the art and to promote expansion of the knowledge of change ringing may manifest itself in this and future generations of ringers. We cannot all be Fabian Stedmans, but each in his humble way, according to his circumstances, can do something to further the cause of ringing; it may be only by inducing a friend to take up the art; or giving a helping hand to someone not quite so forward as himself; it may be by supporting the officials of his association in their work, or by himself undertaking office. There are many other ways in which the objects, the interests and the progress of the art may be promoted, and there is no one who cannot render help in some direction or other. If the spirit which must have dominated Fabian Stedman is the inspiration of every member of the Exercise in 1932 then, indeed, may we look forward to its being, from the point of view of ringing, 'a happy and prosperous New Year.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JAMES W. WILKINS ...	*Treble*	*ROLAND BIGGS	7
RALPH COLES	2	WILLIAM PYE	8
CHARLES T. COLES	3	JAMES BENNETT ...	9
GEORGE R. PYE	4	J. HOWARD R. FREEBURN	10
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5	F. DONALD BOREHAM ...	11
FRANK BOREHAM	6	EDWARD R. COLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on twelve bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ...	8
CHARLES T. COLES	3	*WALTER F. JUDGE	9
*MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	4	*ARTHUR D. BARKER ...	10
GEORGE R. PYE...	5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	11
JOSEPH T. DYKE	6	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. First peal of Cambridge Maximus in Oxfordshire.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL	*Treble*	*REGINALD KYNASTON ...	7
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	8
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	9
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ...	10
SIDNEY ELTON	5	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	11
CHRISTOPER WALLATER ...	6	THOMAS J. ELTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman and first on twelve. Rung for the Christmas festival and as a birthday peal for C. Wallater, also for Messrs. S. Elton, R. and W. B. Kynaston, who hail from Guildford, Oswestry and Swindon respectively.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART	...*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIPS	6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	2	FRANK JENNINGS	7
KENNETH SNELLING	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	8
DANIEL COOPER	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	9
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOHN MORRIS	...*Treble*	HAROLD F. MARTIN	6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	3	WILLIAM C. JONES	8
†DENNIS R. MORRIS	4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	9
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Caters. Rung as the annual peal for the association, also as a 69th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Langford, who was a choirboy at this church when nine years of age, and has been parish clerk for forty-three years.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS	...*Treble*	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	6
*JAMES W. GROUNDS	2	*PETER CROOK, JUN.	7
FRED HINDLE	3	*JAMES E. BURLES	8
JAMES MARSH	4	*PETER CROOK	9
*JOHN BOOTH	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Bob Royal. Rung as a memorial peal to the late Mr. Thomas Watson, of Dalton, an old and esteemed member of the Lancashire Association, and for 47 years a ringer at the above church.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
Tenor 34¾ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS	...*Treble*	*RALPH S. LONG	6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	2	WILLIAM BIGGIN	7
ALBERT H. WARD	3	*ALBERT NASH	8
SIDNEY BRIGGS	4	†JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ...	9
*COLIN T. RYDER	5	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Oxford Royal on tower bells. First peal of Oxford on the bells. B. A. Knight's 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	*Treble*	ERNEST BENNETT	6
*FREDERICK DIGBY	2	WILLIAM HORAN	7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	3	CHARLES E. J NORRIS ...	8
JAMES E. DAVIS...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	5	ALFRED HAYLOR	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT J. HUGHES	6
*MILTON C. FOWLER	2	*HORACE S. MORLEY	7
JOHN H. LENTON	3	J. EDWARD CAWSER	8
*WILLIAM A. WOOLER ...	4	†HAROLD WALKER	9
HARRY BROWN	5	*ARNOLD HILL	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. † 50th peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. H. Morgan, of Gainsborough, and Miss C. L. Cawser, of Tickhill, also as a compliment to Mr. F. Cryer, of Selby, who has just completed 60 years' service as a ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

PERCY GLEDSTONE ...	...*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ...	2	*ARNOLD HILL	6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ...	3	T. COLIN RYDER	7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER

* 50th peal. 50th peal together by the ringers of treble and 5th. First peal in the method on the bells.

MIDDLETON, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWS	...*Treble*	*WILFRED HOWARD	5
WILLIAM BERRY	2	*ALWYN TAYLOR	6
JAMES JACQUES	3	*J. JOHNSON	7
THOMAS K. DRIVER	4	JAMES H. BASTOW ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BORTON. Conducted by WM. BERRY.

* First peal of Bob Major. The treble ringer is in his 76th year. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23¾ cwt. (approx.) in D.

WILLIAM GAYES	...*Treble*	JACK TIPPER	5
ERNEST BENNETT	2	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	6
ALBERT BOOTH	3	JOHN WORTH	7
HARRY PARKER	4	*JACK WADMSLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PARTRICK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

SALFORD.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 8, 1231, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

DONALD BROWN...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM FIXTON	5
*HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ...	2	FRANK STONELEY	6
JOSEPH HALL	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
*WILLIAM PYE	4	WILFRID J. MOSS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

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

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Five-part, No. 1. Tenor 13 cwt.

Stephen H. Hoare	*Treble*	Edward Ashby	5
Joseph J. Allen	2	Frederick W. Brinklow	6
Miss Elsie K. Fulton	3	Harold G. Cashmore	7
*John E. Rootes	4	William Cross	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. G. Cashmore.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours.
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

Edward H. Spice	*Treble*	John W. Unwin	5
Mrs. E. H. Spice	2	Frederick G. Brett	6
Frederick R. Weller	3	William Spice	7
William E. Pitman	4	James Weller	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. Pitman.

Tenor man's first peal.

SOUTHPORT.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Ernest Jones	*Treble*	George R. Newton	5
*James Meldrum	2	Lester L. Gray	6
Joseph Ridyard	3	James C. E. Simpson	7
Edward Caunce	4	†Thomas Blundell	*Tenor*

Conducted by George R. Newton.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Harry Folkard	*Treble*	*Ernest C. S. Turner	5
*Phyllis M. Mayne	2	*Cecil C. Mayne	6
*E. Ralph Mackrill	3	William E. Judd	7
George M. Kilby	4	Arthur Harding	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by C. C. Mayne.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

NORTH SHIELDS.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

J. Scott, jun.	*Treble*	R. M. Gray	5
J. E. Scott	2	W. Robson	6
E. A. Hern	3	A. Tugwood	7
J. L. Gray	4	E. Gosden	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by E. A. Hern.

First peal for ringers of the treble and 5th bells. First peal in the method for the ringers of the 6th and 7th. All are local ringers except the 6th, who hails from South Shields. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Mr. E. Gosden and Miss E. M. Hendry, of North Shields.

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STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21¾ cwt.

Charles H. Sone	*Treble*	James Powell	5
Tom Saunders	2	William Wenban	6
Archie Stevenson	3	Luther J. Honess	7
William Gorringe	4	*Albert J. Honess	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Wenban.

* First peal and first attempt. A birthday peal for W. H. Lambert, of Benenden, and Mrs. Wenban.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Oxford Society.)
On Thursday, December 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

*Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	*Treble*	William Collett	5
†George Horwood	2	William H. B. Wilkins	6
*John Harris	3	†C. Elliott Wigg	7
Francis E. Taylor	4	‡Rev. P. W. Dodwell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Francis E. Taylor.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Bob and Single. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

James Baker	*Treble*	Ernest Everest	5
Charles Baker	2	George Edwards	6
Harold Huntley	3	Harry Seal	7
Arthur Wiles	4	Harry Baker	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Edwards.

Rung in honour of the anniversary of the induction of the Rector, who expressed his thanks as the bells came into rounds.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

George F. Swann	*Treble*	Morris J. Morris	5
George E. Large	2	Frederick W. Rishworth	6
Henry H. Fearn	3	Richard C. Ingram	7
George T. Mitchison	4	Charles Davis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard C. Ingram.

Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. George T. Mitchison, who has been a ringer at this tower for 45 years.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Mrs. G. H. Cross	*Treble*	Edwin Barnett, jun.	5
*Edwin A. Barnett	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Edwin Barnett, sen.	3	Harry Hovard	7
John H. Chapman	4	George H. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by George H. Cross.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. This peal was rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mr. E. Barnett, sen.'s, election as a Cumberland, which took place on December 9th, 1881. It is probably the first time in the Cumberlands' history that three generations have taken part in a peal for the society.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

William H. Fussell	*Treble*	Thomas S. Goodchild	5
Frederick K. Biggs	2	Harry Wingrove	6
George Martin	3	Roland Biggs	7
Richard Buckland	4	William Henley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by George Martin.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

Arthur Knights	*Treble*	Charlie Bates	5
William T. Palmer	2	William Biggin	6
Percy Jervis	3	*Thomas E. Lee	7
Frederick A. Adams	4	A. Percival Knights	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by A. P. Knights.
* First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

*William A. Holmes	*Treble*	Arthur I. Holmes	5
John W. Lake	2	Horace M. Day	6
Arthur H. Palmer	3	*John Machin	7
James Osborn	4	†Thomas L. Bainbridge	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Lake.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor. Also the first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

Ronald H. Dove	*Treble*	Frank Jennings	5
*Tony Price	2	Edward G. Talbot	6
Herbert J. Skelt	3	Alfred J. Trappitt	7
H. Stanley Robinson	4	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Chas. H. Kippin.
* First peal in the method. The method was rung as a last-minute inspiration after meeting one ringer and two ropes short for a ten-bell peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

Harry Baker	*Treble*	Thomas E. Sone	5
Mrs. H. Baker	2	Cyril W. A. Brown	6
Albert Relfe	3	William Button	7
*Tom Saunders	4	Luther J. Honess	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* 75th peal. The composition, No. 38, is rung for the first time. It has the 5th and 6th the extent in 5.6 in 14 courses, and is the longest on the plan, with the tenors together.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 25 cwt.

John H. B. Hesse	*Treble*	Frederick W. Rogers	5
William J. Robinson	2	William T. Beeson	6
Alfred T. Greenwood	3	Clarence H. Dobbie	7
C. Ernest Smith	4	Alfred H. Pulling	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Henry C. Alford	*Treble*	Albert C. Darnell	5
Robert W. Green	2	Stafford H. Green	6
Thomas Groombridge, sen.	3	Joseph S. Hawkins	7
Herbert Langdon	4	Reginald T. Newman	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. S. Hawkins.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Master T. Bullock.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, December 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

Stanley R. Cockell	*Treble*	Harry Mockridge	5
William C. West	2	Sidney Hillier	6
William A. Swift	3	Walter S. Burbidge	7
Arthur J. West	4	Frank Green	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney T. Hillier.
The conductor's 100th peal, and arranged by the band as a compliment to him. Mr. Hillier rang his first peal on these bells in 1899. He also conducted his first peal, the above composition, on these bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

Ronald H. Dove	*Treble*	Alfred J. Trappitt	5
*H. Bernard Wells	2	Edward G. Talbot	6
Frank E. Darby	3	Daniel Cooper	7
Tony Price	4	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Chas. H. Kippin.
* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Cathedral Society—Past and Present Members.)
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

William J. Robinson	*Treble*	Raymond Philpott	5
Henry Hutton	2	William R. Melville	6
George W. Steere	3	Clarence H. Dobbie	7
C. Ernest Smith	4	Alfred H. Pulling	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Wm. J. Robinson
Arranged and rung as a compliment to the conductor on the occasion of his silver wedding.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Monday, December 14th, at Windermere Parish Church, in 1 hr. 12 mins., a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,931 changes): R. Maskell 1, T. Jefferson (conductor) 2, W. Walker 3, H. Woodburn 4, J. Tebay 5, H. Richardson 6, F. Wilson 7, H. Palmer 8. Longest length by the ringers of the treble and tenor. Longest length 'inside' by the 3rd. All are Sunday service ringers.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

Frank Jennings	...*Treble*	Jack M. Cripps	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Alfred T. Greenwood ...	6
Nelson Elliott...	3	Daniel Cooper	7
Kenneth Snelling	4	Charles H. Kippin ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Wilfred Williams
The conductor's 200th peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WING, RUTLAND.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

William J. Tugwood	...*Treble*	John R. Nichols	3
Ronald Rossell	2	Percy Amos	4

John A. Bluff ... ...*Tenor*
Conducted by John H. Bluff.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, who is captain of the local band, and is the first in which a Wing ringer has taken part. The last peal on these bells was rung in 1903.

GLINTON, NORTHANTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)
On Thursday, December 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Benedict,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court and Single Court.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Miss Frances Humphrey	*Treble*	Cuthbert T. H. Bradley	4
Mrs. Phillis Humphrey	2	Roger W. Daniels	5
James H. Musson	3	Horace M. Day	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. Day.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung in connection with the Stedman Tercentenary. Quickest peal on the bells.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

Miss Kitty Willers...	...*Treble*	Frank Harper	4
John W. Ward	2	Edward C. Gobey	5
Albert E. Austin	3	Edward H. Finch ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward C. Gobey.

Arranged for Mr. E. C. Gobey, of Ilkeston, Derbyshire, who was staying at Trumpington, Cambs.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

William T. Poston ...	...*Treble*	Edwin H. Foster	4
Ernest Cox	2	William Poston...	5
Alfred T. Poulton	3	Harvey H. Winney ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Poston.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary and to commemorate the first peal of Stedman Doubles for the Hereford Guild, which was rung in this tower 25 years ago, conducted by Mr. W. Short.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Tuesday evening, December 15th, at the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. J. Rook 1, R. H. D. Gubb 2, J. G. S. Sanders 3, L. Walton 4, T. Yeo (first with a bob bell) 5, C. Rook 6, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, F. Yeo (first quarter-peal) 8.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithin,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Stanley E. Bennett	...*Treble*	William Wilkinson ...	4
Arthur Ground	2	*William E. Clarke ...	5
Frank Dewey	3	Harry Nichols	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Nichols.

* Fiftieth peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising two 720's of Plain Bob, one Kent and Oxford (spliced), two of Kent and two of Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

Herbert Cooper ...	...*Treble*	Daniel Smith	4
John T. White	2	*John Major	5
Moses Perry	3	Harold Chant	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Chant.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

WHICKHAM, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

Louis Richardson ...	...*Treble*	John Thompson	4
Raymond Thompson	2	Kenneth W. Cheesman ...	5
Roger E. Atkinson	3	Stephen Thompson ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by S. Thompson.

First peal for all except ringer of 5th, and his first peal away from treble. The ringer of the 2nd is only 13 years old.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, December 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

William Ranford ...	...*Treble*	Frank Lawrence	4
Robert G. Knowles	2	Charles Camm	5
William Niblett	3	Sidney T. Holt	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.

Rung to celebrate Mr. R. G. Knowles' jubilee of ringing. He was admitted as a probationer at this church on December 13th, 1881.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

John Welch	...*Treble*	Arthur Phillips	4
Barnard Paimore	2	Henry Wallace	5
Jeffery Williams	3	William H. Lawrence	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Lawrence.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)
On Monday, December 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Bernard Gillatt, sen.	*Treble*	*James C. Cattle	4
*Ernest Brittain	2	Jack Bray	5
†Percy Peacock	3	Bernard Gillatt, jun. ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Bucknall, Castleton, Burslem, Ipswich, Cambridge, London and Wells. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN E. WHEELDON	...Treble	CHARLES PRESTON	4
WILLIAM WHEELDON	2	WILLIAM FRADLEY	5
REG PRESTON	3	HENRY BILLINGS	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the first peal ever rung on these bells, which was on December 17th, 1891. J. E. and W. Wheeldon (brothers) are the only ones now living of the original band. Also rung in honour of the birth of a son of Mr. Nigel Birch, of Southsea, son of the Rector of Bucknall.

WESTON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(BATH BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

MISS N. G[illegible]MS	...Treble	WILLIAM H. CROCKER	4
*SEALY WOO[illegible]S	2	FRANK S. MERRETT	5
GEORGE C[illegible]	3	HUBERT ELLIS	...Tenor

Conducted by F. S. MERRETT.

* First peal, also first as conductor. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band and on the bells. All are regular Sunday service ringers. Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary, also a birthday compliment to the conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Stedman Doubles rung in the Bath Branch.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Christ Church, Bootle, Lancs, on Sunday, December 20th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 720 Oxford Singles, 540 Plain Bob, in 41 mins.: R. Shacklady 1, D. Parry 2, D. Lea 3, L. Corteen 4, James McKee 5, John McKee (conductor) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Vaux, for many years a sidesman at this church.

CHALFONT, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED E. SWAN	...Treble	E. GEORGE SWIFT	4
PERCY E. JONES	2	*GEORGE AYRES	5
JAMES H. LUCAS	3	FRANK CORKE	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. G. Swift.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.
THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (GLASGOW) SOCIETY.
On Sunday, December 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

*JOHN F. SARGENT	1-2	†HENRY F. SARGENT	5-6
STEPHEN H. WOOD	3-4	‡RAMSAY BROWNING	7-8

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First away from the tenors. † First on an 'inside' pair. ‡ First peal.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. L. WISEMAN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently.

L. WISEMAN	1-2	A. CATTERWELL	3-4
O. E. BROYD	5-6		

Conducted by O. E. BROYD.
Witness—R. YOUNG.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all. Believed to be the first peal double-handed of this kind for the association.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Editor desires to acknowledge the many good wishes for the new year received from friends all over the country. The kindly thought of the senders is very much appreciated and heartily reciprocated.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Boxing Day, was the first touch in the method by Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. W. F. Judge. Mr. and Mrs. Barker have now rung peals of Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus together.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, Bridgwater, on Boxing Day, and a correspondent would like to know if this is the first in the method on the bells. Can anyone make a claim to a prior peal of Stedman on the bells?

The West Regional director of the B.B.C. is giving consideration to the broadcasting of Painswick's famous bells.

Mrs. Argyle and family wish to thank their many ringing friends for their kind sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Glinton, Northants, possesses one of the finest rings of six in the county, but they are not in the best order. A peal of Minor was rung on them recently, but they required some attention before a start could be made, and eventually the fourth had to be rung without a stay.

Ringers visiting Bristol for the Bristol United Guilds' dinner on January 16th will find excellent accommodation at the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Street.

We recently referred in this column to the peal of 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham, and mentioned some of the survivors of that old band. Another who is left to us, and still keenly interested in ringing, although not now able to take an active part, is Mr. Edwin Gibbs, who is in a nursing home at Crayford. Mr. Gibbs desires to be remembered to all his old ringing friends.

The peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus rung at Ipswich on December 12th was the first by the Ancient Society of College Youths. It was not, of course, the first by St. Mary-le-Tower Society, as stated in the footnote. The Ipswich society have rung six peals in this method.

A copy of 'Ropesight,' which recently got into the hands of 'Beachcomber,' the satirical humorist whose column in the 'Daily Express' provides a great section of the British public with light reading, has apparently kindled a new interest for that writer. Twice since then he has returned to the subject, and each time he shows he has learned new facts. On Monday he revealed to the nation that the Exercise has its own paper in 'The Ringing World.' We beg to raise our hat at this honourable mention, and we only wish that 'Beachcomber's' knowledge and interest in the subject of ringing may expand until he finds his way to a belfry.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus at Christ Church, Oxford, on Boxing Day, recalls the fact that a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Caters was rung in the same tower on January 1st, 1733, by Oxford ringers.

James Barham, the famous old ringer of Leeds, Kent, rang his one hundredth peal on January 1st, 1793. The total ages of the band taking part was 582 years. We wonder how many men before James Barham had rung a hundred peals? Very few, if any.

Tom Reynolds, one of the finest of a past generation of Birmingham ringers, died twenty years ago next Tuesday. The same day is the 15th anniversary of the death of Alfred W. Grimes, who in the space of two years just before the war rang 250 peals—still a record.

January 7th is the anniversary of the death of a still greater Birmingham worthy. On that day in 1890 Henry Johnson died.

The second peal of twelve bells put up in England was at Cirencester, Glos, but the first peal on them was not rung until January 7th, 1767. This was a peal of Grandsire Cinques by the College Youths.

Mr. Samuel Blackwell, who was a member of the College Youths, and M.P. for Cirencester, presented to the Cirencester Society in 1785 a drinking horn, an armchair with carved bell at back, and a set of handbells.

The tenor at Henstridge, Somerset, is 19¾ cwts., not 1¾ cwt. as appeared in the report of a peal published in our issue of December 18th.

In the handbell peal at Pudsey, recorded in our last issue, George Ambler rang 1-2 and John Ambler 7-8.

GREAT ST. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE.

EARLY PEALS ON THE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is not quite correct to say that the peal of Bob Major in 1779 was the earliest recorded on the bells. The Society of Cambridge Youths was founded on August 3rd, 1724, and on November 5th, 1725, they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. On May 25th, 1727, the College Youths went down to Cambridge and rang 5,040 Grandsire Caters. Annable called it from the ninth, John Hardham rang the third, Laughlin the seventh, and Matthew East the tenor. In 1734 the Cambridge Youths rang another peal of Triples, in which Dr. Mason took part.—Yours truly,

T.

NORTH STONEHAM'S PEAL OF TEN.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WILLIAMS' GOLDEN WEDDING GIFT.

On Sunday, December 20th, the two new treble bells given to North Stoneham Church by Mr. and Mrs. George Williams were dedicated prior to the morning service by the Rector (Rev. T. Salmon). The service commenced with the hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' after which, Mrs. Williams being present, Mr. Williams said: 'We offer these bells for use in God's House, and ask you to dedicate them to His service.' The Rector said: 'We accept them in His Name, and will pray for a blessing upon you and your gift. In the Name of the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.'

The two treble bells are inscribed, '1931. The gift of George and Martha Williams, married October 15th, 1881. Rev. T. Salmon, Rector, Alan Arnold and J. Goodier, Churchwardens.'

On each bell is also in Latin the words, 'Praise to God.'

For evening service a course of Kent Treble Bob Major and three courses of Grandsire Caters were rung, ringing friends being present from Bishopstoke, Southampton and Winchester.

North Stoneham now possesses one of the lightest rings of ten in the country. The peal at Loughborough Foundry, with a 6½ cwt. tenor, is the smallest. Cudham, in Kent, has another very light peal, and North Stoneham, with a tenor of only 9 cwt. 26 lb., comes next.



NORTH STONEHAM CHURCH AND TOWER, SHOWING THE VERY OLD ONE-HAND CLOCK.

Then followed prayers from the Guild service. While the choir, Rector and Mr. Alan Arnold (churchwarden) returned to their places, the following rang the bells in rounds: G. Williams 1, W. T. Tucker 2, W. Edwards 3, E. Dumper 4, J. Fudge 5, F. Griffin 6, W. Rowe 7, J. Rodwell 8, C. J. Fray 9, J. Dacombe 10. The morning service then proceeded, and the Rector gave an excellent address, taking as his text, Numbers x. 2, 'Make thee two trumpet of silver.'

After the service, two courses of Grandsire Caters were rung by: G. Williams 1, W. T. Tucker 2, R. Paine 3, G. Pullinger 4, W. Edwards 5, W. Andrews 6, C. J. Fray 7, G. Noice 8, J. Hayward 9, E. Dumper 10.

The tone and 'go' of the bells are perfect, and to ensure a correct 'splice' between the new and the old bells Messrs. Taylor and Co. recast the treble of the existing eight. This part of the work was generously done gratis by the firm.

The tower is built of stone, said to have been brought from Quarr, near Ryde, Isle of Wight, in the fourteenth century. Six bells were placed in the tower by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1892, and they were increased to eight in 1909 by Messrs. Barwell, largely as the result of the efforts of Mr. Williams, who had raised a band at the tower. By this time ten peals of Minor had been rung. With the advent of the octave there was greater activity, and one after the other the standard and Surprise methods were mastered, under Mr. Williams' mature guidance, and peals rung. Indeed, North Stoneham tower has been known as the 'Hampshire Ringing School,' from the amount of instruction that has been given there. The one hundredth peal on the octave was rung on September 23rd, 1924, and many more have been added since. A new chapter in North Stoneham's ringing history has now been opened by the further augmentation of the bells.

BLEDINGTON BELLS RESTORATION.

The work of restoring the bells of the little village of Bledington, on the borders of Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, has been taken in hand. A new bell is being added, three of the old ones are being rehung, and another old bell recast into two. The remaining bell is being retained as a valuable relic. When the bells were being removed, one of the three that are to be rehung was found to be cracked in the crown, through oxidization set up by the iron clapper staple cast in the crown of the bell. The staple has been cut out and the bell welded. One of the bells bears the inscription, 'We are the bells of Bledington, 1639,' and another, 'And Charles he is our King, 1639.'

WEDDING BELLS.

At Ickleton, on Saturday, December 19th, 630 Grandsire Triples: G. Baynes 1, P. Webb 2, L. Lilley 3, L. Flitton 4, R. Clements 5, E. Flitton 6, G. Lilley 7, A. Lilley 8. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. J. P. Runham and Miss K. Webb, daughter of the late Mr. E. Webb, who was a ringer at this church.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, December 27th, for evensong, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. H. Rowe 1, Miss Jessie Colegate 2, E. E. Richards 3, J. J. Lamb 4, F. W. Thornton 5, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 6, P.C. C. Davis 7, H. Lankford 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd upon completing her 21st year.

PULBOROUGH.—On Sunday morning, December 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by past and present members of the local band: S. W. Corden 1, A. B. Corden 2, C. S. Greenfield 3, A. Holden 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, L. Stilwell (conductor) 6, A. C. Greenfield 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for ringers of 1, 2 and 6, who were 'home' for Christmas.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 27th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, R. W. Green 4, C. J. Chocet 5, A. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Prime.

NEW TREBLE BELLS AT SUTTON-ON-TRENT.

A RINGER'S MEMORIAL GIFT.

On Saturday, December 19th, the fine peal of bells in the beautiful old Church of All Saints, Sutton-on-Trent, was augmented to the full octave by the gift of the two new treble bells by Mr. H. M. Cafferata, a ringer and a vice-president of the North Notts Association, in memory of his wife.

The bells of the church can be traced back to the year 1551, when there were 'iiii belles, a lyttyll belle, ii hand belles' mentioned. In 1825 they were recast by Harrison, of Barton-on-Humber, and another added. In 1922, owing to their unsafe condition, the whole peal was recast and an iron frame for eight installed, a sixth bell added, and the whole peal hung on ball bearings. This work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the whole cost being raised by public subscription.

The dedication of the additional bells was conducted by the Right Rev. H. Mosley, D.D. (Lord Bishop of Southwell), assisted by the Rural Dean (Canon Williams), the Rev. T. H. J. Eling, Rev. G. H. Bartley (Vicar of Baulking, Oxon), a former Vicar of the parish, a number of neighbouring clergy being also present. There was a good congregation, including a large number of ringers. The new bell ropes were handed by one of the churchwardens to the Bishop, who performed the dedication and then gave the bells into the custody of the Vicar. Three notes were struck on each of them, and afterwards the full peal was rung in rounds by the local band while the clergy returned to the chancel.

After the service, a band, selected by the Rev. R. B. Wilkinson, by request of the local ringers, who wished the public to hear the bells at their best, rang two touches of Double Norwich and Stedman.

Tea was provided free, by the kindness of the Church Council, to a large number of ringers and friends. The handbells were called for, and a well-struck course of Caters rung. Afterwards the ringers returned to the belfry for all to have a pull, and touches of Double Norwich, Bristol, Superlative, London, Cambridge, Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford, Kent, Treble Bob, Little Bob, and Bob Major were well struck, the various bands following each other quickly to make the most of the opportunity. Ringers were present from Bolsover, Sheffield, Handsworth, Treeton, Lincoln, Folkingham, Ordsall, Newark, Collingham, Carlthorpe, Southwell, Stamford, Hough, Loughborough, Gamston, Billingborough and the full local company.

The opening band was a representative company, and included Miss Cawthorne, Rev. R. B. Wilkinson, J. Flint, J. Brothwell, Jo. Moss, F. Milner, E. Robbins, J. Holman, C. Harrison.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have added the trebles, were represented by Mr. Harrison, who also assisted in the ringing.

The new bells are as follows:—

Treble, note G, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb., inscribed, 'T. H. J. Eling, Vicar. C. Parsons, E. A. Midwinter, Churchwardens. 1931.'

2nd, note F sharp, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb., inscribed, '"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam." The gift of Hubert M. Cafferata, in memory of his wife, Hilda. 1931.'

Of the bells cast in 1922, the 3rd is inscribed, 'Faith Bell,' the 4th 'All Saints' Bell,' the 5th 'St. George for England,' the 6th 'The Ringers' Bell.' The recast tenor, which is 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G, bears the inscription, 'J. Harrison, Founder. Samuel Pennington, William Buttery, Churchwardens. 1825. Recast 1922.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Leckhampton, and was well attended. Ringing started at three o'clock on the light peal of eight, and service was afterwards conducted by the Rector (Canon F. W. Sears), who gave a very interesting address on the uses and customs of bells.

Tea was partaken of in the Village Hall, kindly supplied by the Rector and Mrs. Sears, with the assistance of the local ringers' wives. The business meeting followed tea, with the branch chairman (Canon F. W. Sears) in the chair, supported by Mr. G. A. Noch, of Elkstone, and some 35 members from the following towers: Leckhampton, Swindon, Charlton Kings, Badgworth, Cheltenham (St. Mary's and St. Mark's), Alderton, Elkstone and Prestbury. The chairman heartily welcomed the members to Leckhampton for their annual meeting. Three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Swindon.

The following officers of the branch were re-elected and thanked for their services: Chairman, Canon F. W. Sears (Leckhampton); representative, G. H. Walters (Prestbury); hon. secretary, W. Yeend (Swindon).

It was decided to present the 'Ringers' Directory' to the incumbents of the parishes in the branch who support the association, some twelve in number.

Mr. J. K. Armstrong proposed, and Mr. Peter Banks seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Canon and Mrs. Sears for all they had done to make the meeting such a success.—The Chairman, in replying, said how pleased he was to see the members at Leckhampton, for it was one of the great joys of his life to hear the bells.

The tower was again visited in the evening, and good practice obtained from Grandsire Doubles to Double Norwich Major.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at All Saints', Newport, on Saturday, December 26th, and was attended by a fair number of members from both Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire. The bells of All Saints' and St. Woolos' were available both before and after the meeting, and full advantage was taken of the opportunity of ringing. Service was held at four o'clock, the Vicar (Rev. S. G. Morgan), who is the hon. treasurer of the association, officiating, assisted by the Rev. W. H. E. Davies (curate). A most appropriate address was given, in which a hearty welcome was extended to the association. Following the service a sumptuous meat tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was enjoyed in the large Mission Rooms belonging to the church. After the tables had been cleared, the Vicar took the chair.

Restorations and augmentations were dealt with by the hon. secretary and instructors' reports presented. Mention was specially made of the progress of the Pentre band who recently rang their first peal of Cambridge Major, and who are all Sunday service ringers at the same church.

The hon. secretary's report of the year dealt with the various meetings held by the association, the progress in change ringing throughout the area, and also the report of the Central Council meeting held at Liverpool, and the magnificent result of the effort made in regard to the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected. Mr. Seymour R. Barker, who is in charge of St. John's bells, Cardiff, was elected Master, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) was re-elected, no other name being submitted.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Cardiff on Boxing Day, 1932. The next Glamorgan quarterly meeting is to be held at Aberdare, a tower long known for call changes, and where change ringing is now being steadily introduced owing to the persistent efforts of Mr. Emm, who is one of the most enthusiastic members of the association. The next Monmouthshire meeting is to be held at Dingestow, near Monmouth.

Several new members were elected, including the Aberdare ringers.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and to the churchwardens for the hospitality extended, closed one of the most pleasant and successful meetings ever held, although not quite so largely attended as some in previous years.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT MEETING AT CROFT.

The monthly meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Croft, ringers attending from Rugby, Welford, Husbands Bosworth, Saddington, Great Glen, St. John-the-Divine (Leicester), St. Saviour's (Leicester), St. Martin's (Leicester), Ratby, Broughton Astley, Nuneaton, Burbage, Sapcote, Higham-on-the-Hill, Stoke Golding, Wolvey, in addition to the local ringers. The bells of the Parish Church were available, and all enjoyed a good practice in ringing methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

After tea, served in the schools by Mrs. Casson and wives and mothers of the local ringers, the meeting took place, presided over by the Rector (Canon Casson), who gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Croft.

Hinckley was chosen for the annual meeting in January.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Mr Harry Argyle, a highly-esteemed member. This was acknowledged by the members standing in silence.

It was also proposed to send a letter to Mr. Alfred Ballard, of Stoney Stanton, wishing him a speedy recovery from his accident on the football field.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for preparing tea, concluded the business. More ringing on the church bells and handbells closed a very pleasant meeting.

BRISTOL RINGERS' SILVER WEDDING.

On Tuesday, December 1st, members of the B.U.R.G. started a peal of Stedman Caters (5,019 changes) in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Leaker. The ringers were: W. Durbin 1, E. Guise 2, A. Reeves 3, H. Pring 4, Miss A. Brown 5, J. Jeffries 6, W. Knight 7, J. T. Dyke 8, J. Burford 9, U. Braven 10. All went well until a few changes before the end of the last course, the ringing having been in progress 3 hours 10 mins., when the 3rd rope broke!

Mr. and Mrs. Leaker (both B.U.R.G. stewards) are very popular in the West, and as well as being a ringer Mr. Leaker is churchwarden at St. Thomas', and this year occupies the chair of St. Nicholas' Old Boys' Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Leaker were naturally disappointed at the loss of the peal. They kindly entertained the ringers afterwards, and many congratulations upon the auspicious event were expressed.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.

Members from Withypool, Winsford, Dulverton, Exton, Wootton Courtenay, Huish Champflower, Carhampton, Old Cleeve, and Minehead, as well as those in the entertaining parish, were present at the annual gathering of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The meeting took place at Timberscombe, and was highly successful.

Ringing commenced by mixed bands in the church tower at about half-past two, and the bells were kept merrily going until about four o'clock, when a service was held, the association's form being used. The Vicar, Preb. H. H. Bell, was unable to be present owing to his continued illness, and the Rev. A. P. Lance, Rector of Wootton Courtenay, took the service in his absence, being assisted by the Rev. V. H. Copestake, priest-in-charge at Alcombe. Lady Constance Ryder presided at the organ.

About 46 sat down to tea, and were expeditiously waited upon, under the direction of Mrs. Mildmay, by Lady Constance Ryder, Mrs. Cockram, Mrs. Kimber, Mrs. Arscott, Miss Townsend, Mrs. W. Thorne, Mrs. E. Coles, Mrs. W. Yandle, Miss Hill, Mrs. J. Baker, Mrs. S. Grabham, and Miss Floyd.

In the absence through illness of the president, the Rev. R. A. W. Newman, of Withypool, the Rev. A. P. Lance presided over the business meeting. Reference was also made by the chairman to the illness of Mr. Newman and Mr. Bell, expressing the hope that both would soon be restored to complete good health, and adding a special hope that Mr. Bell might be well for the forthcoming marriage of his son.

The hon. secretary gave the statement of accounts and his annual report. Receipts for the year totalled £7 13s., and with expenditure of £1 13s. 4d. there remained a credit balance of nearly £6. The report stated that four meetings had been held during the year, with an average attendance of 73. Three ordinary members and one hon. member had been lost to the association through death, and 26 members had fallen out through not paying their subscriptions. Twenty-one working members and one hon. member had been elected, leaving the branch with a membership of 160 and 12 unattached members. Congratulations were extended to Mr. I. Farmer on conducting his first peal of Grandsire Triples during the year, and to the young ringers on their first peal, and Mr. W. Hoyle was thanked for the hard work he had put in throughout the year in teaching various young ringers. The hon. secretary concluded with an expression of regret that the president's continued ill-health had prevented him from attending any meetings.—On the proposal of Mr. W. A. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. J. Pugsley, the report and accounts were adopted.

HON. SECRETARY'S 30th YEAR OF OFFICE.

The Rev. R. A. W. Newman was re-elected president, and it was decided to send him a message of hope that he would soon be able to resume his active connection with the branch. Mr. George Stacey was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, and then commenced his thirtieth year in office; Mr. W. A. Hawkins was re-elected auditor, Mr. J. Pugsley Ringing Master, and Mr. H. A. Phillips as representative on the general committee of the association in place of Mr. H. W. Tomkins. New members elected were Messrs. C. R. Thomas and L. J. Phillips (Exton) and N. J. Ball and R. H. Reed (Wootton Courtenay).

It was arranged to hold the branch's next meeting at Watchet, if possible.

On the proposition of the chairman, seconded by the hon. secretary, the cordial thanks of the branch were expressed to the Vicar for permitting the use of the tower and to the ladies who had provided and served tea. The organist and the towerkeeper, Mr. S. Grabham, were similarly thanked for their offices at the instance of Mr. T. Newberry, seconded by Mr. W. Yandle, and the chairman was also thanked for his share in the afternoon's work on the call of the Rev. R. B. S. J. Watson (Minehead), supported by Mr. Stacey.

This concluded the business, and further ringing was indulged in.

SOUVENIRS OF STEDMAN TERCENTENARY

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.

AN ANNUAL NATIONAL GATHERING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The suggestion by Mr. W. H. Lawrence that we should hold an annual national gathering of ringers is indeed a splendid idea. May I suggest that it be held in London this coming year, 1932, then in Bristol, Manchester or York, Birmingham and Cambridge in succeeding years? This would give ringers who could not afford the long journey to Loudon each year an opportunity of attending a national gathering.—Yours faithfully,

W. WENBAN.

Staplehurst.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD RESOLUTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Drake says that my last letter is merely perverse; the only description that I can find for his is that of silly. I have repeatedly stated that I have no interest whatever in his views on 'changes or rows'; he may call them what he likes. For this I have been told that I am, first, sitting on the fence, and, second, championing the cause of those who would ring 5,000 rounds and then claim to have it recorded as a peal of 5,000 changes. Mr. Drake cannot have it both ways. I will continue to sit on the fence, if he pleases.

I am quite aware of what constitutes a false peal, and I think that the majority of ringers are with me in being satisfied to know that it is one, the composition of which contains a repetition of changes or rows. With the point as to whether it is strictly correct to say 'changes' or 'rows,' they are not seriously concerned.

The whole point of my protest is with the terms of his resolution, which recommends the members 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 denies that this means that any member is in danger of being 'removed from the Guild.' Why, then, use such words? He states that there is no room for any other opinion than that put forward by him, i.e., that the word 'changes' must not be used in respect to repetitions. These are matters of arithmetic, and we have to accept them. Why, then, a resolution in such misleading terms? It is simply asking for objections, and if Mr. Drake's sole idea is that members should be educated in these matters, he should not use words that can be read as meaning something entirely different. There is no need for any further description of rows and changes in connection with this correspondence, but I do think it is necessary for Mr. Drake to at least premise that the words 'remove from the Guild' will be removed from his resolution. A happy new year to you, Mr. Drake, and all members of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some weeks ago you published a letter from me containing a reference to the origin of the Society of College Youths. Since then I have noticed the following in Mr. Morris' History: 'On the 5th of November, 1637, Lord Brereton, Sir Cliff Clifton, Marquis of Salisbury, Lord Dacre, some of the City Aldermen, and many of the gentlemen in the vicinity of the college founded the Society of College Youths for the purpose of practising and promoting the art of ringing.'

In 1637 there was no Marquis of Salisbury. The Earl of Salisbury was William Cecil, son of Robert, first earl, and grandson of Queen Elizabeth's William Cecil, Earl of Burleigh.'

Lord Clarendon, in his 'History of the Rebellion,' says: 'The Earl of Salisbury had been born and bred in Court, and had the advantage of a descent from a father and a grandfather who had been very wise, and great ministers of state in the eyes of Christendom; whose wisdom and virtues died with them, and their children only inherited their titles. . . . In a word, he became despicable to all men.'

His name does not appear in the list of College Youths' members, and there is no evidence that he had anything to do with ringing.

In 1697, Robert, Charles and George Cecil, sons of a later earl, joined the society. None of them succeeded to the title.

There was a Lord Dacre in 1637, of whom all I can trace is that he succeeded to the title in 1630 and died in 1662, and that he took the side of the Parliament in the Civil War. His name does not appear in the College Youths' list, and there is no reason to think he had anything to do with them.

There was no Sir Cliff Clifton. Clifford Clifton was the second Master. He was not knighted till 1661.

There is no evidence whatever that any City Aldermen were among the early College Youths. The society does not seem to have had anything to with with the city at all, but consisted for the most part of lawyers belonging to one or other of the Inns of Courts. And there were not 'many of the gentlemen in the vicinity of the college' for the sufficient reason that there was no college.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

YATE BELLS REHUNG.

RESTORATION OF AN OLD GLOUCESTERSHIRE RING.

On Tuesday, December 22nd, the peal of six bells at St. Mary's Church, Yate, Glos, were reopened after rehanging in a metal frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. The service took the form of special evensong, conducted by the Rev. Canon E. F. Smith, the bells being rededicated by the Ven. C. H. Ridsdale, M.A., Archdeacon of Gloucester. After the prayer of rededication, and prayers from the ringers' service, the bells rang out for a short peal, manned by the following: F. G. Leaker (Bristol Archdeaconry adviser) 1, S. G. Roper (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) 2, P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer, Gloucester and Bristol Association) 3, H. W. Fussell (Management Committee, Wotton-under-Edge Branch) 4, L. R. Allen (branch hon. secretary, Wotton-under-Edge Branch) 5, J. G. Jefferies (Management Committee, Bristol Branch) 6.

After the opening touch was finished, the church was filled with the strains of that well-known ringers' hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple.

The Archdeacon gave a thoughtful address on bells and their uses throughout the ages in connection with Church and State.

A collection was taken (to reduce the deficit of £120 on the bell fund) during the closing hymn.

The following were among the ringers present: Rev. E. S. Saleby (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Mr. Edgar Guise (hon. secretary), Mr. H. Burt (chairman, Bristol United Ringing Guilds), Mr. U. Braven (vice-chairman, Bristol United Ringing Guilds), also representatives from the neighbouring towns and villages of Chipping Sodbury, Wickwar, Wotton-under-Edge, Dursley, Westerleigh, Mangotsfield, and various towers in the City of Bristol.

The visiting ringers and friends were the guests of Canon Smith to refreshments at the close of the service, and wish to thank him for his very much appreciated hospitality.

After the service the bells were kept going to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor was also rung. Everybody was unanimous in the opinion that the work had been carried out exceptionally well (under the supervision of Mr. Roper), and that the 'go' of the bells was excellent.

The second, third and fourth bells are pre-Reformation, and appear to have been the gift of the Lord of the Manor in 1473. The fifth was added in 1600, the treble in 1723, and the tenor in 1763.

Treble.—The gift of Richard Stokes, of Staushews, Gent., A.D. 1723.
2nd.—Sancta Maria.
3rd.—Robertus. Staushaw. Skyner. Melet-make.
4th.—Treditassca. Campanum. Ista. Conserva.
5th.—Geeve Thanks to God, A.D. 1600.
Tenor.—Mr. Thos. Holloway, Cater Green, Churchwardens, T.R., 1765.

The total weight of bells is 74 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb., ranging between treble 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. to tenor 20 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lb.

DEATH OF SECRETARY OF ST. LAWRENCE, THANET.

The ringers of St. Lawrence Church, Thanet, Kent, lost their hard-working secretary by the death on Thursday, December 17th, of Mr. William George Birch. He had been a member of the company for 20 years, and his regular attendance will be sadly missed. The deceased was buried at Ramsgate Cemetery on December 22nd, when several members attended. On the day of interment, 504 Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled by: H. Foster 1, N. Staynes 2, T. Scott 3, L. Perritt 4, A. Friend 5, F. Philpott 6, A. Jarman (conductor) 7, J. Jarman 8.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

On Christmas Eve, at St. Martin's Church, Ruislip, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Ewer (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, W. Bunce, jun., 3, W. Bunce, sen. (first as conductor) 4, A. Hunter 5, H. Ive 6, T. Collins 7, F. W. Collins 8.—On Christmas morning, for 7 o'clock service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: A. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Bunce, sen., 2, P. Thrift 3, A. Hunter 4, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 5, H. Ive 6, T. Collins 7, F. W. Collins 8

At St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (from Washbrook's 20 part No. 1): G. Upshall 1, T. Upshall 2, F. Kemp 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, R. Hasted, jun. (Hayling Island) 6, R. Husted, sen. (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

At Frensham, Surrey, on Christmas morning, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. G. Chandler 1, E. Pepler 2, W. H. Chandler 3, J. Heath 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. Case 6. First quarter-peal by all the ringers except the conductor, and first quarter-peal rung at Frensham since the war.

At St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, on Christmas Eve, for midnight service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins.: T. Ritchie 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, Miss M. Holland 3, Miss A. L. Whitson 4, Miss F. E. Hogg 5, W. C. S. Heathcote (conductor) 6, J. Marshall 7, L. Fraser 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman by all the band except the conductor.

5,040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

AN INTERESTING PEAL BY G. LINDOFF.

234567

752634 1
657423 5
346257 1
243765 5
742536 5
547623 5
645372 5
726534 2
347652 2
643275 5
526743 1
725364 5
327456 5
563742 2
275463 1
472356 5
374625 5
423756 3
354267 3
253746 5

Four times repeated.

This is a touch five leads short of 5,040. These leads are missing:—

235476
243657
264735
276543
257364

They can be inserted at the end under two Holt's Singles, or at the commencement:—

Go off 1234567	S	And then five leads further on the second Holt's Single.	1235476	S
2134567			2135476	
2315476			2314567	
3251746			3241657	

First rung at Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, the five leads being spliced in at the commencement.

RINGERS' JUBILEES.

On Monday, December 21st, the ringers of St. John's Parish Church, Shildon, Co. Durham, rang a date touch of 1,931 changes, with tenor covering, in 1 hour 20 mins., made up as follows: 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 851 of Bob Minor. The ringers were: E. Elliott 1, S. Bryant 2, T. Wick 3, E. Hind 4, G. Hutchinson 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Pentland 7. The touch was rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Wick, who has had a long ringing career. He took part in his first 720 on St. Thomas' Day fifty years ago.

Another who has just celebrated his jubilee as a ringer is Mr. R. G. Knowles, of Madresfield, Worcs, and a peal has been rung in celebration of the event.

A SCOTTISH QUARTER-PEAL.

On Sunday, December 27th, 1,320 Bob Doubles was rung in 50 mins. on the Old Steeple bells, Dundee, Angus, Scotland, by the St. Paul's Cathedral (Dundee) Society: R. Young 1, J. Cameron 2, J. Collins 3, J. Newton 4, W. Stenhouse (conductor) 5, T. Surgenor 6, P. McGovern 7, A. Denny 8, with 7.6.8 behind. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. McGovern on the birth of a son on Christmas Eve. Mr. McGovern is the Old Steeple conductor. This is the first quarter-peal by a Dundee band.

LONGEST TOUCH.

The longest touch by any of the ringers, except the conductor, at Hartford, and consisting of 1,440 Bob Minor, was rung recently by the regular Sunday service ringers: B. Bull 1, Miss J. Shepherd 2, E. Pannell 3, Miss B. Hibberd 4, C. Pannell 5, J. Smart (conductor) 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: *R. Tuffin 1, *C. Hygate 2, E. Tidy 3, L. Tidy 4, J. Weller 5, W. Claydon (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a birthday peal to the conductor.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Saturday, November 28th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. G. Gleaves 1, A. W. T. Ginns 2, B. Wayman 3, M. Ginn 4, F. Ginn 5, A. J. Ginn 6, G. L. Perkins 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Ginn after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. Taken from T. B. Worsley's 5,088. By omitting 1M and putting 2W a quarter-peal at the fourth course is obtained.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ditcheat 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. 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, Jan. 2nd. Ringing at St. Philip's Cathedral from 3 to 4 p.m., 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.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swaffham to-morrow, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Meetings for January: Jan. 3rd, service ringing, 10 a.m.; Jan. 11th, practice, 6.30 p.m.; quarterly meeting, 8.15 p.m.; Jan. 25th, practice, 7.30 p.m.; all at St. Clement Danes, W.C. Annual meeting Feb. 13th. Happy New Year to all.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

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. Andrew's, Holborn, on Jan. 7th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 26th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road. Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 9th, at 6 p.m. Tickets (5/6 each) obtainable up to Tuesday next from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking, Surrey. Bells of the Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas (10) available during the afternoon.

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.

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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Caythorpe on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) available early. Notification for tea to me not later than first post Jan. 6th.—Harold Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. St. Michael's bells will be available in the evening. Subscriptions for 1932 can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early as possible. —C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Usual arrangements. Warkton (5) bells after tea. Please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 5th, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, Bredon, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Your are specially requested to send in your name if you propose to attend. Subscriptions will be due, and can be paid at this meeting. Visitors welcome.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Donington on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available from 12.30 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. 5th? — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Hartford (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided to those who notify me on or before Jan. 6th. — Harry Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, near Northwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Howson) and meeting to follow. Notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, for tea. Wigan branch especially invited. Visitors heartily welcomed, but please notify.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5. For tea please notify Mr. W. Farmer, 16, Pollitt Street, Barnsley, by Wednesday, Jan. 6th. Nominations are invited for president, treasurer and secretary. A good attendance is requested.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Jan. 9th. St. Peter's bells (10) will be available from 2.45 until 5 p.m. A short service will then be held in St. Peter's Church, followed by tea and business meeting. The Cathedral bells will then be available. St. Peter's bells have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A good opportunity to try them. —W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Adoption of balance sheet. It is hoped members will make an effort to attend.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 5th?—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Hanley on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m.—C S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Walthamstow St. Saviour's on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me by Thursday, Jan. 14th, at the latest? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

UPTON, TORQUAY. Church of St. Mary Magdalene. —The peal of eight bells, restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be re-opened on Saturday, Jan. 16th.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Jan. 12th? — A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY, KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—Dedication of the tower and bells by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bristol on Jan. 16th at 3 p.m. Tickets for tea (free) will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope to Mr. W. A. Cave, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (free), followed by business meeting and social evening. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend. Subscriptions for 1931 overdue. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7. All welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 4 p.m. Arrangements as usual for tea. Names for tea to be sent to me on or before Jan. 12th. The new rule books will be on sale, price 6d. each.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Meat tea in Church House 4.45. Members of branch, 1s.; visitors, 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements. All ringers welcome. Those attending tea please notify by Tuesday, Jan. 12th. — W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, January 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting following in Scouts' Hall, Ledbury Road. All are heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — Mr. H. Greenhalgh, secretary of the St. Thomas' ringers, has removed to 47, Brindleheath Road, Pendleton, Manchester.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On Sunday, December 27th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Luke, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *F. McIntosh 1, *S. Humphrey 2, G. Gilbey 3, J. Lyddiard 4, J. Hurrell 5, *L. Anderson 6, T. Groombridge, sen. (conductor) 7, A. Purdom 8. * First quarter-peal.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, H. T. Hughes 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—At the Parish Church on December 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), in three methods—Stedman's Slow Course, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Johnson 1, H. W. Wittering 2, W. Brown 3, W. Lawrence 4, F. Turner (first quarter-peal in three methods as conductor) 5, W. Bradford 6.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, December 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. A. Dart 1, E. A. Hull 2, A. Woodrow 3, H. W. H. Strickland 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, H. Ellis 7, C. Davidson 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sunday, December 20th, for Confirmation service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Philbrick 1, C. Powell 2, H. Keeley 3, G. Whitemore 4, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, F. Price 6, F. Blackmore 7, W. Sartin 8. Also for evening service 504 Grandsire Triples, with S. Philbrick 1.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, December 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. Ellis (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 1, W. J. Ellis 2, E. E. Holman 3, E. H. King 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, M. Fensom 7, J. G. Nash (conductor) 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: S. G. Peck (first quarter-peal) 1, H. W. H. Strickland 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, J. G. Nash 7, C. Davidson 8. Also rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. C. Davidson.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, December 20th, for evening service, in the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. M. White 1, H. Bull 2, F. Springham 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, W. T. Prior 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, E. Ansell 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. D. R. Brooke on his having been ordained priest at St. Albans that day, and for the 25th anniversary of the Rev. F. W. Lane's ordination at Oxford.

WEST HAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, November 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Theobald 1, G. D. Lucas 2, W. Easter 3, F. Newman 4, G. Dawson 5, A. Baines 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Molton 8. Rung for the civic service, which the Mayor and Corporation officials attended.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 15th, for evening service, at St. John the Divine, Kennington, to celebrate the 41st anniversary of the dedication of the bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss B. M. Mills 1, E. A. Moore 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, G. H. Grainger 4, H. W. Hibbert 5, E. J. King 6, W. Rogers 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

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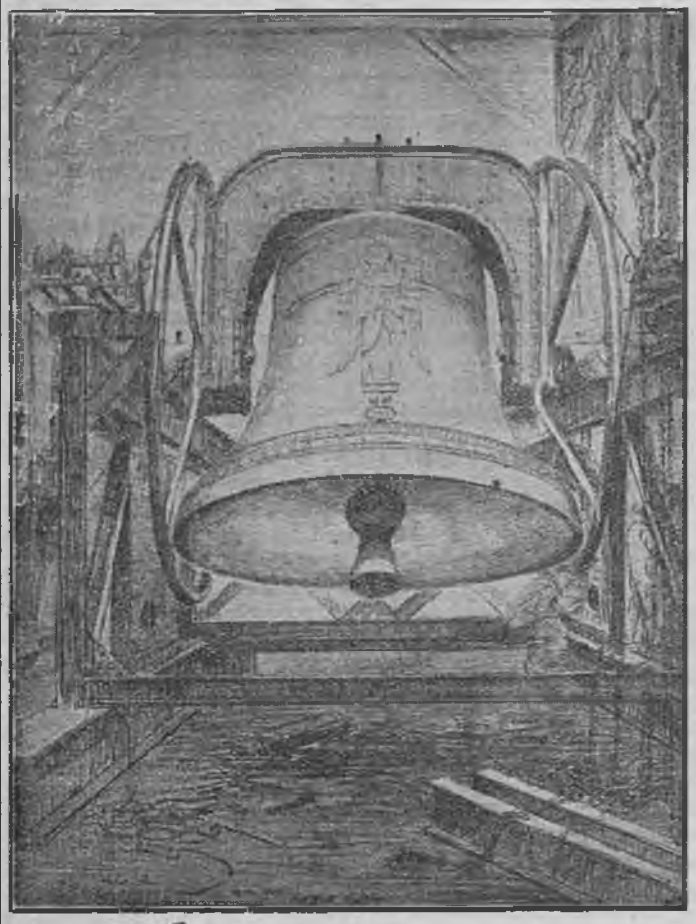

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A SUGGESTION FOR SCOTLAND.

Last week and this we have been able to publish interesting details of the activities of ringers further afield than England and Wales. Scotland has figured in the news; this week both New Zealand and the United States come into the picture. It is specially interesting to turn from the perusal of the many performances among the bells of the Motherland to a contemplation of the efforts that are being made beyond the bounds of these islands to keep alive or inculcate the art in distant places of the globe. Somehow or other change ringing has never taken kindly to the soil of other climes. Enthusiasm has from time to time implanted the art in isolated spots in the Dominions or the United States, but never for long has it really flourished in any one place. The difficulties are, of course, enormous, not the least being the very small number of towers equipped with bells and the vast distances which, generally, separate the ringers who have emigrated from the old country and upon whom must depend in large measure the propaganda and instructional work. That this interest once established seldom entirely evaporates is again manifest in the news from New Zealand, where the largest gathering of ringers ever assembled in that Dominion was drawn together about two months ago to celebrate the jubilee of Christchurch Cathedral and bells. It will come as a surprise to many to learn that twenty-five followers of the craft could be found in those distant islands to meet and join in the festival. But such is the fact, and although many of the ringers live long distances apart, the proposal was made that a New Zealand Association might be formed, with a view to drawing the ringers of the Dominion closer together and endeavouring to create a greater interest in the art in the islands.

In this issue a well known contributor to our columns makes a similar suggestion to the ringers across the Tweed. While England, Wales and Ireland have their associations, Scotland has never had any organisation among the ringing societies. It is true that the number of ringing companies over the border are few and scattered, but the cause of ringing would probably be furthered if an association could be formed, as 'W. H. F.' suggests. Edinburgh has two well established companies; Glasgow, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Stephen H. Wood, is producing a young and able band to supplement the ringers already in the district; Dundee, as we have seen, is beginning to make a move in the art. Here, at least, is the nucleus of what might be developed into a useful association, and which, despite limitations, might do for ringing in Scotland what the Irish Association has

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LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6006 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY...	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. CARD...	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	7
*CHARLES O. MOORE	3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON	8
ERNEST J. KING	4	JAMES GEORGE	9
GEORGE H. GRAINGER ...	5	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal on ten bells.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25¾ cwt.

*MISS D. CONSTANCE ...	...*Treble*	*FREDERICK A. FINCH ...	6
EDWIN R. GOATE	2	CHARLES BAILEY	7
*GODFREY WALPOLE	3	*CECIL BARRETT	8
GEORGE HOWLETT	4	CHARLES F. SAYER	9
*STANLEY COPLING	5	FREDERICK R. BORRETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by S. MARSH. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal on ten bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 37¼ cwt.

JAMES F. DUFFIELD ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MAYERS	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	3	F. NOLAN GOLDEN	8
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	4	GEORGE BAILEY	9
GEORGE H. CROSS	5	WILLIAM E. BASON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

Rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob Maximus.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY TAYLOR	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	6
MISS MARGARET REYNOLDS	2	RICHARD A. POST	7
MISS STELLA DAVIS	3	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ...	8
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	5	WILLIAM STONE	...*Tenor*

Composed by Dr. A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR

First peal on the bells since 1919. Rung to commemorate the Tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman. The first peal of Stedman Caters in the county was rung on these bells in 1869.

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BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

PERCY GREEN	...Treble	*ALBERT PRYKE	5
HARRY TURNER	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER	6
FRANK C. RINGE	3	ERNEST W. FURBANK	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES BENNETT	...Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES	...Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
ERNEST J. BUTLER	4	WILLIAM PYE	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

KINVER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. BASS	...Treble	T. FIELD	5
L. THOMPSON	2	J. F. SIMPSON	6
*P. HANDLEY	3	F. HANDLEY	7
V. HABBLE	4	F. JONES	...Tenor

Conducted by F. HANDLEY.

* First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary, a band not being available on December 5th. Ringers of 1 and 2 from Wollaston, all the others being members of the local band.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSHUA PARTRIDGE	...Treble	AMOS SMART	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	PEARL INSKIP	6
*PERCY BONNETT	3	*SYDNEY FOSKETT	7
*NORMAN INSKIP	4	HENRY STAPLETON	...Tenor

Composed by H. W. GAYTON. Conducted by H. STAPLETON.

* First peal of Major.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*PERCY L. DEBLING	...Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM	5
FREDERICK A. COLBY	2	JOHN S. MORTON	6
*E. CHARLES PATTEN	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	WILLIAM C. DARKE	...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman to be rung by a resident band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss D. Darke, daughter of the ringer of tenor.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

ALLEN F. BAILEY	...Treble	*LIONEL CLOUGH	5
JAMES FEARNLEY, SEN.	2	*WILLIAM FEARNLEY	6
JOHN P. FIDLER	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	4	HAROLD JACKSON	Tenor

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman, also first in the method on the bells. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE TOMLINSON	...Treble	GEORGE ELLIOTT	5
ROBERT G. LEWIS	2	WILLIAM LUNN	6
ALFRED HOWKINS	3	CHARLES SMITH	7
GEORGE BURROWS	4	FRANK OLIVER	...Tenor

Conducted by C. SMITH.

* First peal. Arranged for A. Howkins, who hails from St. Giles', London.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN BRASSINGTON	...Treble	†JOHN WORTH	5
†WILLIAM GAYES	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY	6
THOMAS HURD	3	†GEORGE BIDDULPH	7
HARRY PARKER	4	†WILFRED STEVENSON	...Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

THOMAS J. FOWLER	...Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY	5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	2	ROLAND BIGGS	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	PERCY NEWTON	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	JAMES W. WILKINS	...Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by G. MARTIN.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR ROBINSON	...Treble	TOM TEBBUTT	5
*ARTHUR H. TAYLOR	2	*JOHN B. HOWES	6
MAURICE SMITH	3	BERTIE O. SODEN	7
WILLIAM R. PARKER	4	JOHN J. TAYLOR	...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN J. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Taunton Deanery Branch.)
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 25¾ cwt.

Alfred J. Wyatt	...Treble	William H. Lloyd	5
Arthur W. Hayward	2	S. Percy Merson	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	William G. Gigg	7
James Hunt	4	S. George Coles	...Tenor

Conducted by William G. Gigg.
First peal of Stedman as conductor.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

William E. Emery	...Treble	*Harry Joyce	5
Thomas Lincoln	2	Herbert Devenish	6
Frederick G. Radley	3	William Lincoln	7
Henry W. Kirton	4	Reginald Thrift	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by William Lincoln.
* First attempt at Major.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Oscar Gilbey	...Treble	Frank Bennett	5
*Isaac Emery	2	Robert Brett-Smith	6
John J. Lamb	3	Jack Daffern	7
†William J. Rawlings	4	Percy J. Spice	...Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Frank Bennett.
* 50th peal of Double Norwich. † First peal in the method.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Albert Relfe	...Treble	Tom Saunders	5
Mrs. H. Baker	2	Harry Baker	6
Thomas E. Sone	3	William Wenban	7
William E. Pitman	4	Alexander Waddington	...Tenor

Composed by A. Knights (267). Conducted by Thomas E. Sone
The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in five towers.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

Tom Saunders	...Treble	Alexander Waddington	5
Mrs. H. Baker	2	Harry Baker	6
William E. Pitman	3	Thomas E. Sone	7
Charles H. Sone	4	Albert Relfe	...Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Albert Relfe
The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their kind hospitality before and after the peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Albert E. Whiting	...Treble	George A. Wightman	5
James Bennett, jun.	2	T. William Last	6
George Pryke	3	George Bennett	7
George Whiting	4	Leslie G. Brett	...Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
A birthday compliment to Leslie C. Wightman and the conductor. G. Bennett has now completed 'the circle' to a peal in this tower.

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

Gabriel Lindoff	...Treble	William Pratt	5
Gabriel G. Lindoff	2	John Savage	6
James Rush	3	Samuel McClelland	7
Robert McClelland	4	James Mann	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. Lindoff.
This is the first peal by the Northern Branch. First peal on the bells, and first peal by ringers of 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8. The ringers of the back six all hail from Holywood. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty 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 Arthur Allman.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. Astbury, one of the local ringers, to Miss E. Walker; also as birthday compliment to the conductor.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6336 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

William Souter	...Treble	George W. Ablitt	5
Harry D. Lister	2	Edward E. Davey	6
Keith W. Whittell	3	Garnham A. Blaxcell	7
Shelford Sparrow	4	*Arthur Grimwood	...Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Garnham A. Blaxcell
* First peal in the method. Longest length by all the band except the conductor, also the longest peal on the bells, on which 6,160 Bob Major was rung in 1819.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

Alfred H. Winch	...Treble	Arthur H. Smith	5
George Marriner	2	George A. Cook	6
William J. Whiting	3	John Hoyle	7
Arthur C. Otway	4	William T. Benson	...Tenor

Composed by the late F. A. Holden. Conducted by A. H. Winch
Rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. Otway.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Gilbert Mill	...Treble	†Arthur E. Holmes	5
John W. Lake	2	‡William A. Holmes	6
Arthur H. Palmer	3	†George Mills	7
†Clement Bothamley	4	Thomas L. Bainbridge	...Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John W. Lake.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. Tenor man's first peal in the method; also the first peal in the method on the bells.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	6
ERNEST BENNETT	3	WILLIAM HORAN	7
EDWIN F. PIKE	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

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

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ...	...*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL... ...	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	3	HARRY WINGROVE	7
JESSE W. HARRISON	4	CECIL C. MAYNE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.
A birthday compliment to Master Henry Wingrove.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ERIC RAYMOND SMITH	...*Treble*	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5
†ROY A. WOODARD	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
LEONARD P. BAILEY	3	GEORGE WILSON	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
* First peal and first attempt, aged 15 years. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and also as a compliment to J. E. Bailey, son of J. M. Bailey, on his success in passing the intermediate B.Sc. (Eng.) examination at the London University at the age of 18 years.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 2. Tenor 17 cwt.

*MISS FLORENCE HARTLE	*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
MAURICE SWINFIELD... ...	2	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	6
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ...	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	CHARLES BRADLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
* First peal of Stedman. This composition is now rung for the first time. This completes peals Nos. 1 to 12 by the same composer by the 'Wednesday' afternoon band.

DEPTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE ...	...*Treble*	RICHARD STEER	5
JOHN J. LAMB	2	*FRANCIS C. SHORTER ...	6
CHARLES ELLIOTT	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	7
WILLIAM A. MARTIN	4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.
* First peal, and belongs to the new band formed at St. Lawrence Jewry, City of London, under Mr. Albert A. Hughes. Rung on the 56th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

EGHAM, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Monday, December 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Nix 1, W. Shorter 2, P. Bell 3, E. J. Goater 4, W. Peck 5, E. Burley (conductor) 6, W. C. Parker 7, J. Grennough 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, and Double Oxford.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*EDWARD BARKER ...	...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	4
*ALFRED BACON	2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	5
CLAUDE COUSINS	3	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor, and as incumbent on his own bells. This is the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

CHICHELEY, BUCKS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*JAMES FREEMAN... ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT L. HARLOW... ...	4
GEORGE WHITE	2	LEONARD WILLIAMS	5
FRANK C. TYSOE	3	ERNEST FREEMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. FREEMAN.
* First peal.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS	...*Treble*	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN	4
H. JIM RALPH	2	WILLIAM C. SHOYE	5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ...	3	THOMAS J. SETTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHOYE.
First peal of Oxford by all.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

MISS EVELYN STEEL...	...*Treble*	HERBERT SHERMAN	4
*LEWIS BYWATERS	2	HARRY TYSOE	5
TOM BARTRAM	3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.
* First peal in seven methods.

STANDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Oxford.
Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT HOWARD ...	...*Treble*	JOHN WELCH	4
SIDNEY CARTER	2	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ...	5
JEFFERY WILLIAMS	3	BARNARD PATMORE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.
It was the 100th peal for R. Howard and B. Patmore, and 50th for S. Carter, and a birthday compliment to W. H. Lawrence.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

On Monday, December 28th, at St. James' Parish Church, Tong, Bradford, in memory of the late Mr. George B. Bolland, a past-president of the Yorkshire Association, a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by: C. J. Sallaway 1, D. Thornton 2, George Lambert 3, E. Wheater (conductor) 4, E. Lambert 5, S. Barron 6.

SANDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	*Treble*	*WILLIAM WENBAN	4
CHARLES TRIBE	2	WILLIAM GORRINGE	5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON	3	JAMES G. POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

* First peal of Bob Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells since the addition of a new treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Lambert.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, Old Doubles, April Day, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	GEORGE HOLLICK	4
HENRY FAULKNER	2	*A. NORMAN GEARY	5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	3	ERNEST A. MASH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

* 50th peal. First peal in seven methods by all the band.

DULLINGHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Fifteen callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

REGINALD C. SHARPE	*Treble*	T. FREDERICK LANCASTER	3
LESLIE C. BRIGGS	2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	4
*SIDNEY BROWN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by S. J. TWITCHETT.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman by all. Rung to commemorate the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman.

BLACKWELL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 120's each of Old Doubles and Bob Doubles.

*WILLIAM STEELE	*Treble*	†FRANK OSBORNE	3
ARTHUR SMITHSON	2	FRED WM. KNOWLES	4
WILFRED RILEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal off the treble.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double and Single Court (1), Double and Single Oxford (2), St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	*Treble*	*MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	4
*MISS KATH. BURCHNALL	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
HORACE M. DAY	3	†ROGER W. DANIELS	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in nine methods. † First peal in nine methods on an 'inside' bell.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY LOOMES	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
JOHN H. BAILESS	2	FRANK BAILESS	5
*WILLIAM NEWTON	3	ALFRED E. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. BAILESS.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

MISS EVELYN H. J. PRICE	*Treble*	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE	4
VICTOR BOWEN	2	CLAUDE COUSINS	5
GILBERT PLAICE	3	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

HERBERT ROBINSON	*Treble*	HENRY W. GAYTON	4
WILLIAM SHARP	2	JOSH J. PARTRIDGE	5
JOSEPH SHARP	3	WILLIAM STOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	FREDERICK TARGETT	4
JOHN TARGETT	2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	5
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Duke of York, and Woodbine, and two each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM EDWARDS	*Treble*	†EDWARD WOOD	4
GEORGE HULME	2	FRANK EDWARDS	5
HENRY CARNWELL	3	WILLIAM CARNWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. All the band are Sunday service ringers.

MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob, one 720 Oxford Bob, and five 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. (approx.).

*ERNEST HEAPY	*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON	4
*THOMAS POTTS	2	JOHN WORTH	5
JACK TIPPER	3	WILLIAM GAYES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in three methods and first attempt. The conductor's 50th peal.

ROWDE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12¾ cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE WINTER	*Treble*	SIDNEY HILLIER	4
E. GEORGE SWIFT	2	WILLIAM A. SWIFT	5
VINCENT E. SWIFT	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SWIFT.

First peal of Minor in three methods on the bells, and by all the band with the exception of the ringer of the second.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SPLICING ALLIANCE AND LITTLE MINOR METHODS.

A NEW PLAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On page 66 of the Collection of Minor Methods, where an explanation is given of the splicing of these two classes, it is insisted that a change of method must be made every time a Single is called.

While this is the only plan that can be used generally, your readers may be interested to learn that in a number of instances the changes of method can be made apart from the Singles.

The extent given below was rung on Sunday, January 3rd, 1932, at St. Mary's, Lamberhurst, Kent, for evening service, by: E. Woodage 1, T. Fuller 2, J. J. Bassett 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relfe (conductor) 5, J. Bassett 6.

It will be seen that the extent contains twenty-two Singles, while the method is changed twenty-five times. Further, in no case does a change of method coincide with a Single, so that no less than forty-seven calls have to be made.—Yours faithfully,

A. RELFE.

Windmill Cottage, Lamberhurst, Kent.

23456 Kelly Alliance	24356 Belvedere
S 32564	S 42563
26345 Belvedere Little Bob	26435 Kelly
S 62453	S 62354
25634 Kelly	25643 Belvedere
53246	54236
S 35462	S 45362
56324 Belvedere	56423 Kelly
62543	62534
24635 Kelly	23645 Belvedere
S 42356	S 32456
Repeat twice, omitting last S for 24356.	Repeat twice, omitting last S for rounds.

THE FIRST 1932 DATE TOUCH.

At Sandal Magna, Wakefield, on Friday, January 1st, in 1 hour 11 mins., at St. Helen's Church, a date touch of Minor (1,932 changes), being 492 of Oxford, 720 of Duke of York, and 720 of Kent: C. E. Netherwood 1, J. W. Moxon 2, J. W. Robinson 3, H. Spencer 4, G. Cutt 5, E. Cutt 6. All are members of the local company.

DEATH OF AN OLD POOLSTOCK RINGER.

A long and honoured association with the bells of St. James' Church, Poolstock, Lancs, has been severed by the death of Mr. William Busby ('Old Bill'), who passed away on Sunday morning, December 27th. Mr. Busby became associated with the bells of St. James' in the year 1896, shortly after they were installed, and right up to the time of his death he had put in a consistent attendance, and has seldom been known to miss a service. Of late years, apart from his ringing, he also spent much time in the belfry cleaning and oiling the bells, and keeping them in good condition.

Despite his great age of 79 years, he was always found in his place in the tower every New Year's Eve, waiting to ring the old year out, and the new one in. Mr. Busby was never a prolific change ringer, his favourite bell being the 25 cwt. tenor, on which he had taken part in four peals of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Busby was a native of Little Milton, Oxfordshire, and before going to Wigan was a ringer in the six-bell tower in the village.

The funeral took place on Thursday of last week, a service at St. James' preceding the interment at the Wigan cemetery.

On each evening during the week, up to and including the day of the funeral, the bells were rung half-muffled, it being Mr. Busby's express desire that the bells should not be fully 'capped.' He was carried to his last resting place by four of his brother ringers, Messrs. George Brown, Norman Brown, Albert Parker and Tom Burns, and was laid to rest within hearing of the bells he loved so well.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT A FIVE-BELL TOWER.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Barton on Saturday. Members were present from Cambridge, Exning, Fulbourne, Newton, Sawston, Stetchworth, Trumpington and the local band. Although numbers were small, useful spade work was done amongst the local team. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short address, after which the company were entertained to a generous tea in the Village Institute by the Rev. J. R. and Mrs. Lawrence.

Messrs. C. Barnes and H. Nightingale, of Barton, were elected members. It was decided to hold the next by-meeting at Whittlesford on January 30th. Will members please note that the committee have arranged the quarterly meetings for 1932 as follows: Bourn on February 27th, Soham on May 21st, Over on September 10th, and Cambridge on December 3rd.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, though not yet completely recovered, has resumed his regular work, and any correspondence with reference to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild may be addressed to him.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild will be celebrating its jubilee this year. The festival will be held on Saturday, May 7th.

Not yet quite 14 years of age (his birthday is on the 14th of this month), Ernest William Pye, son of Mr. William Pye, has scored his first peal by ringing the treble to Stedman Triples at Romford. Father and two uncles also took part. There ought to be great opportunities before this bearer of famous names, and his ringing career will be watched with interest.

At the age of 15 years, Eric Raymond Smith, of Leiston, has just rung his first peal. It was the treble to Rochester Surprise. It was also the first peal in the method by Roy Woodard, another young Leiston ringer—his sixth peal in one year, in six different Surprise methods.

Twenty-one Surprise Minor methods were spliced into a peal rung at Bourne, Lines, on the last day of the old year.

Peals at Magdalen College, Oxford, are few and far between, but one was rung there just at the close of the old year to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary. It was to have been conducted by Mr. W. F. Judge, who is doing some fine work for the Oxford Guild, but he was prevented by illness from taking part.

The energetic hon. secretary of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Charlie Denyer, of Aldershot, had a nasty motor-cycle spill just before Christmas which resulted in damage to his face and a fractured arm. He is home again after nine days' detention in hospital, and is going on well. His many friends in the Guildford Guild will wish him a speedy recovery and return to his activities in the belfry, which customarily occupy him nearly every evening of the week.

Mr. Wm. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, suddenly contracted flu last week, and was unfortunately unable to take part in the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Holy Trinity Church last Saturday. We hope for his quick recovery to health.

Several correspondents have written in reply to the query as to the first peal of Stedman Triples at Bridgwater. A peal in this method was rung on the bells on August 5th, 1907, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

'Bow bells rang last night—and rang true.' That is what a daily newspaper said on Tuesday. Unfortunately, it only related to a theatrical production. When will the real Bow bells ring again?

'Many happy returns of the day' to Mr. J. A. Trollope, who celebrates his birthday to-day.

The first peal on ten bells was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 11th, 1717 (or was it 1716?), by the London Scholars. According to Osborne, the 'frame' put up to record it was taken down and destroyed when the church was repaired in 1796. The peal was Grandsire Caters.

James Barham, the famous old Kent ringer, who lived to the advanced age of 93 years, died on January 14th, 1818. He was buried in the churchyard at Leeds, Kent, where the headstone records that he rang 112 peals and took part in the 40,320 of Bob Major on April 7th and 8th, 1761.

PROGRESS AT KENT SCHOOL, U.S.A.

Teaching 'the young idea' the rudiments of change ringing is no easier in America than here in England. Progress, however, is being made among the students at Kent School, Connecticut, where Mr. I. J. Attwater is instructor. 'Since I wrote to you,' he says, 'we have been carrying on with our practices and open ringing as usual, and we started ringing courses of Grandsire Triples on November 21st, and also another course, beginning with the bells in the order 1.2.3.4.7.5.6, which, although an easy course, altered the run of the bells and made a variation.

'The end-of-term examinations prevented any more progress, but when the spring term starts on January 7th we shall go straight on with the practice of touches, which may take a considerable time, but the enthusiasm for progress is still with the forward ringers, and by the end of the spring term in March I hope to be able to report touches successfully accomplished.

'While our progress may seem slow to some ringers, those who have "been through the mill" in instructing ringers will appreciate the difficulties that have to be encountered, while the youth of the students here does not help it.

'I have tried to get some of the school staff to take up the art, but not yet with success, although some of them may do so later.

'The Groton visit, arranged for December 5th-6th, was postponed at the last minute till the spring term, much to the regret of Mr. Sturgis and myself. We hope it is simply a pleasure deferred.

'There are now 22 ringers at Kent School, divided into two teams, the younger ringers having an open practice on their own on the front six bells once a week.

'Although there is nothing much in this letter to "write home about," I do want you to realise that this experiment is slowly going forward, and if it can only be kept going time will do the rest.'

NEW ZEALAND RINGERS.

ALL MEET TO CELEBRATE JUBILEE OF CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL.

The largest gathering of ringers ever held in New Zealand took place at the beginning of November in Christchurch in connection with the celebration of the jubilee of the Cathedral. Invitations were sent out to all known ringers in the colony, and received an almost unanimous response. The following well-known ringers from England were present: Mr. J. S. Wilde (Dunedin), Mr. C. Charge (Auckland), Mr. B. Shaw (Wanganui), Mr. Geo. Claydon, the present Master of the Cathedral company, who, some 25 years ago, was a member of St.



THE CATHEDRAL AT CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

Martin's Guild, Birmingham. The bells of the Cathedral are a fine ring of ten (tenor 32 cwt. in D), and were opened on October 31st, 1881, when the Cathedral was consecrated.

On Saturday, October 31st, to commemorate the jubilee, the bells were set going to Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman, and found all ringers rather 'rusty.' Ringing was continued throughout the week, and resulted in some really excellent plain courses of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, six scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Several good courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells. It is interesting to note the Birmingham influence at Christchurch, where the local men can ring Stedman better than any other method.

On Sunday the visitors went to Papanui, a small suburb of Christchurch, where there is a light ring of five by Warner (tenor 6¾ cwt.), several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman, the first on the bells, being rung.

The aristocrats of the English Exercise may be inclined to scoff at the humble methods attempted, but when one considers that these two rings of bells are all that are available in the Dominion, it is really wonderful that any ringing is done at all.

Mr. Cornelius Charge travelled 800 miles, Mr. B. Shaw 600, and Mr. Wilde 460 miles to be present at the festival, so that they have not lost their keen love for the art.

On Monday, November 2nd, 25 ringers—practically everyone who can manage a bell in the country—took part in the ringing. Afterwards the local society entertained the visitors to supper, and Messrs. J. S. Wilde, B. Shaw and C. Charge replied to the toast of 'The guests.'

The Cathedral Society are hoping for a great trade revival, so that they can then induce a few good ringers to come out from England. Christchurch is a lovely 'English' town, and anyone would feel quite at home there.

It would not be right to close this article without referring to Mr. T. Barnett, the indefatigable Deputy Master and acting secretary, who made all arrangements and assured the great success of the gathering.

SUGGESTED FORMATION OF A NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY.

The ringing activities in connection with the jubilee began on Thursday, October 29th, and continued at suitable intervals on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, when ringing finished at 9.45 p.m. All ringers then present in the ringing room were grouped for the purpose of a flashlight photograph, which was reproduced in the issue of the local press next day. Supper and a social followed in a nearby cafe, when thirty or more sat down. The Very Rev. Dean Julius, Dean of Christchurch, and president of the Cathedral Guild of Ringers, occupied the chair. The vice-president of the Guild, Canon F. R. Rawle, was also present.

The president, after supper, said he wished first of all to convey to members of the Guild and to visitors the hearty thanks of the Chapter for the very active part they had taken in the celebrations. It gave him great pleasure to see so many ringers gathered to commemorate the dedication of the Cathedral, and of the first ringing of the Cathedral's bells, now fifty years ago. It was, indeed, quite fitting to introduce the festival with the music of the bells. He hoped the occasion would be a stimulation to ringing locally. In extending a hearty welcome to visitors, he suggested the formation of a New Zealand society of ringers, which would unite all in a more definite bond.

The Ringing Master, Mr. George Claydon (formerly of Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham), stressed the hearty welcome extended to the visitors, naming in order of senior residence in New Zealand Mr. J. S. Wilde, formerly of Hyde, Manchester; Mr. B. Shaw, formerly of Hunslet, Leeds; and Mr. C. Charge, formerly of Fulham, London.

In responding, visitors spoke of the keen delight it afforded each of them to accept the Guild's kindly invitation, of the very cheery welcome which awaited their arrival, of the comforts and pleasures so thoughtfully designed as to make their stay as interesting and enjoyable as possible, all of which they deeply appreciated, and for which they tendered sincere thinks.

When the visitors had resumed their seats a full chord on the piano was the signal to the rest of the gathering to rise in a body and sing lustily, 'For they are jolly good fellows.' The pleasures of the social were greatly added to, at short intervals, by the splendid rendering of the quartets and songs by members of the Cathedral choir, the musical part of the programme being under the direction of Mr. Claydon, who also acted as accompanist.

The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a Colonial gathering of 'brother strings' destined to be long and pleasurably remembered by all.

THE NEW RING OF BELLS AT BRISTOL.

TO BE OPENED NEXT WEEK.

The new peal of eight bells at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle, are to be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bristol at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 16th, and doubtless many ringers who propose to attend the annual dinner of Bristol United Guilds, which is to be held in the evening, will make a point of being present at the service. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. W. A. Cave by the first post on January 11th.

The ringing room is less than 9ft. square, and it will be necessary to make up the bands for ringing in advance. The names will be taken from the applications for ten tickets.

Owing to another function at the hall, ringing will cease at 6 p.m., so that it will not interfere with anyone wishing to attend the Bristol dinner.

A bookcase is being made for the belfry. It is to be large enough to take Mr. Morris' book, and it is hoped it will not be long before one is placed therein.

The bells are a ring of eight, with a tenor of 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G. The treble is 4 cwt. 4 lb., 2nd 4 cwt. 15 lb., 3rd 4 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb., 4th 5 cwt. 19 lb., 5th 6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb., 6th 7 cwt. 18 lb., 7th 9 cwt. 2 lb.

WHITFIELD'S RECAST BELLS.

BISHOP OF DERBY AND THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

The bells at Whitfield, Lancashire, have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the parish is now in proud possession of a really wonderful ring. The bells, originally hung in 1884, were cast by Warner, the tenor being 12½ cwt. in G. They bore the following inscriptions:—

1.—'The Vicar and his wife gave me in loving memory of their only daughter, Isabel Amy Ward, who died March 29th, 1871, aged 6 years.'
2.—'Anne Kershaw Wood gave me in memory of the deceased scholars of her Sunday School class, 1884.'
3.—'I first hung here when Charles Bruce Ward, M.A., was Vicar and Edward Thomas Taylor was Curate.'
4.—'When I came here James Rhodes and James Winterbottom were Churchwardens.'
5.—'My seven companions and I were made September, 1884.'
6.—'We were placed here by public subscription—the clock was given by Alice Agnes Wood.'
7.—'The male teachers and senior scholars of the Sunday School gave me to tell the praise and glory of God.'
8.—'The female teachers and senior scholars gave me to adorn the place of God.'

In the recasting of the bells further metal has been added. The ringers have worked hard to bring the restoration scheme to a successful issue, and they must be highly gratified with the vastly improved results.

The dedication took place on the last Sunday of the old year, the parishioners entering with great spirit into the day's proceedings, which began with early celebration of Holy Communion. The ceremony took place at morning service, which had been adapted to the occasion by the use of special psalms, hymns and lessons. The dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of Derby, and the bells were opened with a few rounds.

FORMER VICAR OF ST. BENEDICT'S.

The Bishop preached from the words, 'Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel' (1 Cor. ix. 16), which are on the great bell at St. Paul's Cathedral. 'Those words,' said the preacher, 'bring home to us—or at least I hope so—the great part which Church bells can take or ought to take in preaching the Gospel and reminding those who hear them that they ought to live according to the Gospel. This year, 1931, as it so happens—though perhaps many of you don't know it—is a very important year in the bellringing world. It is exactly 300 years ago that a man called Fabian Stedman was born. Strangely enough, no one knows exactly where he was born. Parish registers have been searched, and searched in vain, to find out where Fabian Stedman first saw the light. But my interest in Fabian Stedman is this: It was in the tower of the old Saxon Church of St. Benedict in Cambridge, of which for six years I was Vicar, that Fabian Stedman learned to ring bells; and to commemorate the tercentenary of his life, bellringers all over the world have just united to restore the old Saxon tower and to rehang the bells in honour of their great master; and now I suppose—I have not heard them yet—you can hear the bells ringing from the old Saxon tower which for fifty or sixty years has been silent. I have no doubt that your bells will be rung presently when the ringers will ring them, on the system which Fabian Stedman originated, and "Grandsire Triples" and "Bob Major"—strange language for those of us who do not understand about bells, and perhaps not suited for this general congregation; but we can all join in realising at any rate that Whitfield has chosen a very appropriate time for restoring and rehanging its peal of bells.'

CHURCHWARDENS' CARE.

After referring to the generous gifts of the patrons to Whitfield Church, the Bishop said: 'Now Whitfield is, of course, not an old parish. It has not got—you won't mind my saying so—the records or historical associations that some other parishes have. When you think of Whitfield you can contrast it with that old Saxon Church in Cambridge of which I spoke, and where one day amongst what my verger called "rubbish," and which he asked my permission to burn, I discovered to my great joy and amazement the churchwardens' accounts dated from about 1602. I read them with considerable interest. Churchwardens' accounts of that period are always interesting, but the great point was this, that they showed continually by the expenditure that the chief care of the churchwardens' accounts was the care of the bells. You were always coming amongst bills for oil for the bells, leather for the bells, and also you would find that the ringers were paid for ringing upon certain State occasions, and always had to ring for an accession, a coronation, the death of a king or queen, and those were entered as being rung for; and it shows us the close connection that there has always been, and I hope will always continue, between the Church and the national life.' The Bishop went on to speak of the uses and purposes of church bells and the lessons to be learned from them, and concluded by saying: 'To-day we meet to offer our thanks that your peal of bells is once more able to ring out its message of salvation and to preach the Gospel. Let us hope that those who ring them will always remember that they are handling sacred things, and may we who hear them not dis-

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LONGEST PEALS AT STOWMARKET.

The longest peal on Stowmarket bells was rung on Boxing Day, when 6,336 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major was accomplished in four hours and six minutes by eight members of the Suffolk Guild. This recalls the earlier longest length on the bells rung more than a hundred years ago. It is recorded thus: 'On Thursday, January 4th, 1819, was rung in this steeple by the Stowmarket Company of Youths a Complete Peal of 6,160 changes of Bob Major in four hours by the under-mentioned persons: Robert Cuthbert, age 16 years, treble, Thomas Stevenson 2, Isaac Sheppard 3, Robert Pilbrow 4, Thomas Hobart 5, Robert Fuller 6, Henry Hobart 7, John Elmer tenor, age 22 years. Composed and conducted the peal.'

DEATH OF AN ELLESMERE RINGER.

Ringers of Ellesmere and district have been considerably shocked by the death of one of their former colleagues, Mr. George Henry Edwards, who died at the Cottage Hospital, Ellesmere, on December 18th, after a short illness. Deceased, who would have reached the age of 35 years on Christmas Day, had been married four years, and leaves a wife and baby son, for whom much sympathy is felt.

Up to about a year ago, when, after an operation, he gave up ringing on medical advice, Mr. Edwards was a steady ringer and keen member of the Ellesmere band, and took part in the first peals by this band of Stedman Doubles and Triples at Hanmer and Ellesmere respectively in 1925, the latter being the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band since 1730. He had also rung and conducted several quarter-peals, chiefly Stedman Triples, on handbells and tower bells, very often on Christmas Day as a birthday compliment to him. A keen churchman, member of the British Legion and a Forester, he was of a very cheerful disposition, a regular and prompt attendant at the tower, and was practically always one of the first arrivals for Sunday service ringing. He was severely wounded and gassed whilst on active service during the war.

The funeral, which took place on Monday, December 21st, was a military one. An impressive service was held at the Parish Church. The Dead March was played on the organ, and the 'Last Post' was sounded at the graveside.

At the conclusion of the service, as a last tribute of respect, four six-scores of Stedman Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering, were rung with the bells half-muffled by the following: T. Butler, sen. (conductor) 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Allen 3, W. Higginson, sen., 4, A. Haynes 5, J. Lloyd 6, W. S. Higginson 7, R. Lloyd 8. This popular ringer will be greatly missed by all his ringing and other friends.

BICESTER RINGERS' ANNUAL SUPPER

The Bicester band of ringers held their annual supper on New Year's Eve. After a pull on the bells the ringers sat down to an excellent repast at the Rose and Crown, the Vicar (Rev. W. O'Reilly) presiding. There were also present Messrs. B. Cox, L. Evans, C. Kinch, T. Ward, W. Constable, J. Grace, W. Keeys, H. Hatfield, F. Neale and the verger (Mr. B. Walker). Mr. T. Clifton, captain of the band, appeared after the supper. The toasts of the evening were 'The King,' 'The Chairman,' 'The Bellringers' and 'The Hostess,' with musical interludes. At 11.30 the ringers made their way to the belfry to ring the old year out and the new year in.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, November 27th, for morning service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure: W. Williams, S. Carter (conductor), J. Williams, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence. For evening service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams, S. Carter, S. Head, J. Williams, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips (conductor).

STAINES.- At St. Peter's, on Sunday, December 20th, for morning service, and on the occasion of the twenty-first birthday of the granddaughter of the ringer of the tenor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Jolley 1, G. Walmsley 2, A. Hiscock 3, W. C. Parker 4, J. Phillips 5, W. Shorter 6, G. Beeby (conductor) 7, C. Jackson 8.

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regard the summons, not be deaf to it, but ponder over the message which those bells are to-day dedicated to proclaim. Woe is unto them if they preach not the Gospel; woe is unto us if we do not answer their summons.'

There was a special service of thanksgiving in the afternoon and commemorative evensong. At intervals during the day the bells were rung, and their tones greatly admired.

The ringers who took part in the ringing were Messrs. J. L. Buckley, F. Marsden, Tom Jackson, Joe Marsden, H. Orme, H. Bradshaw, H. Bradley, Eli Garside, Sam Marsden, J. Lawton, F. Booth, E. Malkin, H. Cooper, R. Davis, B. Bradley, and Mr. Brown (secretary of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers).

GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS.

MR. W. H. BARBER'S SERVICES TO RINGING IN THE NORTH.

Having in view the unequalled services rendered to ringing in the north by Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, a few of his ringing friends, Messrs. C. L. Routledge, J. E. R. Keen, A. Payne, W. Story, A. Deas, J. Anderson, W. J. Davidson and R. S. Anderson, decided that the time had arrived when appreciation of his work should be made in some tangible form. Mr. Barber had often mentioned with seeming regret that he had no record of the many peals which he had rung in all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, and it was agreed that no more suitable gift could be made than that of a 'peal book.' Recently, the above-mentioned, with one exception, foregathered at the Crown Hotel, Newcastle, to make the presentation. The absentee was Mr. W. Story, who, owing to a previous engagement, was to his great regret unable to attend.

After a light, but excellent, repast, Mr. Routledge recounted many instances of the ringing prowess and performances of Mr. Barber, both in the north and other parts of the country. Mr. Barber, he said, had come to the district 26 years ago, after a short stay at Edinburgh, where he had succeeded in introducing the Edinburgh ringers to the mysteries of Stedman and other methods, and had the satisfaction of conducting the first peal of Stedman in Scotland, rung at Dundee on January 2nd, 1905. Pride of place among his performances in the north appeared to fall to the peal of Stedman Triples, at Gateshead, on February 21st, 1908, in which he rang the fifth, and conducted the peal blindfolded, although he has participated in many other excellent and intricate peals.



MR. W. H. BARBER.

Mr. Routledge then presented to Mr. Barber the 'peal book,' inscribed on the cover, 'W. H. Barber,' and containing the record of 512 peals. The gift was handed over with choral accompaniment.

In replying, Mr. Barber expressed his great appreciation of the gift, and said that nothing could or would give him greater pleasure than the 'peal book.' He said he had not mentioned that he had no completed record of his peals with the object of throwing out hints (cries of 'Certainly not'). He added that words could not express his appreciation or how he would cherish the book, as much for the thoughts behind it as for the actual contents.

Mr. Routledge then said that the story of the compilation of the book should be told, and asked Mr. John Anderson to recount the many obstacles and difficulties encountered and surmounted in turn. The younger members, namely, Messrs. John and R. S. Anderson, W. J. Davidson and A. Deas, undertook to be responsible for the gathering of data, and little realised the tremendous task confronting them, and but for the assistance of a gentleman, who desired to remain anonymous, the task would not have been finished in time for Mr. Barber's birthday.

The thanks of the gathering were offered to this gentleman, who is, as it were, 'unhonoured and unsung,' but who can rest assured that his help is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Barber rang his first peal on October 19th, 1892, at the early age of 15, the method being Stedman Triples. He conducted his first on July 20th, 1896, and since then he has rung and conducted peals in all parts of these islands. He rang in the first 'double-handed' peal out of England in 1899; conducted the only peal rung in two centuries, 1900-1901; rang in only peal ever rung on the sea, 1901; was the first to conduct J. Carter's Odd Bob One-part peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung 'in hand' on non-observation bells; conducted first peals of Erin Triples and Caters in 1909 ever rung; conducted the first peal Real Double Superlative in 1922; and also conducted the only peal rung in a coal mine, in 1930. These are but a few of his outstanding performances.

Mr. Barber's versatility is well known, and there is no method which he is not prepared to tackle. He had the satisfaction of seeing the number of handbell peals in the Newcastle district considerably increased through a young and enthusiastic band which has risen during recent times entirely through his tuition, and which, with the help of other ringers, is endeavouring to place the Durham and Newcastle Association in a pre-eminent place in the country.

The following is a list of Mr. Barber's peals:—

	Tower Bells. Rung.	Cond.	Handbells. Rung.	Cond.
Minor, 5 methods	1	—	—	—
Minor, 7 methods	14	6	—	—
Bob Major	11	4	14	11
Bob Royal	3	1	2	2
Double Bob Major	1	1	—	—
Forward Major	3	2	—	—
Forward Royal	—	—	1	1
Forward Maximus	1	1	—	—
Erin Triples	2	2	—	—
Erin Caters	1	1	—	—
Erin Cinques	1	1	—	—
Stedman Triples	93*	56	4	1
Stedman Caters	58	42	21†	10
Stedman Cinques	41‡	20	3	1
Grandsire Triples	14	5	12	5
Grandsire Caters	7	5	6	6
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ...	44	24	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	7	5	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	27	13	4	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal (Grauta Variation 1)	17	9	4	4
Kent Treble Bob Maximus (Grauta Variation 1)	4	1	—	—
Bob and Little Bob Major Spliced ...	1	1	—	—
Little Bob Royal	1	1	1	1
Little Bob Maximus	1	1	—	—
Double Oxford Bob Major	4	1	—	—
Grandsire Major	1	—	—	—
Canterbury Pleasure Major	2	—	—	—
Canterbury Pleasure Royal	1	1	—	—
Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major Spliced	1	1	—	—
Five Plain Major Methods Spliced ...	1	1	—	—
Duffield Major	2	1	—	—
Shipway Major	2	2	—	—
Dublin Complex Major	1	1	—	—
Stedman and Erin Caters Spliced ...	1	1	—	—
Superlative Surprise Major	34	7	—	—
London Surprise Major	11	2	—	—
Bristol Surprise Major	3	—	—	—
Real Double Superlative Surprise Major	1	1	—	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3	3	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	15	3	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	—	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	—	—	—
Total (512) ...	439	227	73	46

* Includes peal rung and conducted blindfolded at Gateshead. † Includes 8,888. ‡ Includes 11,111.

BUGBROOKE BELLS RESTORED.

The dedication of the bells of Bugbrooke, Northants, which have been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, took place on the Sunday before Christmas, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. P. de Putron (Vicar of Kingsthorpe, Northamptonshire). The bells were rung during the dedication service by a band of ringers belonging to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and ringing also took place after the dedication service and again for evening service.

Of the existing ring of five bells, No. 4 was recast, the framework strengthened, and the bells rehung on ball bearings, with new fittings throughout.

Everyone was well pleased with the 'go' of the bells, considering the frame has only been strengthened, and, while the bell founders have done their best with the old frame, in the writer's opinion a new frame would have paid in the end.

No.	Note.	Inscription.	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble.	C.	G. Mears and Co., Founders, London. 1863.	6	—	26
2	B flat.	Robert Stainbank, Founder, London. 1868.	6	3	12
3	A.	God save our Quene and her preascarve. 1599.	8	1	10
4	G.	Thomas Mears, of London, Fecit. 1813. Recast 1931. H. White, Rector. Edith E. Harrison, J. Poole, C.W. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.	12	—	7
Tenor.	F.	John Whitfeld, Rector. Edward Pickering, Samuell Frost, C.W. 1695. I to the church the living call And to the grave doe summno all.	14	—	14
			47	2	18

THE BRISTOL GUILDS' DINNER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Visiting ringers attending the B.U.R.G. dinner on Saturday, January 16th, will be guests of the committee during the afternoon, and arrangements are being made for their entertainment.

A full announcement will be made in the notice columns of 'The Ringing World,' January 15th.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

'SCOTLAND FOR EVER.'

SUGGESTED FORMATION OF A SCOTS ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The first issue of 'The Ringing World' for the new year appeared on the first day of the year 1932, and by a remarkable coincidence there appeared in its columns the welcome news of change ringing performances in three separate centres of North Britain:—

Dundee, a quarter-peal of Doubles.

Edinburgh, a quarter-peal of Stedman.

Glasgow, a handbell peal of Bob Major.

Hearty congratulations to all who took a part in these valiant efforts, and just a humble suggestion for their kind consideration, viz., the formation of a 'Scots Association' of change ringers for the whole of Scotland.

There are about a dozen towers, and, perhaps, some fifty members with which to make a fair beginning. No doubt the various clergymen concerned would gladly assist as honorary members, and sufficient Scottish gentry found to further the cause as patrons.—Yours,

W. H. F

LONG SERVICE AND PRESENTATIONS AT STANMORE

RINGERS' ANNUAL DINNER.

The Stanmore (Middlesex) ringers held their annual dinner on Saturday last at the Crown Hotel, Stanmore. The chair was, as usual, taken by the Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett), and the company, numbering 23, included visitors from the neighbouring towers of Harrow Weald and Bushey Heath, as well as Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association).

After dinner the loyal toast was honoured, this being followed by an excellent musical programme. Miss Atkinson (soprano) was frequently encored, Miss Banwell gave much pleasure at the pianoforte, and Cook's band added considerably to the liveliness of the proceedings. An interesting interlude was provided by one of the local ringers, Mr. Schofield, who puzzled everybody with some excellent card tricks.

During the evening Mr. G. Hughes, who has completed nearly 40 years as a Stanmore ringer, and ten as Master, proposed the health of the Rector and churchwardens and the visitors. He took occasion to remark on the support the ringers had had from the Rector and church authorities, and also the help they had received from Mr. F. Edwards, of Bushey, and from the ringers of Bushey Heath and Harrow Weald. He also stated that one of the company, Mr. Cheshire, had been a member of the band for 49 years.

Mr. C. T. Coles, replying for the visitors, remarked on the help given to the Stanmore band by Mr. Edwards. Recently 'The Ringing World' contained an article on 'The will to teach'—quite an admirable article in its way—but there was another side to this question. At Stanmore there was no lack of the will to teach, but had they all the will to learn? It was just as much their duty to do their utmost to learn as it was the duty of their instructor to teach them, and without the will to learn on the part of his pupils, the best of teachers would find his efforts wasted. Mr. Coles congratulated two members of the local company who had recently rung their first peals, and wished them all a happy and successful new year.

The Rector, on behalf of the Stanmore ringers, presented Mr. Edwards with a handsome set of brushes, whilst Mr. E. Heading, who was unfortunately prevented from attending, was presented with a silver medal as a small token of regard after a long period of service of some 48 years. The Rector also thanked the local ringers for their services during the year. Never once had they failed to ring for the Sunday services, and although there was at times complaint by one or two persons living near the tower about the noise of the bells, yet he was sure that if the bells ceased to ring on Sunday, or on their Thursday practice night, there would be many who would regretfully miss them.

Mr. Edwards returned thanks for the gift presented to him, and said that he was glad to be able to help them to the best of his ability.

Later on, 'Auld Lang Syne' brought a pleasant evening to a close.

DEATH OF VETERAN NOTTINGHAM RINGER.

At St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung for evening service on Sunday, December 27th, with the clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect of the late W. Flinders, who died in his 81st year, and had been a service ringer at the church for 40 years: H. Clemence 1, F. Johnson 2, F. Bradley 3, G. Chadburn 4, W. Dickenson 5, G. West 6, S. Pinder (conductor) 7, F. Salter 8. The funeral took place at Lenton Church on the previous day, when friends from various towers were present, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by F. Salter 1-2, A. Barratt 3-4, A. Coppock 5-6, R. H. Cobbin 7-8. A touch of Stedman Triples was also rung on tower bells, half-muffled, after the funeral.

POTTERNE, NEAR DEVIZES.—On Saturday, December 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Mrs. W. C. West 1, S. Hillier 2, F. Green 3, V. E. Swift 4, W. C. West (conductor) 5, A. J. Boyce 6. Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary.

RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW.

On New Year's Eve, at St. James', Norton, Derbyshire, for ringing out the old year and ringing in the new, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,376 changes): Wm. Bates 1, J. Berridge 2, Mrs. E. Berridge 3, C. Bates 4, N. Harrison 5, A. P. Knights 6, T. E. Lee 7, W. Biggin (conductor) 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Mortimer, Berks, for the ringing out of the old year, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *L. Bushnell 1, F. Ham 2, A. Ham 3, W. Ford 4, H. Austin 5, H. Punter 6, W. Bullard (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, *A. Powell 8. * First quarter-peal.

At St. Martin's, Ruislip, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: S. Ewer 1, W. Bunce, jun., 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Bunce, sen., 4, A. Hunter 5, H. Ive 6, T. Collins (first as conductor) 7, A. Smith 8.

At St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, on New Year's Eve, for midnight service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: Miss A. I. Whitson 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, J. Adam 3, Miss M. I. Holland 4, Miss F. E. Hogg 5, H. Mann 6, T. Ritchie 7, L. Fraser 8. After 12 had been struck on the tenor, two courses of Stedman Triples, with the bells open, were rung. The members taking part were: Miss A. I. Whitson 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, Miss M. I. Holland 3, E. J. Rose 4, Miss F. E. Hogg 5, H. Mann 6, D. Stocks 7, T. Ritchie 8. Conductor, W. C. S. Heathcote.

At Pinner, Middlesex, on Thursday, December 31st, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: K. Guyler 1, C. Lord 2, P. M. Mayne 3, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 4, H. Pendry 5, R. Colyer 6, J. Delymore 7, T. Humphreys 8.

On Thursday, December 31st, the ringers of St. Barnabas' Church, Great Tey, were entertained at the home of Mr. Dyers, the conductor of the band, for the evening. At 11.30 p.m. the ringers made for the belfry, where a touch of Bob Major (464 changes) was rung for the parting of the old year. At 12.3 a.m., January 1st, 1932, a touch of 336 changes was rung. The ringers then returned to the home of Mr. Dyers, where a touch of Bob Major was rung on the handbells before parting.

GREETINGS FROM BELGIUM.

Greetings and good wishes for the new year to all those who took part in the pilgrimage to the Menin Gate last August have been received by the Editor of 'The Ringing World' from Mr. and Mrs. A. De Jaeghere, of the Hotel Myra, Ostend, which was the headquarters of the party. The letter which accompanied these greetings will be specially appreciated by certain members of the pilgrimage, who found such comfortable quarters at the 'Myra.'

'For you and all the ringers we wish happiness. We never forget the happy days we had altogether. Make another cluster and cross again the sea; come playing, in the day, under the vine, and, in the evening, in the kiosk until the policemen come.'

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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. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 9th, at 6 p.m. Bells of the Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas (10) available at 3.30 p.m. — J. S. Goldsmith, Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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.—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.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Lindfield on Jan. 9th. Tower opened 3 p.m. 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.—Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. St. Michael's bells will be available in the evening. Subscriptions for 1932 can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early as possible. —C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Donington on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Your are specially requested to send in your name if you propose to attend. Subscriptions will be due, and can be paid at this meeting. Visitors welcome.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Howson) and meeting to follow. Notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, for tea. Wigan branch especially invited. Visitors heartily welcomed, but please notify.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5. Nominations are invited for president, treasurer and secretary. A good attendance is requested. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Jan. 9th. St. Peter's bells (10) will be available from 2.45 until 5 p.m. A short service will then be held in St. Peter's Church, followed by tea and business meeting. The Cathedral bells will then be available. St. Peter's bells have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A good opportunity to try them. —W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Adoption of balance sheet. It is hoped members will make an effort to attend.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.— The meeting advertised for Caythorpe for Saturday, Jan. 9th, is cancelled until further notice.—H. Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian tomorrow (Saturday, Jan. 9th). Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.— The annual meeting of the above district will take place at Ross to-morrow (Saturday, Jan. 9th). Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. A welcome to all ringers. Please notify J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — A meeting will be held at Long Buckby on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (5) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5. Please send names for tea to R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Walthamstow St. Saviour's on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me by Thursday, Jan. 14th, at the latest? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

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.

UPTON, TORQUAY. Church of St. Mary Magdalene. —The peal of eight bells, restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be re-opened on Saturday, Jan. 16th.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Jan. 12th? — A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY, KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—Dedication of the tower and bells by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bristol on Jan. 16th at 3 p.m. Tickets for tea (free) will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope to Mr. W. A. Cave, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol, before first post on Jan. 11th.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (free), followed by business meeting and social evening. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend. Subscriptions for 1931 overdue. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, January 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7. All welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 4 p.m. Arrangements as usual for tea. Names for tea to be sent to me on or before Jan. 12th. The new rule books will be on sale, price 6d. each. Shoreditch tower will be open from 2 till 3.30 p.m. Members specially requested to attend.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Meat tea in Church House 4.45. Members of branch, 1s.; visitors, 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements. All ringers welcome. Those attending tea please notify by Tuesday, Jan. 12th. — W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Annual meeting Jan. 16th. Ringing, Putney (8), 3.30. Tea 5. Meeting: Election of officers, etc. A good attendance requested. Post cards re tea before 14th, please.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 16th (10 bells). Tower open 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. All members are invited to attend.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Crewe on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing will take place at Christ Church (10 bells) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock, tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. Will all those who intend to be present kindly inform me before the 14th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The bells of St. Peter's will be available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5 p.m. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend. Visitors welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service in St. Mary's Church 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Preshute bells available after dedication of a new treble bell. Dedication service 4 o'clock.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The January quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick (St. Mary's, 10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District. —Annual meeting at St. James', Grimsby, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Church House. Those requiring tea please notify Mrs. Long, Church House, Bull Ring, Grimsby, by the Thursday previous. All welcome.—Herbert I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 18 cwt.). Tea at the Wheatsheaf 5 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. Nominations are required for the offices of vice-president and secretary, and two committeemen for 1932, and a good attendance is hoped for. Will members please note that the annual subscription is now 1s. 6d., which includes a copy of the report?—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at Edenham (owing to the Grantham bells being unavailable). Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in School. A good attendance is requested. Those requiring tea must please notify Mr. A. Holmes, of Edenham, Bourne, by Jan. 13th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bromborough Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Meeting afterwards. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Will intending visitors please let me know if they will require tea?—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells from 2.30. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.15. Tea and meeting in the Chantry Hall at 4.45. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 12th. All ringers welcome.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

WATFORD.—The next merry meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea in Schoolroom 5.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Come early.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, a good attendance is requested. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, January 19th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church House. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by Thursday, 21st.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at Bloomfield's Restaurant at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Further particulars next week. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—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. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting following in Scouts' Hall, Ledbury Road. All are heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Fylde, Preston, Blackburn, Wigan and Lancaster Branches will be held at Lytham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells), St. John's, Lytham (6 bells), St. Peter's R.C., Lytham (6 bells) and Ansdell R.C. (8 bells) will be at liberty from 2 p.m. Service in St. Cuthbert's at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Names for tea (1s.) must be sent to C. Sharples, 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 20th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting Jan. 30th at Ilkeston (Beeston unavailable). Further details later. Will all local secretaries and members note?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Visitors welcomed. Numbers for tea by Jan. 27th, please, to D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Amended Notice. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Ringing: St. Giles'-in-the-Fields 2.30 p.m. and St. Clement Danes' 3.15 p.m. Ringers' special service in St. Clement's 4.45 p.m. Tea in Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m. Business meeting Parish House, 6.30 p.m. Members please support fully by coming early.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

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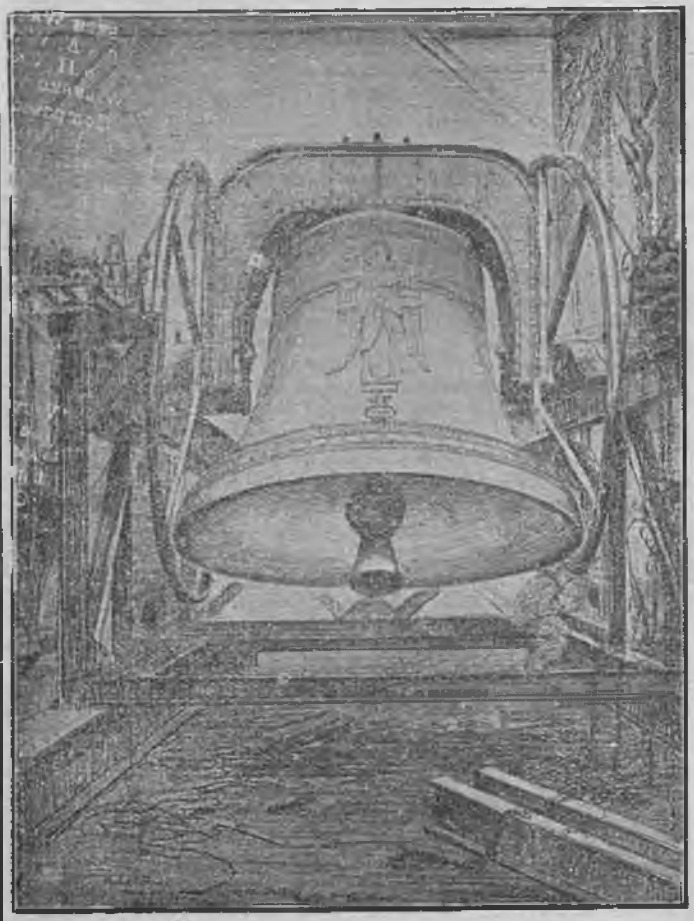

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It is not, however, merely at the initial stage that those with the will to teach are confronted with difficulties. Many bands are handicapped by one or two members who lack interest and enthusiasm, and by their apathy hold up the progress of the rest. They are usually the slack and unpunctual ones, who are unreliable in their attendance and indifferent in their striking, but who are not always easy to get rid of. They show little or no desire to advance themselves, and the fact that they may be a drag on the wheel for the rest does not give them any concern. These ringers are the biggest obstacle to progress, although they may not realise it. They are almost as heartbreaking a problem to those who desire to get on as is the constant loss of pupils to those stalwarts who spend most of the leisure hours of their life in teaching beginners, only to find them leave the tower as soon as they have begun to be useful.

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Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by A. Y. Tyler.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brooks' Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Alfred Potter	...Treble	Matthew Berry	5
Miss Annie Potter	2	John Denner	6
Benjamin Welsby	3	John Potter	7
James Bolton	4	Arthur Burton	...Tenor

Conducted by John Potter.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. J. Walker, donor of the Westminster chimes to the clock. The ringer of the 4th is on a visit from U.S.A.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. Morris' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*Edward T. Bailey	...Treble	Ernest Stitch	5
Benjamin J. Toby	2	Alfred W. Wright	6
John Darch	3	Charles H. Perry	7
John W. Jones	4	*David L. Hughes	...Tenor

Conducted by Charles H. Perry.

* First peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Cathedral Society—Past and Present Members.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

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

Henry Hutton	...Treble	William R. Melville	5
Raymond Philpott	2	George E. Clode	6
William J. Robinson	3	Alfred H. Pulling	7
C. Ernest Smith	4	George W. Steere	...Tenor

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watchnight service, after an attempt for Cambridge had come to grief.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday, January 7th, 720 Bob Minor: Sydney Bailess (first 720 of Minor) 1, William Lomas 2, John H. Bailess (first 720 'inside') 3, Frank Bailess 4, C. Henry Webb 5, Henry Bird (first as conductor) 6.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

*James G. Newman	...Treble	George W. Heley	5
George H. Sentance	2	Clifford Rollings	6
Charles W. Clarke	3	†Frederick J. Plummer	7
Miss Evelyn Steel	4	Arthur E. Sharman	...Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. E. Sharman

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Double Norwich. Fiftieth peal as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Reginald Allport	...Treble	Jack Kendall	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	*Ernest Parsons	6
Harry Holden	3	John Lloyd	7
George Davies	4	Thomas Hemming	...Tenor

Conducted by C. Skidmore.

* First in the method 'inside.' Rung by the local band at the dying of the old year.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*Reuel Harrison	...Treble	James H. Charlesworth	5
John R. Brearley	2	†J. Hilton Sykes	6
Wm. A. Wooler	3	John A. Brearley	7
Arnold Haigh	4	William Harrison	...Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by J. A. Brearley.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Ernest W. Pye	...Treble	Alfred Pye	5
William Pye	2	Ernest W. Furbank	6
George R. Pye	3	Ernest J. Butler	7
Charles T. Coles	4	†Harry Perry	...Tenor

Conducted by William Pye.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

Edwin Barnett, sen.	...Treble	John H. Cheesman	5
*Miss C. Hoverd	2	Henry Simmons	6
John Wheadon	3	Harry Hoverd	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Thos. Groombridge, jun.	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John H. Cheesman

* First peal in the method.

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ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Friday, January 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6016 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. ADAMS	5
WILLIAM T. PALMER	2	WILLIAM H. TURTON	6
PERCY J. JERVIS	3	THOMAS E. LEE	7
WILLIAM BIGGIN	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS
Rung on the 34th anniversary of the first peal on the eight bells. The ringers of the treble and 4th took part in the peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, January 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	6
JOHN WHEADON	3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	4	HARRY HOVERD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*THOMAS MOULDEN	*Treble*	*E. JOHN BERRY	5
SIDNEY H. HOPPER	2	CHARLES J. GARDINER	6
*E. JAMES WOODROFF	3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	7
GEORGE LANCASTER	4	†FREDERICK STAGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal on the bells since being restored and augmented. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. E. V. Rees), who is leaving for Bristol.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE	*Treble*	*ERNEST MINGAY	5
*JOHN MASON	2	*STANLEY PYE	6
*REGINALD W. PYE	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
JOHN C. NEWMAN	4	†FREDERICK FLUDDER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung to celebrate the 54th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Sadler's wedding, which fell on the previous day, and as a birthday compliment to R. W. Pye on the eve of his 17th birthday.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

MRS. JACK BRAY	*Treble*	FRANK LORD	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	HAROLD MARCON	6
JACK BRAY	3	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN.	7
GEORGE W. CREASEY	4	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
First peal in the method for the Guild and in the county. Not one of the band had previously rung a change in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN F. JONES	*Treble*	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD	5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
MISS E. DORIS BLENCOWE	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
THOMAS J. FOWLER	4	*CHARLES W. STALLWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM WOODHEAD	*Treble*	WILLIAM HORAN	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
*CHARLES E. LAWSON	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
ALBERT J. HUGHES	4	RICHARD F. DEAL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS	*Treble*	LESLIE R. GEORGE	5
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	2	THOMAS NORMAN	6
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	3	ROBERT I. GEORGE	7
ALFRED J. CLAYTON	4	EDWARD A. WOOLOFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.
Rung as a farewell peal to Messrs. R. I. and L. R. George, who are leaving Banstead to reside at West Horsley. Mr. Clayton was elected a member of the Guild before commencing the peal. It was his first peal since July, 1914.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	*Treble*	LIONEL J. CULLUM	5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
HARRY HOVERD	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Rung after meeting short for London, and the band wish to express their thanks to Lionel J. Cullum for filling the gap at the last moment. The conductor has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal, a different method on each bell.

WOOBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS	*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
FREDERICK BIGGS	4	HARRY WINGROVE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE
First peal of Double Norwich by the Misses Fletcher, of Beaconsfield. First peal in the method as conductor.

GUILDFORD.—At S. Nicolas' Church, for evensong, on the Feast of the Circumcision, 1,335 Stedman Caters: A. Collier 1, C. Hazelden 2, F. W. Radford 3, E. A. Etheridge 4, Mrs. Hazelden 5, E. Raddon 6, G. Tomsett 7, S. Elton 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WILLESDEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ...	...*Treble*	ALICK COTLER	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	HARRY KILBY	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*FRANK E. MITCHELL	...*Treble*	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	5
*RONALD H. DOVE	2	ROYDON DAVIES...	6
TONY PRICE	3	*FRANK JENNINGS	7
H. BERNARD WELLS ...	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Dunstan's, Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Plain Bob, and two 720's of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	...*Treble*	WILFRED E. BROOKES ...	4
THOMAS STEAD	2	FREDERICK A. JAINE	5
THOMAS C. JAINE...	3	THOMAS G. COCKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

First peal in six methods on the bells and for ringers of treble and 2nd.

CASTLEMORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Stedman, 28 of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES YOUNG	4
FRED HAWKES	2	CHARLES CAMM	5
WILLIAM HALFORD	3	HENRY BISHOP	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Original, St. Dunstan's, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS C. JAINE ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK A. JAINE	4
JOHN GREEN	2	WILLIAM H. JAINE	5
THOMAS G. COOKE	3	WILLIAM ADAMS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY TYSON	...*Treble*	†WILLIAM TYSON	4
RAYMOND THOMPSON ...	2	KENNETH W. CHESSMAN ...	5
*GEORGE WALL	3	STEPHEN THOMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by S. THOMPSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal. Arranged for W. Tyson, of King's Lynn.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Original, St. Dunstan's, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JAINE ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS C. JAINE...	4
JOHN GREEN	2	FREDERICK A. JAINE	5
WILLIAM H. JAINE	3	WILLIAM ADAMS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. O. Phillips, a member of the choir, the band wishing him long life and happiness. The ringer of the 3rd has now completed the circle.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 29, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Cambridge, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY	...*Treble*	HARRY RICHARDSON	4
*JOHN BALL	2	AMOS SMART...	5
FRANCIS BALL	3	WALTER PERKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal with three Surprise methods. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. F. Ball.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALEX. T. WEEKS	...*Treble*	ALFRED J. BOYCE	4
E. GEORGE SWIFT	2	VINCENT E. SWIFT	5
SIDNEY HILLIER	3	GEORGE WINTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by V. E. SWIFT.

Arranged and rung for Mr. Boyce, it being his first peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 12 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

H. JIM RALPH	...*Treble*	H. J. SANGER	3
E. G. L. COWARD	2	*P. N. G. RAINEY	4
		WM. C. SHUTE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Stedman. First as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung to mark the concluding week of the Stedman Tercentenary year.

LEYTONSTONE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT MOLTON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	4
*BENJAMIN MARKS	2	GEORGE DAWSON	5
†JOHN H. CRAMPION	3	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods by ringer of 3rd. Rung with bells half-muffled for the watchnight service.

WEDDING BELLS.

At S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on December 29th, as a wedding compliment to Miss Isabel Raddon and Dr. Donald Crawford, who were married at the Cathedral earlier in the day, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: E. G. Heath 1, G. Collier (first quarter-peal away from the treble) 2, H. Mason 3, E. A. Etheridge 4, F. W. Radford 5, G. Tomsett 6, S. Elton 7, C. Hazelden 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10. Miss Isabel Raddon is the daughter of Mr. E. Raddon, one of the members of the S. Nicolas' company.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in twenty-one methods, viz.: (1) Morpeth and Alnwick, (2) Northumberland and Carlisle, (3) Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle and Chester, (4) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Lincoln and Coldstream, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose, (7) London, Cunecastre and Wells.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Frederick W. French	...*Treble*	James Osborn	4
John W. Lake	2	Albert S. Allen	5
Horace M. Day	3	Thomas L. Bainbridge	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Lake.

The greatest number of Surprise methods spliced in a peal by the Guild and by all the band.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and 720 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

William E. Jaine ...	...*Treble*	Wilfred E. Brookes ...	4
Thomas C. Gwilliam ...	2	Thomas G. Cooke	5
John F. Fox	3	Frederick A. Jaine ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. A. Jaine.

First peal of Minor in four methods on the bells and by all the band. The conductor's 25th peal as conductor.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*A. Durham...	...*Treble*	J. E. Brown	4
S. Richardson	2	W. Norman	5
E. R. Scambler	3	F. Moore	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Norman.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of T. Thompson, a member of the association, and of Mr. S. Tembey, a churchworker at St. John's, Cleator Moor. * First peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch.)

On Friday, January 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Joseph Lawrence ...	...*Treble*	†Charles Young	4
†William Halford	2	*Charles Camm	5
*Frank Lawrence	3	†Henry Bishop	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Camm.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Benedict,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

Jeffery Williams ...	...*Treble*	Albert Lawrence	4
Robert Howard...	2	Sidney Carter	5
William Tack	3	William H. Lawrence	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Lawrence.

The band consider it a very great honour to be allowed to ring a peal upon these historical and famous bells, recently restored by the ringers of the nation.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on January 7th, 1,344 changes of London Surprise Major in 48 mins.: E. Shane 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, A. Smith 4, A. Day, Harpenden (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, F. Hunt 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GLASGOW.
THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sunday, December 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At 1, Colebrook Terrace,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

Henry F. Sargent	1-2	Albert F. Sargent	5-6
Stephen H. Wood	3-4	*Ernest Stafford	7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by S. H. Wood.

Witnesses—T. Winderam and S. Lewis.

* First peal and first attempt.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. Bray,

A PEAL OF SPLICED GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB AND BOB MAJOR, 5016 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

Arranged and Conducted by Jack Bray.

Every course rung P.P.G.P.P. First spliced peal of Major in hand for all the band and for the Guild.

GLASGOW.
THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Friday, January 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At 92, Eveline Street, Dennistoun,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

*Robert Preston	1-2	Henry F. Sargent	5-6
Stephen H. Wood	3-4	Thomas C. Winderam ...	7-8

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Stephen H. Wood.

Witness—R. Browning.

* First peal and first attempt, ago 13½ years.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At Alpha Cottage,

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

Tenor size 12 in F.

F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) ...	1-2	W. H. J. Hooton (Queens')	5-6
C. W. Woolley (Selwyn) ...	3-4	E. M. Atkins (St. Cath's) ...	7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by C. W. Woolley.

First peal in the method as conductor.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At Alpha Cottage,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

E. M. Atkins (St. Cath's) ...	1-2	W. H. J. Hooton (Queens')	5-6
C. W. Woolley (Selwyn)...	3-4	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	7-8

Composed by J. B. Woolley (Jesus). Conducted by F. E. Haynes

First peal as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HOVE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 528, Portland Road, Hove,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Mrs. R. Richardson	1-2	Frank I. Hairs	5-6
Rupert Richardson	3-4	Mrs. Frank I. Hairs	7-8

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Rupert Richardson.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

HORSMONDEN.—On Thursday, January 7th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 York Surprise Minor: T. Hoadly 1, F. J. Lambert, sen., 2, R. T. Lambert 3, A. W. Durham (first in the method as conductor) 4, A. Bromley 5, R. E. Lambert 6.

DEATH OF A HIGHAM FERRERS RINGER.

By the death of Mr. Alfred Everitt, of Higham Ferrers, the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost one of its oldest members. He passed away in the early hours of the new year at the age of 67 years. Mr. Everitt came from Hemingford Grey, Huntingdonshire, to Higham Ferrers, about 40 years ago, and had been a member of the belfry during the whole of that time, having previously learnt to ring on the peal of six at Hemingford. He was not a great peal ringer, but had rung several peals of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich, and, to his credit, was a regular Sunday service ringer.

He was laid to rest on Monday, January 4th, when three of his fellow-ringers helped to carry him to his last resting-place in the Higham Ferrers cemetery. Amongst those present, in addition to the relatives, were Messrs. W. Gray, C. Coote, H. Dunkley (bearers), G. Randall, G. Brown and A. H. Martin, all fellow-ringers. Messrs. F. Barber, W. Perkins, and J. J. Mawby represented the Wellingborough Branch of the Guild. The service in the church and at the graveside was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. B. E. Owen, R.D.

Immediately after the funeral, a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following, with the bells half-muffled: Messrs. C. Coote 1, G. Randall 2, W. Perkins 3, J. J. Mawby 4, F. Barber 5, G. Brown 6th, A. H. Martin (conductor) 7, W. Wilby 8. Further half-muffled touches were rung during the evening.

PRESENTATION AT PENSHURST.

EXAMPLE SET BY OLDEST MEMBER OF THE BAND.

For not absenting himself once during 1931 from Sunday service ringing, Mr. H. Seal, of Penshurst, Kent, was the recipient of a silver-mounted and engraved walking stick, together with a parcel of his old favourite, 'Nut Brown,' on Sunday morning, by the Rector, the Rev. James Cropper, who, after thanking Mr. Seal for the example he had set to others, mentioned that this kind of spirit might and should be applied to many other walks in life. Mr Seal's achievement might not be unique, but, considering he was the oldest member of the band, and had the longest and worst journey to the church, it was thought it was an act of duty that should not pass unnoticed.

The mention of 'the worst journey' may perhaps need some explanation. It may be unknown to many, including the Postmaster-General, that Mr. Seal's house has never been visited by a postman. The presentation was a gift from the recipient's brother-ringers, augmented by the Rector, Mr. J. M. Sturgess (former churchwarden) and Mr. H. Coomber, of Forest Row, a past captain of the band.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, when the following towers were represented: Ackworth, Darfield, Darton, Felkirk, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Rotherham, Royston, Sandal, Shelley, Wath and the local company. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon and continued until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was held in the church. Tea was served in the Parish Room, about 25 being present.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector, Rev. Canon Hone, presiding, apologies were read from Mr. A. Nash, of Rotherham (who also wished to be relieved of the office of president owing to living so far away), Mr. G. Lewis, of Ecclesfield, and Mr. J. Burgess, of Greenfield. The auditors' report showed a balance in hand on the year's working.

The officers elected were: President, Mr. C. D. Potter; vice-president, Mr. R. Thickett; treasurer, Mr. H. Chant; secretary, Mr. A. Panther.

New members elected were seven of Hoylandswaine, five of Barnsley, one of Felkirk, and one of Penistone.

Darton was selected for the next place of meeting.

Mr. R. Thickett moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding and for the use of the bells, also to Mrs. Hone for the splendid tea served and her kindness in paying for the Parish Room and handing over to the association the balance over the cost of the tea. Thanks were also accorded to the local company for the arrangements made.—The Rector suitably replied.

Further ringing continued both on the tower bells and handbells until about 9 p.m.

DEATH OF MR. J. W. TOWNLEY, OF DUBLIN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. W. Townley, of Dublin, who was also well known in Surrey and Hants.

Mr. Townley passed away after an illness of about four months, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, and was interred in Dean's Grange cemetery, Co. Dublin. The president, secretary and several members represented St. Patrick's Society at the funeral.

Deceased had been a member of this society for about thirty years, and had rung some thirty peals in Ireland.

St. Patrick's Society has also lost by death Mr. T. Grant, who on December 30th, 1930, conducted the only peal ever rung by a band of Irishmen. The anniversary of this peal and the same composition were selected for a memorial peal to these two old comrades.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Since the six bells at Upham, Hampshire, were cast by Thomas Swain in 1763, nearly 170 years have elapsed. It was not until January 9th of this year that the first peal was rung on them.

After ten years of valuable service to the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Mr. Frank Green has resigned the office of hon. secretary, chiefly on account of his appointment as assistant general secretary of the Guild. The members have shown their appreciation of his work by presenting him with a chiming mantel clock.

Mr. W. H. Judd has sung in Rayleigh (Essex) Parish Church choir for more than 60 years, and his brother, Mr. L. O. Judd, for 50 years, while his son is assistant organist. Mr. Judd has also served his church as a ringer for many years.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

At the annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held on Tuesday, January 5th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Harry R. Roper; Deputy Master, Harold E. Symonds; steeplekeeper, Frederick J. Tillett; treasurer, Charles J. Sedgley; auditors, Robert H. Brundle and William P. Garrett; secretary, George E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

LONGEST PEALS AT STOWMARKET.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I wish to withdraw the claim as to the longest peal on Stowmarket bells, as, since we rang the 6,336 Kent Treble Bob on Boxing Day, I have heard from Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, that we have not yet rung the longest peal on the bells. Mr. Slater sends the following record: 'On November 5th, 1827, was rung by the Stowmarket Society of Ringers a complete peal of 7,056 changes of Bob Major in four hours and forty-seven minutes: Treble John Elmer composed and conducted the peal, 2 William Clarke, 3 Robert Pilbrow, 4 Robert Warren, 5 Robert Cuthbert, 6 William Last, 7 William Chamberlain, tenor Daniel Wade.'

G. A. BLAXCELL.

Stowupland.

'OLD CUSTOMS.'

A PLEA FOR CHURCH BELLS.

Considerable local comment, says 'The Hertfordshire Mercury,' was aroused by the fact that no joyous peal of bells from Hatfield Parish Church tower greeted the dawn of 1932. 'Those who make it a custom to "see" the old year rung out with muffled bells and the new year welcomed with a merry peal were particularly disappointed. Rumour had it that a team of ringers could not be raised.'

'The Hertfordshire Mercury,' an influential county newspaper, has an interesting leading article upon this news item which, we think, reflects the real opinion of the majority of the people in this country. The 'Mercury' says:—

'Are old customs dying, and, if they are, is it to the general good that they should do so? In these hectic, jostling modern days, there are probably a good many people, possessing the up-to-date unsentimental outlook, who would say that old customs are of no conceivable benefit to us, and that it is best they should die. We believe, however, that there is still a very much larger body of people who would sincerely regret any movement tending towards the extinction of time-honoured national ritual such as the ringing out of the old year and the ringing in of the new. Why, our very characteristics as a nation are built very largely upon custom, and custom enters very much more into our everyday lives than might be realised without due thought. Certainly the greatest of our individual communal and national festivals rest upon custom, and our religious exercise is also dependent upon the hallowed examples and customs which have been left to us during the centuries since Christ Himself walked the earth—and even before.

'If we were to be shorn of our old customs, there is not very much doubt about it that we should develop into a shallow, soulless and materialistic race, and the characteristics which have been our national pride would sooner or later disappear—probably sooner than later. We should be living in a world in which there was no softening, sweetening influence of sentiment—the sentiment such as prompts and permeates the celebration of Christmas—and without that vital constituent it seems to us that there would not be a great deal for which to live.

'No, we must strive to preserve our good old customs with all our might and main, because they mean a great deal to us, and in a certain sense act as a bulwark against the too rapid advance of the materialism which is threatened as a result of the modern conditions of life and work. The omission to ring the bells to celebrate the advent of the new year may be a comparatively small thing, especially when it is, as in this case, an isolated instance—but a straw is sufficient to indicate the direction and force of the current of a mighty river, and from this point of view it becomes a duty to emphasise the importance even of small things.

'May the bells long continue to ring out as each new year is ushered in, full of hope.'

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER

AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S INTERESTING SPEECH.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by a company of between 80 and 90 on Saturday, on the occasion of the second annual dinner organised by the Guildford Diocesan Guild. It was held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, and attracted ringers from many parts of the diocese. The Very Rev. Provost E. C. Kirwan presided, and was supported by Mr. E. H. Lewis, M.A. (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, the Rt. Hon. Lord Daryngton (vice-chairman of the House of Laity of the Church Assembly), Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. Sir John Herschel (Vicar of West Clandon), the Rev. E. de G. Lucas (Rector of S. Nicolas', Guildford), Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (the Master), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Goldsmith), Mr. A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel bell foundry) and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon bell foundry) and Mrs. Johnston, etc. An excellent dinner was served, after which the loyal toast was honoured.

'The Church' was proposed by Mr. C. F. Johnston, who said that most of them in the room were devotees of a certain art, which was practised principally in the interests of the Church. They followed many diverse callings, but their ideals were those of the Church, and all that the Church stood for as a barrier against Atheism and Bolshevism and many another kind of 'ism.' He recalled that at a big ringers' dinner two or three years ago the Vicar of a well-known church said he was greatly impressed with the fact that the ringers stood for a very strong conservative element in the Church. On the Continent, he continued, conditions were very different. The ringing bells did not belong to the Church authorities, and if they made up a band and wished to give a peal either in Northern France or in the Netherlands they would have to ask the burgomaster for permission to ring. This was not so in England, where the Rector or the Vicar was master of the bellringers, but there again the municipal authorities had taken a most active interest in the Church. He recalled to the minds of those associated with Guildford the original inscription on the tenor bell at Holy Trinity Church was that 'Peter Flutter, Gent, gave me, and when Mayor laid the foundation stone of this church.' Ringers were churchworkers and were proud of it. Sometimes they heard that it was not right to ring the people into church and then go away, but it was only fair to say that, on the whole, ringers did keep a fairly good attendance at church. In coupling the name of the chairman with the toast, the speaker said he had always taken a great interest in the Guild and had been described as a clerical mainstay. He referred to the Guild as an 'infant prodigy,' and said its success was mainly brought about by the energies of the first secretary, Mr. Goldsmith (hear, hear).

In reply, the Chairman remarked what a priceless heritage England had in the Church. They had only to go across the water to see what a different position the Church had there compared with their own Church. Some years ago there was a great deal of talk by some loosely-thinking people of the 'failure of the Church.' It was, of course, due principally to the war. People on one hand said the Church should have stopped the war, and others said the Church was pacifist, and was trying to get a foolish peace, but they were looking for a scapegoat. The Church could not be a failure; it was a supernatural body. Christians might have failed, but the Christian Church could never be a failure. The Provost confessed that he wished he knew more about ringing. He always thought a Grandsire referred to a grandpapa, but he was quite prepared to go under a course of instruction.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD STRIKING.

Canon G. F. Coleridge proposed 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild' in an amusing speech, and said the Guild was going strong, there was no doubt about that. With regard to ringing, he emphasised that it was absolutely essential that the striking throughout should be of the best quality. There were people outside who knew nothing about ringing, but who could tell whether the striking was good or not. The Guildford Guild had a high standard before it, and did try to make its ringing as perfect as possible. If they asked him why it was so successful he would say because it had such excellent organisation and two distinguished men at its head—the Master, Major Hesse, and Mr. Goldsmith, the secretary (applause). They all knew what Mr. Goldsmith had done recently in connection with the Stedman memorial at Cambridge. Mr. Goldsmith started the idea of restoring the bells which Stedman rang 300 years ago, and it was the greatest day in the annals of ringing when those bells were reopened last month.

Major Hesse, in response, mentioned that during the year the Guild had rung about 50 peals, including a 10,025 of Stedman Caters at Haslemere in February, which took 6¼ hours, and also a peal of 9,600 Double Dublin Surprise Major at the Cathedral. Also during the year Mr. Pulling had rung his 1,000th peal (applause). The Leatherhead District had done some excellent work and had rung the first peals of Kent Surprise and Ipswich Surprise for the Guild and in the county. There were still a good many towers that did not come up to scratch as regarded ringing, and he thought if some of the clergy took a little more interest and went into the belfries a little oftener it might encourage the ringers to do a little bit more. He asked also that there should be a little more rising and falling in peal, and, if that were not done, that bells should be pulled up from treble to tenor in rotation instead of indiscriminately. The Chertsey District needed a lift-up, and he thought the Guild could do something there during the year. He congratulated the ringers of West Clandon in obtaining the money for two extra bells entirely 'off their own bat,' and said he hoped to see the augmentation carried out this year.

Mr. G. L. Grover gave 'The president, vice-president and hon. members.' He remarked that the activities of the bell foundries were never so flourishing, and the status of bellringers in relation to the Church never so high as now. That was all right for this generation, but what about the next? They must teach bellringing to the young so that the next generation should carry on the work of the Exercise in the same way as it was carried on now. The Guild was fortunate, he added, in having as its president the Lord Bishop of Guildford. It was evident that the Bishop looked upon the ringers as churchworkers from the mere fact that he had allowed his name to be used as president. There was some disadvantage in having a busy man as president, because he was unable to attend their meetings, but they were fortunate in having as his deputy Mr. Walter Harrison (applause). There was a long list of hon. members, and they were very thankful for the financial support they gave, but would also like to see more of them at the Guild gatherings.

Mr. Harrison, responding to the toast, said that although the Bishop might not be present at their gatherings, he took a keen interest in the Guild, and was always most ready to listen to suggestions. With regard to the hon. members, he did not think the Guild would get on very well without them, but they must speak for themselves. He did not think, he added, that the Guild ought to get too swollen-headed at the thought that they were such a successful Guild. The Master instanced a district suffering from a decided slump, and the speaker thought during the next twelve months they should devise some scheme by which the district in question should receive a great deal of outside help, and perhaps life in the district might be revivified. Mr. Harrison said he had received permission to add to his response the toast of 'The visitors,' and mentioned that they had present an extremely prominent layman in Lord Daryngton. They all remembered that when at Merrow he never spared his time or personal interests in any work connected with the Church, and the speaker asked them to rise and drink to the health of Lord Daryngton.

In reply, Lord Daryngton said he felt that anyone who did not appreciate the work the ringers were doing would be lacking in ordinary sense. He felt sure the vast majority of people did not realise what work they were doing, and they should, if possible, advertise it more. He had listened that evening to some of the most delightful music he had ever heard. He concluded with the wish that the Guild would never lack that prosperity which it so richly deserved.

WHAT RINGING ASSOCIATIONS HAVE DONE.

Mr. Goldsmith, proposing 'Kindred Guilds and Associations,' said they recognised the fellowship which existed between all ringing associations and guilds. They had amongst them a worthy representative of the oldest ringing association in the country, the Ancient Society of College Youths, which went back nearly 300 years in history. Another society, the Royal Cumberland Youths, went back nearly as far. These societies were established in days when ringing was a new recreation and there was only a loose connecting link between ringers and the Church. During the last 50 or 60 years, however, this had been changed, and now the associations, which spread all over the country, had a very different purpose. The object in promoting the Guilds was to further the services of ringers in the Church, and he was proud to say they had very largely succeeded in doing that. The days when ringers used to go and ring and then turn away had departed, and ringers took a personal interest in the Church. Ringing was on a high plane, such as could not have been imagined when these Guilds were first established 50 years ago. He added that another object of the Guilds was to promote change ringing, which they must always be doing to fill the gaps caused by those who dropped out for various reasons. They had in their own Guild some promising young men coming along. Ringing associations had spread throughout the whole of England and Wales, there was also an Irish association, and it was not unlikely that there would be an association of change ringers in Scotland this year. That would interest Mr. Lewis, who lived abroad in that country for several years (laughter). There were some distinguished representatives of other associations present that evening, among them Canon Coleridge. They were also very much honoured by having the president of the Central Council with them, who, in his official capacity, was all-embracing and represented every association and every ringer in England. The president had carried out a great deal of technical work in the past. As an engineer he had been able to convince those associated with the preservation of ancient buildings that a good engineering job could not only provide bells fit for ringing but could also be a safeguard to the tower. By convincing these people Mr. Lewis enabled associations to deal more effectively with the restora-

tion of bells all over the country. He had another work in front of him as president of the Central Council, and he (the speaker) believed that before Mr. Lewis vacated the chair the position of bellringing and bellringers in this country would be very much advanced, not only among themselves but amongst the higher Church authorities.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

The President, in replying to the toast, said that nearly all the guilds and associations were members of the Central Council. One of the smaller Guilds had recently decided to join, and very soon there would be very few of the territorial or diocesan associations that were not members. Mr. Goldsmith mentioned the possibility of a Scottish Association. When he was in Scotland he and Mr. Stephen Wood had often talked about forming one, and if he (the speaker) had not returned from exile a few years ago that association might already have been formed. With regard to Continental bells, he said that he had just returned from Denmark, and in Denmark conditions were very similar to England, and the bells belonged to the Church and not to the State. He was very much interested in Guildford, because, having gone very fully into the question of the hanging of bells and the oscillation of towers, he was asked to give advice about the bells at the Guildford Cathedral Church. The tower was very elastic, being built of bricks, and it was found that if the tenor bells had been hung to swing in the same direction, and roped on opposite sides, it was almost certain that the ringers would not have been able to ring the bells, because they would have had to ring the tower as well. The bells were changed and put back in the old position, with the result that most of them knew. The subject of oscillation was interesting, and he mentioned that it was found in one tower, where he had recently made an investigation, that in ringing the tenor bell, because of the movement of frame and the tower, 73 foot-pounds of work was absolutely lost in the first half of the revolution and a similar amount in the second half, which went into the tower. The result was that the ringers of the tenor bell had to provide more than 140ft. pounds of extra work at every pull to ring the bell. It might be useful to bear that point in mind when any of them came to discuss the rehanging of bells with architects. The president recalled that he was particularly associated with the Midland Counties Association because of the place of his birth and which association he first joined, and he was also able to speak for the Cambridge University Guild, which really taught him the art of change ringing under the guidance of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, and for the Kent County Association, in whose area he now resided. He thanked the Guildford Diocesan Guild for the hospitality he and Mrs. Lewis had received, and remarked how much they appreciated at Cambridge the wonderful work which Mr. Goldsmith had done. The idea of commemorating the Stedman Tercentenary was due entirely to him, and the success of it was due entirely to the work put in by Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Fletcher, the hon. secretary of the Council. With regard to rising in peal, they would remember that at the last meeting of the Central Council they passed a resolution that before ringers started to ring the bells should, if possible, be raised in peal, and, if they were not able to raise them in peal, then they should raise them in orderly fashion, starting with the treble and following to the tenor. He continued that in the old days a ringer, after the heavy labour that ringing frequently involved, was scarcely in a condition to attend the services at the church, but that had been changed by the excellent engineering jobs which were now put out. He added that it would be an advantage if Church authorities would provide ringers with a seat where they were protected from the draught. Very often they had to sit in a corner, perhaps under the tower or in some other place which was not suitable after ringing a fairly heavy bell.

Mr. Hazelden proposed the health of 'The chairman,' and in an interesting speech touched upon the history of ringing, and suggested that it existed early in the 16th century, long before the time of Stedman. He thought it would be interesting if somebody could follow up the matter and discover when bells were first rung in changes. He thanked the chairman for his interest in the Guild.

The Provost expressed his enjoyment of the evening, and thanked the artistes, particularly mentioning the performance of Mrs. Hughes.

The musical programme was a varied and enjoyable one. In addition to the handbell solos splendidly played by Mrs. Hughes, whose performance was greatly appreciated, the bells also figured in a course of Grandsire Caters rung by J. S. Goldsmith, R. Philpott, E. H. Lewis, A. H. Pulling and A. A. Hughes. Miss Pitt Sayer delightfully sang several songs, for which she was warmly encored, as was Mr. Albert Hicks, who, possessing a fine baritone voice, also delighted the company with his singing. Miss Gwendoline Harman (pianoforte) and Miss Sylvia Harman (violin), the little daughters of Mr. Albert Harman, Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District, won warm applause for their instrumental efforts, and, although only nine and ten years old respectively, performed with confidence and promise in their respective solos. One of the features of the evening was an old sea song by Admiral Walker, and the company also entered with spirit into some community singing under the direction of Mr. T. A. Stroud, a member of the Guild, who also acted as accompanist.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION TO BE FORMED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest your leading article in this week's 'Ringing World' and also 'W. H. F.'s' letter suggesting the formation of a 'Scots Association.' It is with much pleasure that I am able to tell you that your views are not only shared by the majority of ringers 'north of the Tweed,' but that the suggestion which you put forward has actually been anticipated.

Towers with a peal of bells are few and far between in Scotland, and ringing is therefore necessarily confined to a few districts, but there is considerable enthusiasm in certain centres, and the idea of a national association has been in the minds of a few of us for some little time. At a recent informal meeting of Glasgow and Edinburgh ringing friends, which took place in Edinburgh on Saturday, January 2nd—possibly at the very time that 'W. H. F.' was writing his letter and you, Sir, were framing your leading article—the proposal to form a Scottish association was put forward and received with acclamation by all those present. A small committee was therefore formed to discuss the matter and to approach the ringers in other districts in regard to the suggestion. This committee will report their progress at a national meeting, which will be called later in the year.

There is every reason to hope, therefore, that the year 1932 will at long last see the birth of 'The Scottish Association of Change Ringers.'—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Glasgow,
January 9th, 1932.

OUTCOME ANXIOUSLY AWAITED.

Dear Sir,—My friend Mr. Fussell has got in the first blow, as we had already discussed the idea of the formation of a Scottish Ringing Association among ourselves.

Now that the idea has been mooted in our paper, couldn't we (the Scottish ringers) get together in Edinburgh, say, some Saturday afternoon in about a month's time and get the association properly under way?

We could have two or three meetings a year in different places, and possibly (if we have enough members) send a representative to the Central Council.

We anxiously await the outcome of this idea put forward in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

W. STENHOUSE.

Dundee.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Barnwood, and was attended by 34 members and visitors from Malvern and Swindon. At the conclusion of the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Byrce), the members were invited to the Parish Schoolroom, where an excellent tea had been provided through the kind generosity of the Rector.

At the business meeting Mr. W. H. Harris (branch secretary) presented a report, which showed that during the past year eight meetings had been held in different parts of the diocese with a total attendance of 128 members, an average of 16 per meeting. The branch had now 98 performing members and 28 honorary—a decrease of 12 performing members, the result of the Whitminster ringers being disbanded. The secretary also called the attention of the poor attendance at the two first meetings held in the beginning of the year, and hoped for a better attendance in future. A little more interest was being shown at Sandhurst and Upton-St.-Leonards, and Norton tower had joined the association. The secretary expressed appreciation of the members of the branch for the courtesy shown to them by the incumbents when visiting the towers in the diocese.

The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected as follows: Mr. S. Romans, branch chairman; Mr. W. H. Harris, branch secretary; Mr. T. Baldwyn, representative on management committee.

After discussion, it was decided to hold full service meetings quarterly instead of monthly, and in the intervening months to hold practice meetings. The January meeting will be held at St. Mary de Lode, February at Upton-St.-Leonards, and the quarterly meeting at Quedgeley in March.

It was decided to again hold the annual dinner early in the year, and Messrs. Harris, Austin, Romans and G. Jackson were elected on the dinner committee.

At the conclusion of the business, Mr. J. Williams, of Newent, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for his excellent address at the service, and for his kind hospitality in entertaining the members to tea. This was seconded by Mr. J. Austin and carried with applause.

Mr. J. Stephens proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Harris for his work during the time he had been their secretary, and hoped he would long continue.

Both the Rector and the secretary suitably responded, and the meeting having terminated the members returned to the tower, where further ringing brought a very pleasant meeting to an end.

DEATH OF MR. HERBERT HAIGH.

A GREAT WORKER IN NORTH NOTTS.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Herbert Haigh, of 103, Gateford Road, Worksop, who died at his home on January 2nd, at the age of 65 years. Mr. Haigh was well known in North Nottinghamshire and the adjoining counties, and held at the time of his death the offices of hon. treasurer of the North Notts Association, having previously been from 1912 to 1928 inclusive the hon. secretary of this association.

The deceased was one of the founders of the association in 1886, and had been on the committee from that time until his death. He had, during his connection with the association, seen many bells restored and numerous peals enlarged. He helped with many of these restorations, for as soon as he heard that anything of this kind was contemplated in a village his assistance was promptly offered.

Mr. Haigh was born at Ordsall on September 22nd, 1866, and learnt to ring a bell at the early age of ten years. It was not, however, until March 11th, 1886, that he was invited to join the East and West Retford Amalgamated Societies as a probationer. The ringers at that time belonged to the 'old school,' and there was little chance of a beginner making rapid progress. He was put on a 25 cwt. tenor or a bad-going 6th and told to stop there. This kind of thing did



THE LATE MR. HERBERT HAIGH.

not appeal to him, and he gained experience further afield. He had to walk a distance of 20 miles to Gainsborough and back to let the old hands see he could conduct a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, while many times he walked 18 or 20 miles to practise Treble Bob methods on six bells. During this time he was training juniors, and eventually got together almost a new band. Mr. Haigh took an active part in getting East Retford bells rehung and augmented, and gave valuable help in getting the bells of Ordsall and Misson augmented and rehung. His first peal was one of Grandsire Caters, and he conducted the first peal on Retford bells by a local company in 1893, and the first peals of Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Caters by the North Notts Association, which he had helped to form in 1886. On his removal to Worksop in 1906, he was again active in getting the old ringers to advance and in teaching a new band. The bells were in a deplorable state, but Mr. Haigh worked hard to get them rehung and raised £66 by his own efforts for the purpose.

Mr. Haigh took the keenest interest in the North Notts Association, of which he was elected hon. secretary in 1912, and continued for some 16 years. It was due largely to his enthusiasm that the association flourished, and when at last he laid down that office he continued to serve the association as its hon. treasurer. He was also

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ROWS NOT CHANGES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—To call an argument perverse is not to make any personal remark, for the best of us may argue perversely at times. But to say that a letter is silly, is merely a personality, for no sensible person writes a silly letter. However, I am sure that Mr. Coles did not mean this; it would be impossible otherwise to reply to his letter.

I am not, as he suggests, trying to have it both ways, but his attitude is having this effect. He sits on the fence by refusing to say what he means: he also prevents round ringers from getting over the fence, and finding out what changes really are. Round ringers, or the general public, can now point to the Painswick tablet (the Great Hoax of Painswick) and say that repetitions are recorded there as changes, so that we change ringers are not sincere in objecting to repetitions.

Mr. C. T. Coles speaks of a resolution as simply asking for objections. But that is the reason a resolution is put forward. No one wants everything to be cut and dried, but each resolution should be open to improving amendments. Obviously the reason these resolutions were put forward so long beforehand was to enable those who objected to bring forward any amendments. So far Mr. Coles is the only one who has objected. He thinks the majority of ringers are with him. He has not, however, found a single one to support him, and I have already said that I do not think there is one, and I have not been contradicted.

Why does not Mr. Coles give us an amendment, and then we should know where we are? I have no objection to giving Mr. Coles the promise he asks for; but to do that and nothing else would surely be perverse, for the words which I or another might substitute might be more objectionable than those he mentions. Until he defines his position, how can anyone allow for it?

It certainly would not do to incorporate the phrase Mr. Coles uses: 'That a false peal is one in which the composition contains a repetition of changes or rows.' For a repetition means that two or more things are the same, while a change means that they are different. There is here no room for any views, nor can Mr. Coles or any other ringer, and certainly no member of the general public, contradict such statements. Therefore to speak of 'repetition of changes' is to talk nonsense, as such an idea is impossible even for Mr. Coles to conceive.

Mr. Coles says of ringers that they are not seriously concerned as to whether it is strictly correct to say 'changes' or 'rows.' I should have thought that that is the one thing with which they are concerned. That is certainly the case with the Suffolk Guild. Our very name expresses this. We call ourselves change ringers, not row ringers. A row ringer is one who rings rounds or call changes. In the Suffolk Guild we welcome row ringers as members, or we should if we had any, but we will not have as members any who are only row ringers and want to call themselves change ringers. If Mr. Coles can formulate a resolution, or an amendment, which will express this (or the contrary) better than what I have proposed, I will promise that it will be brought forward, whether it be one that I can support or not.

I have now given my position in the matter quite clearly. It is up to Mr. Coles to let us see what his is.

HERBERT DRAKE.

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the association's first representative on the Central Council. Although not a great lover of peal ringing, he was an example of what a ringer should be in his regular attendance at service ringing or practice, as far as his employment as a railway guard would permit.

In his younger days he was a keen cricketer, and all through his career was an active friendly society man. He had been a provincial grand master of Oddfellows, and served for seven years as lodge secretary.

The funeral took place at All Hallows' Church, Ordsall (the place of his birth), on Thursday, January 7th. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, the Rector of Ordsall and the association's representative on the Central Council, who was assisted by the Rev. A. Parkinson, the Rural Dean of Retford, while the organ was played by Mr. J. L. Blagg, a member of the committee of the association. Among those present beside the family mourners were the Rev. R. E. Rogerson, of East Markham, Rev. A. Doxey, curate of Ordsall, Mrs. C. Crawford, of Rampton, the wife of one of Mr. H. Haigh's late friends, Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, of Laneham, while the following association towers were represented: Anston, Shireoaks, Worksop, East Retford, West Retford, Sutton-on-Trent, Collingham, Wheatley, East Markham, Everton, and the local ringers. A plain course of Minor was rung at the graveside by H. Revill (Ordsall), H. J. Segar (East Retford), and J. Hurst (Ordsall). The hymn, 'Abide with me,' was sung, and the Rector gave a short address.

After the service was over, the tower bells were rung half-muffled to Oxford Treble Bob by the members of the association. This method was selected because on his 65th birthday Mr. H. Haigh came to Ordsall and made a request to conduct a 720 of the method, which he did. The floral tributes were numerous.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

NEW TITLES FOR TWO OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, January 2nd, at St. Martin's Hotel, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., Presiding Ringing Master, being in the chair.

The Chairman, at the outset of the meeting, spoke of the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. James E. Groves, who for some time was Deputy Ringing Master and a very excellent ringer and composer. He also referred to the death of Mr. Harry Argyle, who was a life member, and a very old friend of his, not only as a ringer but also as a Freemason. He called upon those present to stand in silence for a moment as a mark of respect.

In proposing the re-election of Mr. Alderman Pritchett, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) said that for some time past it had been felt that the title of Presiding Ringing Master was out of date, and that a more dignified and fitting title would be 'The Master.' He therefore had much pleasure in proposing that Mr. Alderman Pritchett be elected Master of the Guild. At the same time he would also wish him, on behalf of all present, 'Many happy returns of the day,' January 8th being the 77th anniversary of his birth.—Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in seconding the resolution, assured him that in adopting the new title their desire was to show him greater respect and add dignity to his office.—The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Pritchett, in responding, thanked the members for their good wishes. He was quite agreeable to the change suggested, and assured them that he should continue to do whatever he could to further the interests of the Guild. Although getting older, his activities did not diminish, and he had now been appointed bailiff of King Edward's High School, which he entered as a scholar in 1864.

The Chairman proposed Mr. Albert Walker Ringing Master, and in doing so said he thought that the title Deputy Ringing Master was somewhat unfair to Mr. Walker, as he was in no sense a deputy. It therefore gave him pleasure to propose the alteration. This was seconded by Mr. James George and carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker thanked the members for their continued confidence in him. He appreciated his new title, and in reviewing the activities of the Guild during the past year stated that the progress had been satisfactory, and he took the opportunity of thanking all those who had supported him at the practices, specially mentioning Mr. G. F. Swann.

The trustees, auditors, librarian, hon. secretary and treasurer were all re-elected unanimously.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, and this was adopted on the proposition of the senior auditor, Mr. J. Preston, seconded by Mr. George.

The Henry Johnson dinner was fixed for Saturday, February 27th, at the Imperial Hotel as usual, and it was resolved that the Rector of St. Martin's, Canon T. Guy Rogers, be asked to preside. All other arrangements in connection with the dinner were left in the hands of the officers.

The next meeting is to be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 2nd.

BELLS AND TOWER RESTORED AT DITCHINGHAM.

Every available seat was filled at Ditchingham Church, Norfolk, on December 21st, when a service of thanksgiving was held for the restoration of the tower and rehanging of the bells. Five years ago the tower was found to be in need of repair, and the bell framework so rotten as to be unsafe and beyond repair. Under the direction of the diocesan architect (Mr. E. Rennie) the work of complete restoration of tower was carried out by Messrs. Thompson and Sons, of Peterborough, and the work of tuning and rehanging the bells in new steel and iron frame with all steel headstocks, etc., by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

At the opening were numerous ringers from the district, and all expressed great satisfaction at the 'go' of the bells. The closeness to Christmas and the poor transport to this remote tower prevented many from attending.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 50 mins.: E. Coles 1, W. Richards 2, H. Page 3, G. Large 4, E. Combes 5, F. Chamberlain 6, W. Heath 7, J. Phillips (conductor) 8.

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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 the 28th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — A meeting will be held at Long Buckby on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (5) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5. Please send names for tea to R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Walthamstow St. Saviour's on Saturday, Jan. 16th. 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.

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.—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.

UPTON, TORQUAY. Church of St. Mary Magdalene. —The peal of eight bells, restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be re-opened on Saturday, Jan. 16th.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. — A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (free), followed by business meeting and social evening. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend. Subscriptions for 1931 overdue. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, January 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7. All welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 16th (10 bells). Tower open 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. All members are invited to attend.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Meat tea in Church House 4.45. Members of branch, 1s.; visitors, 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 4 p.m. Arrangements as usual for tea. The new rule books will be on sale, price 6d. each. Shoreditch tower will be open from 2 till 3.30 p.m. Members specially requested to attend.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Annual meeting Jan. 16th. Ringing, Putney (8), 3.30. Tea 5. Meeting: Election of officers, etc., 6. Fulham (10), 6.30 onwards. A good attendance requested. — J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The bells of St. Peter's will be available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5 p.m. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend. Visitors welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells from 2.30. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.15. Tea and meeting in the Chantry Hall at 4.45. All ringers welcome.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at Edenham (owing to the Grantham bells being unavailable). Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in School. A good attendance is requested. —C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District. —Annual meeting at St. James', Grimsby, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Church House. All welcome.—Herbert I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Eleventh Annual Dinner. Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. H. Burt. Guest of evening: Rev. J. M. D. Stancomb, Vicar of St. Nicholas', Bristol. Afternoon arrangements: Charabanc leaves St. Thomas' Church, Victoria Street, at 2.30 p.m.; arrive Clifton Zoological Gardens at 2.50 p.m. Inspection under the guidance of the head keeper. Return to St. Thomas' Church for cup of tea. St. Stephen's bells available from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Holy Temple bells (8) available from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. The famous leaning tower of Bristol. Emmanuel Church bells (8) available 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. All visitors are invited to a cup of tea at St. Thomas' Church Room from 4.30 p.m. onward. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Guests are requested to arrive at the Grand Hotel punctually, and thus allow the committee to carry out their full evening's programme. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service in St. Mary's Church 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Preshute bells available after dedication of a new treble bell. Dedication service 4 o'clock.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The January quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick (St. Mary's, 10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 18 cwt.). Tea at the Wheatsheaf 5 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. Nominations are required for the offices of vice-president and secretary, and two committeemen for 1932, and a good attendance is hoped for. Will members please note that the annual subscription is now 1s. 6d., which includes a copy of the report?—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Come early.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, a good attendance is requested. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, January 19th? —F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church House. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by Thursday, 21st.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at Bloomfield's Restaurant at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting following in Scouts' Hall, Ledbury Road. All are heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea after. St. Paul's will also be open. Visitors will be welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Fylde, Preston, Blackburn, Wigan and Lancaster Branches will be held at Lytham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells), St. John's, Lytham (6 bells), St. Peter's R.C., Lytham (6 bells) and Ansdell R.C. (8 bells) will be at liberty from 2 p.m. Service in St. Cuthbert's at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Names for tea (1s.) must be sent to C. Sharples, 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 20th.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Jan. 23rd. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in church. Tea and business meeting at The Welcome after. May we hope for a good attendance?—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. — The annual meeting of the Guild will take place in London on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing: St. George's, Borough High Street (8), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square (12), 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Hot luncheon at 'A.B.C.' Cafe, 188, Strand (opposite St. Clement Danes'), at 1.30 p.m. Meeting for the election of officers and other Guild business at New Scotland Yard at 5.45 p.m. Social evening will be arranged. It is hoped that all members and prospective members will make every effort to attend. Please notify P.C. N. Bagworth, Police Section House, Ambrosden Avenue, Westminster, London, S.W.1, not later than Tuesday, Jan. 19.—Harold J. Poole, Det. Sergt.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Algakirk on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting directly afterwards. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 19th. All ringers cordially invited.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. at address below. Stoke Poges bells available at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bath Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — T. Grant, Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. All wishing to attend tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., in Johnson's Café, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify by Jan. 19th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Turner's Hill, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Parish Room, by kind invitation. Secretaries must 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, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service. Tea (provided free, by the kindness of the Rector) and meeting at 5. Will members PLEASE make a SPECIAL effort to attend? Southern District and visitors will be very welcome.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. 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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea, 1s. per head, for those who notify me early, so that the necessary arrangements can be made.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 19th, who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester (near L.M.S. Station) (bells 10), on Monday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 7.30 p.m. to

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting Jan. 30th at Ilkeston (Beeston unavailable). Further details later. Will all local secretaries and members note?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Visitors welcomed. Numbers for tea by Jan. 27th, please, to D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea at Ayers' Café or S. Nicolas' Hall at 5.30. Business meeting in the hall. Please let me have numbers for tea by Jan. 25th. — G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. and E. District. — Annual meeting at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45. Meeting to follow. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Please advise me for tea by 27th inst.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Sidbury on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Meeting 5.30. Bells available: Sidbury (6), Sidmouth (8), Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers welcome. — John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and the annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 26th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 30th (not 23rd, as previously announced). Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 25th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at Rainham, by kind permission of the Vicar. Tower opened at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea served in the Church Hall, generously provided by the Church Council. Please notify me of your intention to be present at tea not later than Tuesday, Jan. 26th. Subscriptions for the current year are now due.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banbury (St. Mary's, 10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Please send card for tea by Tuesday, 26th.—E. Pearson. Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 30th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Amended Notice. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Ringing: St. Giles'-in-the-Fields 2.30 p.m. and St. Clement Danes' 3.15 p.m. Ringers' special service in St. Clement's 4.45 p.m. Tea in Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m. Business meeting Parish House, 6.30 p.m. Members please support fully by coming early.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

WATFORD. — Next meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 6th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea, in Schoolroom near, at 5.30. Ringing after till 8.30. No need to economise on ringing, spend wisely, and enjoy a half-day at Watford. The meeting arranged for Jan. 23rd is cancelled.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Further particulars will be duly announced. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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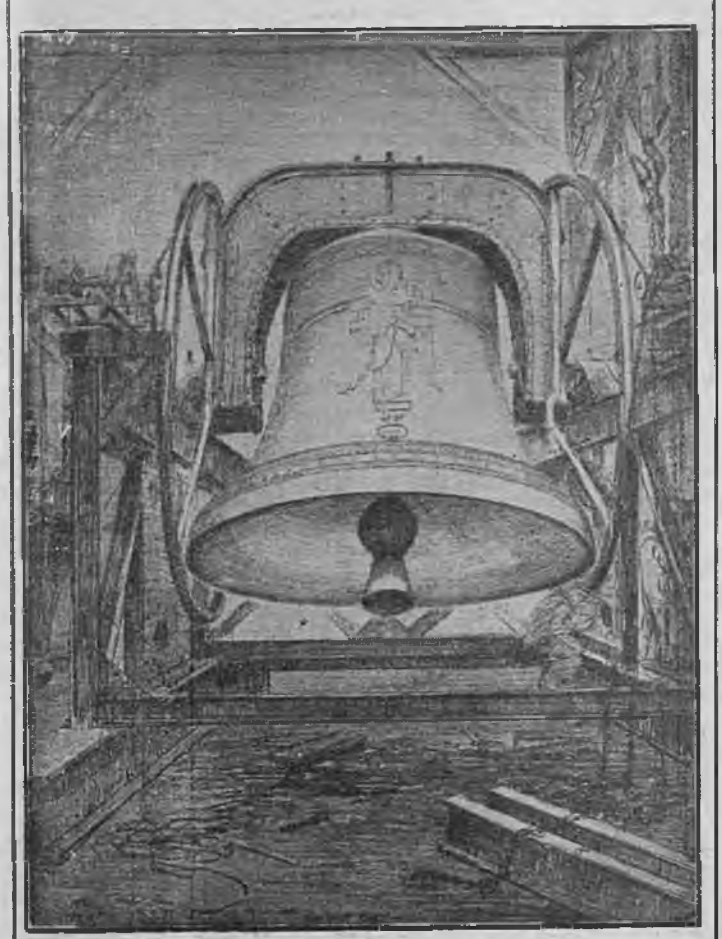

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BRISTOL'S BELLS.

Attention centred chiefly in the west of England on Saturday and particularly upon Bristol, where, in addition to the holding of the United Guilds' annual gathering, the dedication of a new peal of bells took place. There is probably no city that, in proportion to its size, has more rings of bells than Bristol. It has been described as a city of churches; it can with equal truth be said to be a city of bells. The new peal, however, is in one of the newer districts of Bristol; it has no very near rivals and a remarkable interest was displayed by the people of Knowle in the opening of this new and proud possession. If this interest can be harnessed aright, there ought to be no difficulty in ensuring for some time to come the maintenance of a local band at this tower, where already the youth of the parish is providing the first team.

But while Bristol as a whole has many peals of bells, it was confessed on Saturday at the B.U.R.G. dinner that there are not sufficient ringers to ring them. There are some towers with depleted bands; others with no regular ringers at all. Bristol's difficulty is on a par with that of the churches in central London. The people have been largely pushed out to the suburban areas; most of the city congregations have dwindled and there is no parochial material from which to recruit. This lack of ringers is not entirely the fault of the organisations which form the United Guilds, and an appeal was made to the local clergy to assist in finding young men who would be willing to come in to help fill the empty belfries. The present ringers in Bristol have their own bells to man. In these days, when it is not easy to keep their individual companies up to strength, the task of providing new bands for the towers entirely without ringers seems almost an impossible one, and yet it would be a great achievement for the United Guilds if, in the course of time, they could establish a company at every church. We speak of the United Guilds, although nominally, we suppose, it is the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association that should undertake the task, but the United Guilds comprise all or nearly all of the ringing energy and enthusiasm in Bristol, and has, in a sense, a greater local and direct interest than the parent association. Under whichever organisation the effort was made, it would be practically the same men who would have to shoulder the work. We hope that the Bristol ringers will bend their efforts to this object of getting more of Bristol's bells regularly rung. The United Guilds have made a success of more things than their annual dinner, among them the 'Ringers' Directory.' With the organising genius that exists among them, there is little doubt that a year or two of concentrated attention upon these vacant towers would change the outlook in some of them at least.

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On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Treble*	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	7
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER	2	JOHN T. KENTISH	8
ALBERT W. COLES	3	WALTER AYRE	9
CHARLES T. COLES	4	JAMES BENNETT	10
GEORGE R. PYE	5	WILLIAM PYE	11
LEWIS W WIFFEN	6	REUBEN SANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 25⅛ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BARTON	*Treble*	†WILLIAM HORAN	7
*J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	†FRED HODGSON	8
*CHARLES E. LAWSON	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	9
†HERBERT DAVENPORT	4	*WILLIAM E. H. ASH	10
ALBERT J. HUGHES	5	†JOHN W. MOORHOUSE	11
†WILLIAM A. WOOLER	6	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal of Bob Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Bob Maximus on the bells, and the 50th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK	*Treble*	HARRY W. SMITH	6
JONATHAN HONEY	2	EDGAR HUMFREY	7
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	3	JOHN NOBES	8
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK	4	GORDON CAUDWELL	9
*MISS PAT. HOLLOWAY	5	PERCY DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal of Stedman.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

*GEORGE HUGHES	*Treble*	HARRY GOODMAN	6
JOHN GOODMAN	2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	7
HENRY GOODMAN	3	WILLIAM GREEN	8
JOHN BASS	4	†HERBERT SHEPPARD	9
HARRY HUBBALL	5	‡GEORGE BOUGHEY	*Tenor*

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

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. † 100th peal, and has now completed the circuit. ‡ First peal. Rung for the 78th birthday of Mr. J. Goodman, father of the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, and grandfather of the ringer of the 6th: also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Goodman.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JAMES BILBY	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	6
*CHARLES BUTCHER	2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER	7
*JESSE FRANCIS	3	*CHARLES RAISON	8
†NORMAN V. ANDREWS	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	9
*WILLIAM LODD	5	*SIDNEY FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 50th peal. First peal of Caters on the bells by the local band, also first peal of Stedman Caters by resident members of the Guild.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK HANNINGTON	*Treble*	*FRED CHAMBERLAIN	6
PETER HEATH	2	GEORGE LARGE	7
CHARLES H. PERRY	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	8
ERNEST COOMBES	4	ERNEST STITCH	9
JOHN W. JONES	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED G. MAY. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* 130th peal. First peal of Caters as conductor and first attempt. The conductor had never previously called a bob on ten bells. The treble ringer has only one arm.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY	*Treble*	†CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	†C. ERNEST SMITH	7
*ROBERT HOWARD	3	ALBERT LAWRENCE	8
†WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	JOSEPH LADLEY	9
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	5	SIDNEY ROCHESTER	*Tenor*

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

* First touch of Stedman Caters. † Proposed members of the association before starting.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	HOWARD YEATES	5
*CHARLES HALL	2	*RICHARD PETERS	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	*BENJAMIN BOND, JUN.	7
JOHN GATE	4	HARRY VOWELS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal and members of Chew Magna band. Much credit is due to Messrs. J. T. Dyke and A. E. Reeves for bringing them out.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, JDN.	*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
ERNEST BRETT	2	JOHN T. KENTISH	6
FREDERICK DIGBY	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

The ringer of the 3rd has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS	*Treble*	*ALFRED PEARCE	5
MISS MARCIA WHITE	2	HENRY PRING	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	ALFRED E. REEVES	7
RICHARD CLARK	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise by Miss White (for whom it was arranged, and who hails from Bournemouth).

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*JOHN KIDD	*Treble*	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
FRANK BELSBY	2	WALTER S. BEAUMONT	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	WILLIAM J. WALKER	7
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK	4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 38). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Treble Bob. This is the 50th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

FRODSHAM.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	RONALD G. EDWARDS	5
THOMAS HAMMOND	2	JOHN E. BIBBY	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
GEORGE R. JONES	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM STEGGALL	*Treble*	ARTHUR LEEDER	5
CHARLES GOODMAN	2	ALBERT G. HARRISON	6
ERIC BENNETT	3	GEORGE ARCHER	7
WILLIAM MUSK	4	CLEMENT J. MORE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. J. MORE.

It is interesting to note that it is just one hundred years since the bells were brought to Diss. They were cast by William Dobson, of Downham Market, and are considered a fine peal.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GORDON WOOTTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	GEORGE E. CLODE	7
HENRY HUTTON	4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to C. E. Smith. It was his 100th peal with A. H. Pulling.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23¾ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT	5
KEITH HART	2	ALFRED J. BULL	6
GEORGE OLLIVER	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 6). Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

EASTWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. T. C. RYDER	*Treble*	†CHARLES POULTENEY	5
ALBERT NASH	2	†ARTHUR PASHLEY	6
T. COLIN RYDER	3	FRED WATKINSON	7
*MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	4	PERCY MANGHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

RICHARD FISHWICK ...	...*Treble*	PETER CROOK, JUN. ...	5
*JOHN TYSON	2	EDWARD IDDON	6
†JAMES WM. KAY... ...	3	PETER CROOK	7
ALBERT ED. SANDIFORD ...	4	†OWEN OLIVE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD IDDON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Robert Parkinson, J.P., a former warden at this church, who later entertained the ringers to a supper. All are service ringers at Holy Trinity Church, and great credit is due to the conductor, who only started to ring last April.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BERKELEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

CECIL NICE	...*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	GEORGE ELLIS	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
ROBERT SWIFT	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS

First peal in the method ever rung, and rung at the first attempt.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

GEORGE WINES	...*Treble*	HARRY PAGE...	5
*WILFRED J. PALMER... ...	2	HERBERT DAVIES...	6
†WILLIAM J. CROSS	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	TOM PAGE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Stedman. This composition is in twenty parts, with two singles in every course, odd bobs in every course but two, and the 7th undisturbed throughout the peal. Great credit is due to the band, especially the ringers of 2 and 3, on ringing this peal at the first attempt.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM T. CLARK ...	...*Treble*	FRANK WILSON	5
THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ...	2	HECTOR WOODBURN	6
*WILFRED WALKER	3	EDWIN JENNINGS	7
JIM TEBAY	4	†HARRY PALMER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. S. JEFFERSON.

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

EDENHAM, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN W. LAKE	...*Treble*	ARTHUR I. HOLMES	5
ARTHUR H. PALMER	2	*JOHN MACHIN	6
HORACE M. DAY	3	*WILLIAM A. HOLMES ...	7
JAMES OSBOURNE...	4	*THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. Also first in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Arthur H. Palmer.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*HARRY ARGENT	...*Treble*	HARRY HOVERD	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	EDWARD J. BEER	7
JOHN BURLES	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

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

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ...	...*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	THOMAS GOODCHILD	6
FRED BIGGS	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
JESSE W. HARRISON	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. MARTIN.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE PLATER	.. *Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
JOHN G. NASH	2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	6
ERNEST J. BUTLER	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ...	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILFRED HALLIWELL...	...*Treble*	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	5
JAMES H. RIDING	2	TITUS BARLOW	6
ROBERT WALLWORK	3	WILLIAM HORAN	7
THOMAS WALLWORK	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B WORSLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES J. FRAY	5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	2	*JOHN R. RODWELL	6
LIONEL H. PAGE	3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER... ...	7
WALTER G. ROWE	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

KEITH HART	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	5
ROBERT SWIFT	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WITHERS, SEN. ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES WEBB	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	JOHN WITHERS, JUN.	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
C. HOWARD STANLEY	4	ARTHUR CHAMBERS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.
Rung after the wedding of Mr. H. James Turner, a ringer at this church, and Miss Ada I. Pumfrey.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

FRANK C. NEWMAN ...	...*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	2	EDWARD D. SMITH	6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	7
JOHN T. KENTISH	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
A birthday peal for Messrs. Theobald and Smith. Rung after meeting one short for Royal, Mr. G. Hayden kindly standing out. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, January 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

SIDNEY G. THOMPSON...	...*Treble*	*NORMAN G. LEECH	5
JOHN GOODMAN	2	CHARLES WM. COOPER ...	6
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ...	3	WALTER FARLEY	7
JOHN CARTER	4	PERCIVAL C. RICHARDS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.
* First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, January 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. E. BANKES-JAMES' ODD AND EVEN BOB ONE-PART.
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	*Treble*	STEPHEN H. HOARE	5
JOHN E. ROOTES	2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	6
EDWARD ASHBY	3	WILLIAM SEBLEY...	7
GEORGE M. KILBY	4	WILLIAM CROSS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

JACK JONES	...*Treble*	JAMES HUGHES	4
GEORGE RANDLE	2	HUBERT JONES	5
WM. J. BENIAMS	3	ARTHUR C. NASON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.
Rung in honour of the weddings of Mr. Wm. Rickards to Miss Nellie Adams at Bromfield and of Mr. Thos. Burton to Miss Beatrice Oliver at Malvern Link.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST COX	...*Treble*	*JOHN J. WEBB	4
WILLIAM T. POSTON	2	WILLIAM POSTON	5
ALFRED T. POULTON	3	CHARLES H. COX ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.
* First peal of Stedman.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Beverley, York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DENNIS R. MORRIS ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	4
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	FRED HAWKES	5
WILLIAM RANFORD	3	CHARLES CAMM	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

HORBLING, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, Single Court and Single Oxford.
Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	*Treble*	ROGER W. DANIELS	4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ...	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
ALBERT SCOTT	3	*CHARLES WILKINSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

LEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

ERNEST H. EVEREST	*Treble*	TOM SAUNDERS	4
GEORGE EDWARDS	2	ALBERT RELFE	5
THOMAS FULLER	3	LUTHER J. HONESS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
First peal of Minor on the bells.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*ALBERT PRYKE	...*Treble*	*FRANK G. RINGE	4
ALBERT RAINBIRD	2	*PERCY GREEN	5
HARRY TURNER	3	ERNEST FORBANK ...	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by H. TURNER.
* First peal of Minor. Rung for the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings.

*LEONARD H. LEE ...	...*Treble*	JACK ROY	4
WALTER J. POOLE	2	HARRY CHURCHILL	5
LEONARD VICKERY	3	CHARLES CHANNING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.
* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, also to Miss Jillian Freeman, youngest daughter of the Vicar.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. LAURA EAST ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ..	2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ...	5
MISS K. BURCHNALL	3	LEONARD PIERREPONT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of Mr. Herbert Haigh, whose funeral took place at Ordsall the same afternoon, and who was a frequent visitor to this tower.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

*HENRY W. LLOYD ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT J. CHORB	4
†SIDNEY WYBURN	2	ISAAC FARMER	5
WILLIAM HOYLE	3	ALBERT J. SIEVENS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.'

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three different callings.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...*Treble*		FREDERICK J. TILLETT ...	4
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
*HAROLD E. SYMONDS ...	3	JOHN F. TILLETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. The ringers of treble, 4 and 5 have now completed peals in this method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

BRAYWOOD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, sixteen of Grandsire and twelve of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*HENRY W. RUSSELL...	...*Treble*	MISS MARIE R. CROSS ...	3
THOMAS J. FOWLER	2	FREDERICK J. RUSSELL ...	4
GEORGE GILBERT	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Lady Emily Georgina Van de Weyer.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE HUTCHINSON...	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE	4
JOHN A. HILL	2	FREDERICK G. GRIFFIN ...	5
GEORGE PULLINGER	3	EDWARD C. WHEELER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. PULLINGER.

First peal on the bells, which were cast by Thomas Swain in 1763.

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ANOTHER DEVONSHIRE RESTORATION.

TRANSFORMATION OF A TORQUAY OCTAVE.

At last, after seventy years, the bells of St. Mary's, Upton, Torquay, are now in perfect ringing order and demonstrate in no small manner what can be accomplished by a really expert bell hanger. The octave was cast by C. Pannell and Co., of Exeter, in 1855, and, hung in a new wooden frame, carried in two tiers, it is very evident that this structure soon gave trouble, and towards the end of the century an effort was made to put the bells in better ringing order. In 1901 a cast-iron frame was put in by a London firm and the bells rehung. The bells were all placed on one level, but by doing this the makers sacrificed the strength of the cast-iron members, and they soon gave way under the strain of the bells, with the result that the ringing became difficult. The advice of several firms was sought, but this was conflicting, and made the task of the church authorities most difficult. They wanted to do the best for the church, yet what were they to do? After investigating they decided to accept the proposals put forward by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and all concerned are to be congratulated upon the result, not only from the way in which the bells run, but also on the greatly improved tonal effect of the bells. Their transformation is a revelation, and illustrates once more the fact that this Loughborough firm are masters of their craft.

On Saturday the work of restoration was blessed by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, and the service created great interest, the congregation taxing the church's accommodation. In his sermon His Lordship traced the early history of bells from the days when they were hung in watch towers to sound alarms on the occasion of raids by the wild men of the north, down to the present time, when they stood as witnesses to the Christian faith.

The service was attended by the Mayor and Corporation of Torquay, and amongst those present was Mr. E. D. Taylor, head of the Loughborough firm, whose father, by the way, was a Devonian, having been born at Buckland Brewer in 1827, when the bell foundry was in being at that place, and where many of Devon's famous bells were cast. Mr. J. P. Fidler (one of the representatives of Messrs. Taylor and Co.), who, we understand, had acted in an advisory capacity throughout the restoration, also attended.

Well nigh a score of bands of ringers were present to celebrate the occasion in true ringers' fashion, and all enjoyed themselves to the full, and their comments reflected their appreciation of the work of the contractors.

A splendid tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and afterwards the Bishop thanked the ringers for attending, and expressed his pleasure at being present.

In the course of a racy speech, Mr. E. D. Taylor gave an outline of the history of the bells. He mentioned that, although the bells themselves could not be classed amongst the best peals, the results of their efforts had surprised him.

All who remember the bells before the restoration will recall that their tonal quality left much to be desired. They were so much out of tune that it was difficult to tell the treble from the second. Now each bell had its distinctive note and the peal showed what an expert bell tuner can accomplish. A curious feature of the peal is that the fourth bell is lighter than the treble bell; the tenor bell, too, has exploded a myth. Previously its weight was supposed to be 18 cwt., but when weighed did not turn the scale at 15 cwt.

The bells are hung in a large cast-iron frame, which looks the sound engineering job it is. The bells are once again on two levels, and the unit has been so designed that one can go up amongst the bells when they are ringing. Many availed themselves of the opportunity of going up, and the absence of movement was a 'surprise packet,' despite the large mass of metal turning this way and that, as though trying to jump out of the tower. The frame did not give one way or the other, and remained as firm as a rock, clearly indicating the soundness of the work and the thorough manner in which it has been executed.

The comfort of the ringers has not been overlooked either. The ringing room, instead of looking like a neglected barn, has been transformed into an ideal chamber. The walls have been painted, the ceiling plastered, and, although this deadens the sound of the bells more than usual, it is much better than being too noisy. To complete the scene a nice square of red carpet has been laid in the centre of the floor.

Last, and not least, the comfort of those living around the church has been considered, for instead of the clanging and banging which had been their portion in the past, they received with expressions of appreciation the music of the bells, which, instead of being a nuisance, are now a thing of joy.

NEW BOURDON BELL FOR EXETER.

Exeter, famous for its 'weight,' has now got another Bourdon bell. On Sunday, the Lord Bishop of Exeter blessed a fine four-ton bell destined for the new Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Heavitree. The bell is a beautiful casting, and, judging from its tone when His Lordship struck it with a huge wooden mallet, is a splendid example of the bell founder's art. Its founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., whose fame is world-wide, are to be congratulated.

BERKELEY SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

The first peal of Berkeley Surprise Major, a method produced by the Rev. E. Bankes James, was rung at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Crawley, on January 7th, by the very able band that Mr. Oliver Sippetts has got around him. As will be seen from the figures, the method is a difficult one, and the ringers are to be congratulated upon ringing the peal at the first attempt.

The effect of bobs on the method is interesting and unusual for Surprise Major.

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Repeat twice, omitting the three bobs bracketed in any one part.

First rung at St. John - the - Baptist's, Crawley, Sussex, on January 7th, 1932, conducted by O. Sippetts.

GLASTON'S ANCIENT BELLS.

RUTLAND RING RESTORED AND AUGMENTED.

The small village of Glaston, Rutland, has recently successfully carried out the ambitious scheme of having its 'ring' of three bells restored, rehung and augmented to five bells by the addition of two new trebles, the peal now being hung in new framework with modern fittings. The work has been carried out in a most praiseworthy manner by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the bells have been dedicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough. Those who have heard the bells have been more than delighted with the newly-completed peal, the fine tone of the two new trebles being especially admired.

Of the three old bells, the two smallest, now the 3rd and 4th of the new ring of five, were cast in 1622 and 1616 respectively at Stamford by Tobie Norris, and bear the following inscriptions:—

'Omnia fiant ad gloriam Dei, 1622' (Let all be done to the glory of God), and 'Non clamor sed amor cantat in avre Dei, 1616' (It is not noise but love that rings in the ears of God), the smaller bell bearing, in addition, the royal arms.

The tenor bell, dated 1598, bears this inscription in very fine lettering:—

'Cœlorum Christe Placeat Tibi Rex Sonus Iste' (O Christ, King of Heaven, may this sound be pleasing to Thee), and below it these names: Anthony Colly, William Hatton, Thomas Brydnell, 1598, Thomas Bowdell.

It also bears, on the crown, the shield used by Francis Watts as his foundry mark, and (in the inscription) the decorative cross used by the Newcombes. Both these bell founders had their foundries at Leicester, and this bell may have been cast by them working in partnership, as they occasionally did. The Newcombes were the predecessors of Taylor and Co., and the restoration of this ancient bell is therefore of particular interest to the Loughborough firm.

The inscriptions on the two new bells are as follows:—

Treble.—'Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Victoria Carbery. Taylor, Loughborough, 1931.'

2nd.—'In Terra Pax. R. Waltham Olim, Rector. Taylor, Loughborough, 1931.'

The weight of the tenor bell is approximately 18 cwt.

AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

At Blockley, Worcestershire, on Saturday, January 9th, Mr. H. Evans, who had not touched a rope in method ringing for over twenty years, rang the treble to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, and he performed with great credit: H. Evans 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, F. G. Kinchin 3, F. Tufley 4, J. Keyte 5, L. F. Kinchin 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

One of the oldest ringers at Hyde, Cheshire, Mr. James Shaw, has passed away at the age of 70 years. He was well-known throughout Lancashire and Yorkshire, as well as the Cheshire districts. He had been a ringer at Hyde for 57 years, and was one of the old band which used to compete in the prize ringing contests in these three counties in the '80's and 90's of last century.

Mr. George Wilson, of Leiston, who has just rung his 200th peal, includes no fewer than 140 Surprise peals in his list, including the 'first ever' in no fewer than eight methods. But he has not yet rung a peal of Grandsire Triples away from the tenor!

Four ladies took part in a peal of Bob Major at Handsworth, Yorkshire, on Saturday, one of them, Miss Lucy Kelly, ringing her first peal. It was also the first peal of James Knowles. These two young ringers only took up ringing in April last. There is a lot of keenness at Handsworth, and Mr. Fred Watkinson seems to have got the right material for the making of an excellent band.

The meeting of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, which was to have been held at Weston Favell to-morrow, has been cancelled owing to the illness of the Rector.

There are now several ringers in the country handicapped by having only one arm; and it is really wonderful how they overcome the disability. Last week Mr. Frederick Hannington, of Cardiff, who lost an arm as the result of a railway accident some years ago, rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Caters, and rang it well.

The report of a peal of Bob Major for the Herts Association, and conducted by Sidney Carter, has been sent without the name of the place where it was rung being given.

FABIAN STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I wish to thank Mr. Trollope for giving the correct date (1677) for Stedman's stewardship of the College Youths, and to express my regret for having given a wrong one. I had not for many years looked at what I wrote to 'The Bell News' about Stedman until I read it before writing to you last June, and on doing so I noticed the date 1667, which seemed to me doubtful. On consideration I thought it should be 1677, but I also thought that, after so long an interval of time, some investigation would be wise, and so in writing to you not wishing to risk a wrong date, I did not mention the stewardship. I now have little doubt that I turned to Mr. Snowdon's book and took the date I found there without further thought.

Mr. Trollope's suggestion of a later date for Stedman's birth is interesting, and gives a new starting point for searchers. He has made such a study of the subject that what he says about age in connection with the writings calls for respectful attention. But I don't think the later birth year has much bearing on the question of an official appointment. Under the old system, which lasted till our modern Civil Service arrangements, age was nothing, patronage everything. For instance, when lately reading a volume of letters written by various people to Sir Walter Scott, I noticed in one from his son-in-law, Lockhart, an account of obtaining a place in a Government office for a man who was about seventy years old. This may be rather an extreme case, but it seems at least to show that ten years more or less in middle life would not be a matter of much account.

Mr. Trollope has lately had much to say about the College Youths. Perhaps I may submit to you some observations on some of it.

R. A. DANIELL.

NEW YEAR BROADCAST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Most of your readers were doubtless better occupied than 'listening in' at the change of the year, but a few will have heard the 'Epilogue' of the B.B.C. In broadcasting Westminster Abbey bells at midnight the B.B.C. were acting in exact accord with the wish of the Central Council as expressed at their meeting in 1927. I venture to urge very strongly that all members of the Council write a short note or a postcard to the B.B.C. (Savoy Hill, Strand, W.C.2), signifying their cordial appreciation of this broadcast, whether they happen to have heard it or not. The alternation of the organ and the bells produced a very fine effect. It is most necessary that we ringers do any little thing in our power to encourage the broadcasting of real ringing.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

A FAMILY OF RINGERS.

A quarter-peal of Minor (being 720 of Oxford, 360 of Kent Treble Bob, and 180 Bob Minor) was rung at Donington, Lincs, on Sunday afternoon, December 27th, as a compliment to Mr. Herbert Woods, sen., who recently completed 30 years as verger and fifty years as a ringer at this church: Herbert Woods, sen. (conductor) 1, J. Pearson 2, J. T. Stafford 3, S. V. Woods 4, C. G. Woods 5, P.C. Herbert R. Woods 6.

The ringers at Donington Church during the day included Mr. H. Woods and his five sons, Cyril, Stanley, Reginald, Claude and Archibald.

BIG BRISTOL PARTY.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT UNITED GUILDS' DINNER.

BELLS WITHOUT RINGERS.

The entertainment of the visitors to Bristol for the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' annual dinner, always of a comprehensive style, provided an afternoon and evening full of interest last Saturday. Apart from the ringing that took place at many of the city towers, there was an organised visit to the Zoological Gardens, where a large party was conducted on an instructive tour by the head keeper. The gardens contain a representative collection of animals and birds and an aquarium as well, and the visitors thoroughly enjoyed the inspection, illuminated as it was by the knowledgeable information imparted by the guide. Tea was served in St. Thomas' School, and in the evening a company of nearly 200 assembled at the Grand Hotel, where dinner was served in the handsome ballroom. Mr. H. B. Burt, retiring chairman of the United Guilds, presided, supported by Mrs. Burt, the Rev. J. M. D. Stancomb (Vicar of St. Nicholas'), the Rev. M. Paterson (Vicar of St. Thomas'), Capt. W. Linter, C.A., Bath, Mr. C. W. England (churchwarden of St. Stephen's) and Mrs. England, Mr. and Mrs. C. Spurrier (St. Thomas'), Mr. and Mrs. Heseltine, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. U. W. Braven (vice-chairman of the Guilds), Mrs. Braven, etc. Among the visitors also were Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Mr. J. J. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin (Coventry), Mr. F. W. Perrens (Coventry), Mr. J. Preston (Erdington), Messrs. G. H. Swann, H. H. Fearn, G. E. Fearn, C. H. Stanley, and Miss O. M. Sanders (Birmingham), Messrs. J. Holman, S. Palmer and H. Bower (Sheffield), Colin Harrison (representing Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough), N. Treggett (Exeter), J. H. Shepherd, H. W. Bishop and S. H. Hopper (Swindon), Miss N. G. Williams, Messrs. W. J. Prescott, T. H. King, F. C. Rich (Bath), Miss I. Hastie (Guildford), Messrs. C. H. Jennings, E. E. Jennings and Miss Jennings (Weymouth), G. Briggs (Rotherham), J. A. Dart (London), J. Thomas (Edmonton), etc. All the Bristol Guilds were well represented, among them being the oldest and youngest Bristol ringers, Mr. Richard Channings, of St. Thomas', aged 78, and Master Lionel Burt (son of the chairman), aged 11. There was also a large contingent from Gloucester headed by Mr. John Austin, and, in addition, ringers from Wrington, Castle Cary and Barnwood. After a splendid dinner, the toast of 'The King' was honoured.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said they had met that night in a spirit of brotherhood, whose one great object was to promote interest in and the improvement of the particular work of the Church which they, as ringers, represented. The Church had always stood for all that was loyal and true in the lives of everyone. It was a great heritage, of which they should all be proud, and it was their duty as churchmen to serve and help her in every possible way. In whatever work they were taking part they must be loyal, true and earnest, whether it be in the tower, or as sidesmen, churchwardens, in choir or on the Parochial Church Council, all aiming at unity one with another. Then, he was sure, they would find the Church a real blessing to all, morally, socially and spiritually.

BELLS, BUT NO RINGERS.

The Rev. J. M. D. Stancomb responded to the toast. He said he had been unlucky in the two great churches with which he had been connected, for in both cases there had been magnificent bells but no ringers ('Shame'). The first was the Cathedral. It might be news to some of them that there were some fine bells in that magnificent old tower of the Cathedral, and he hoped some means or other might be found to restore that wonderful old eleventh-century tower, so that the bells in it might once again be released for use (hear, hear). In the case of his own Church of St. Nicholas, he was told they possessed one of the finest peals of ten in the West, and it was all the greater to his regret that they had no regular band of ringers. He expressed his gratitude to the ringers of other churches who from time to time came to ring the bells of St. Nicholas'. Proceeding, he said he wondered if they all realised the privilege theirs was to carry on such an ancient institution as the ringing of the bells. He was proud to call himself the only parson member of the 'Antient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers.' Unfortunately, it did not necessarily mean that any member of that ancient Guild should now be a ringer. The original charter of the Guild contained a long list of very detailed ordinances, or rules, and was extremely interesting. There was one which stated that if any member should be so rude as to take a rope before the Master he should be fined twopence. If he should be so careless as to come into the church before kneeling down in prayer he should also pay a fine of twopence. There were many other rules, and he mentioned this to show that as far back as the date of this charter in 1620 the art and craft of ringing was very highly organised. Ringing, he was sure they would appreciate, had many excellent lessons, and, indeed, Christian virtues, to teach. Nobody could be a good ringer without being full of patience and perseverance and loyalty in the sense of team work. No ringer could get on unless he realised that he must expect no reward except by his own merit; it was by his own efforts that he must make progress. He mentioned that particularly because it was a lesson which was so necessary in all walks of life to-day. Some people wanted, indeed, some even demanded, something for nothing. Nobody should expect, least of all demand, any reward unless it was merited. In the case of the ringers they felt they had their reward in the results of the patience, perseverance and skill which they exercised, and in the fellowship of their Guilds and of their bands. From this point of view the Church wished to support and encourage them in every possible way, and he was sure he was voicing the view of the general body of clerical opinion when he said he hoped the day might be long distant when the art and skill of ringing church bells should be allowed to drop into disuse (applause).

JAMES HINTON'S GREAT WORK.

Mr. Albert Walker submitted the toast of 'Continued prosperity to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and Bristol United Ringing Guilds.' He had known the association since 1896, when he first visited St. Stephen's, where there was a very good company, due to the energies of Mr. James Hinton. He was one of the finest fellows it was possible to meet, and among those who, by their efforts in the past, enabled the Gloucester and Bristol Association to stand where it did to-day, was James Hinton. He personally owed something to James Hinton, for during his stay of a month in Bristol he was able to ring his first touches of Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal and Grandsire Cinques. In Birmingham they took a special pride in the late Mr. Hinton, for he was a contemporary of Henry Johnson, and on one occasion they rang together for five hours for a peal. The peal proved false, but there was no tablet up for that (laughter). James Hinton was a Worcestershire man, and it was interesting to recall some of the things that he did for the Gloucester and Bristol Association. He conducted the first peal for the association in 1889. He conducted the then record peal of Grandsire Major in 1890, the first peal of Grandsire Caters for the association in 1895, of Treble Bob Major in 1897, and two peals of Stedman Caters in February and March, 1897. He conducted the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major in 1899, and the first peal of Caters on handbells for the association in 1902. He conducted his last peal on April 13th, 1903. He (Mr. Walker) heard one of the peals of Stedman Caters which he had referred to, and while they were listening a woman came up and asked where the fire was (laughter). When they told Mr. Hinton of the incident, he said it was because of the two 'beautiful' trebles they had at St. Stephen's, which sounded like two bricks thrown at the tower wall (laughter). James Hinton did a great work for advancing the art of ringing in Bristol, and he passed to his rest in 1910. The minute books of the association recorded his valuable work, and on the stone over his grave in Greenbank cemetery they could read a tribute to his services to ringing. Referring to the work of the association, Mr. Walker said he was informed that during the past twelve months it had been very satisfactory, and this was owing very largely to the excellent work of the branch secretaries. There was no finer body of workers than the branch officials of the association, the main object of which was to promote Sunday service ringing. The Bristol United Ringing Guilds were carrying on in very substantial form, as they could see from the gathering that night. He congratulated Bristol on having that day got yet another peal of bells, but he hoped that some day something might be done at the Cathedral worthy of the mother church of the diocese. The Cathedral ought to have a splendid peal of bells, and they could rest assured that anything that the bell founders did would strengthen the tower. He hoped the Cathedral authorities would soon set about the task (applause). In the absence of the Master of the association (the Rev. E. S. Saleby), through indisposition, Mr. Walker coupled with the toast the name of the Bristol Branch secretary, Mr. F. Skidmore.



MR. H. B. BURT,
Chairman of the B.U.R.G.

Mr. Skidmore, in responding, expressed the regret of the gathering at the absence of the Master, and extended to him their best wishes for his speedy recovery. He endorsed all that Mr. Walker had said with regard to Mr. James Hinton. He did a great deal of 'spade work' in Bristol to promote the art of ringing, and they 'took off their hats' to such gentlemen, and only wished there were more about to-day like him. It was a matter of regret that they had several beautiful and ringable peals of bells in Bristol without ringers. They were doing their best to put this unfortunate position right, and he earnestly appealed to all incumbents who were fortunate enough to have a peal of bells to get their various organisations interested in ringing and hand over likely recruits to any of the Guilds, who would be only too pleased to utilise the available material to fill the vacant towers. With regard to the unfortunate happening at Painswick, which had caused so much controversy throughout the Exercise, he was pleased to say that another attempt was to be made for a record peal on Easter Monday, with as nearly the same band as possible, and he trusted they would meet with success. The composition had been moved by two eminent members of the Exercise. The speaker went on to refer to the proposed memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies (reported elsewhere), and added that the association had had a fairly successful year. The membership was increasing, which was a good sign. With reference to the B.U.R.G., there was nothing which he need add—that gathering spoke for itself. In conclusion, Mr. Skidmore thanked the various incumbents who had that day placed their bells at the disposal of the ringers, specially mentioning the Rev. M. Paterson, who was at all times willing to do anything in the interest of ringers.

A PROBLEM SOLVED.

The Rev. M. Paterson said that was the ninth dinner of the B.U.R.G. which he had attended. When he came to the first he knew very little about bells, bellringing or bellringers. He now knew a little about bellringing, he knew a certain amount about bells, and he knew a very great deal about bellringers (laughter). During that time he had come into contact with certain problems connected with bellringers and their work. There were many points on which he would like to speak, if he had time, such as the relationship of the Vicar to the bellringers who did not attend the services (laughter), but he would leave that alone (laughter). He would rather speak about the problem they had tackled and, he believed, solved successfully at St. Thomas', and that was, 'Who is the master in the tower?' By law, undoubtedly the Vicar; but what about in fact? Was it the Vicar, was it the steeplekeeper, was it the captain, or was it the bellringers? At St. Thomas' they had faced that question, and they had answered it to their own satisfaction. In law, in fact and by the unanimous wish of the ringers, there was in the tower of St. Thomas' one supreme authority and one only, and that was the Vicar (hear, hear). He had documentary proof of this. At Christmas time they exchanged greetings. The first one he received from the ringers was worded in this way: 'To the Vicar of St. Thomas' from the ringers.' Last Christmas it was worded: 'To our Vicar from his ringers' (hear, hear). Usually, said the Vicar, they threw their Christmas cards away, but that last card he had placed in a drawer with some of the objects which he most cherished and valued. The speaker went on to explain how satisfactorily the arrangement worked, and to show that it was neither autocratic on his part, nor weak-kneed acquiescence on the part of the ringers. He added that he very much appreciated the kindness and courtesy which he received from the rank and file of the ringers, and said he was only too happy to do anything to further their objects (applause).

Mr. U. Braven submitted 'The visitors,' remarking how pleased they were to see so many old faces in the gathering that night; some of them, indeed, had become almost 'hardy annuals.' One wondered sometimes, said the speaker, whether they were losing some of that brotherly spirit which used to exist? They had seen a lot of cross-criticism and some bickering. There was only one remedy if they were to foster the true spirit of brotherhood, and that was to 'cut it out.' He was not sure they were not beginning to treat some of their Guilds as if they were trades unions, for they said to young ringers, 'You must join the association; you must join this and do that.' He thought it was time they abandoned this attitude. If they did there might not be so many depleted bands in the towers of this country.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who first replied, said he came prepared to speak for the 'irresponsibles,' but found he had to respond for the 'hardy annuals' (laughter). They had thoroughly enjoyed the fruits of the labours of the Guild's officers and the indefatigable energy of Mr. Guise and his assistants, who had provided them with a veritable feast of entertainment. He congratulated the officers and Mr. Guise upon the excellent work they had done in bringing out another edition of the 'Ringers' Directory.' There was another innovation which appeared to have taken place that day; he referred to the dedication of a new peal of bells to celebrate their eleventh annual dinner. He did not know if they proposed to make this a yearly custom (laughter). If Mr. Albert Walker went to hear the bells he did not know whether he would say they were like eight bricks thrown up at the window. He trusted not (laughter). Mr. Johnston concluded by thanking the Bristol ringers for their hospitality, and hoped that when they organised the dinner they would not forget to ask them again.

Mr. Colin Harrison also replied, and in thanking the B.U.R.G. for the manner in which the visitors had been entertained, said he knew of no other association that took as much trouble to look after the welfare of the visitors.

MORE MONEY NEEDED FOR STEDMAN MEMORIAL.

Mr. Skidmore proposed 'The Ringing World,' and paid a tribute to the work which the Editor did for the Exercise. He referred specially to the scheme originated through 'The Ringing World' for the celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary and the restoration of St. Benedict's bells.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who replied, said it had been found that the extra work that had been involved in the restoration of the tower of St. Benedict's Church had been more costly than had been anticipated, and in consequence further money would be required to complete the scheme. A statement would shortly be issued, but in the meantime there were, perhaps, ringers who had not yet subscribed who would like to add their contributions to meet the additional amount which it was found necessary to raise.

The concluding toast was that of 'The artistes,' proposed by Mr. W. H. Thomas, and responded to by Mr. C. Read and Mr. W. S. Emery.

During dinner a very pleasing programme of incidental music was performed by Mrs. Hunter, Miss Kendall and Mr. C. Read, while the subsequent entertainment was of the generous character for which the Bristol Guild's function has become celebrated. For the plethora of talent with which the company is regaled, Mr. Emery is largely responsible. Some delightful part-songs and glees were sung by 'The Harmony Four' (Messrs. P. G. Woodland, F. H. Mason, M. Hook and E. J. Porter), Miss Vida Short rendered vocal items, while the 'Fairy' (Miss Clark) and the 'Demon' (Mr. Reeves), from the pantomime, 'Jack and the Beanstalk,' at the Royal Theatre, kindly made a flying visit and entertained the company with songs, as did also Mr. Johnny Barlow. The Rev. C. A. W. Girling contributed a novel and much appreciated item in a 'saw' solo, in which he produced unexpected music in a masterly style from this commonplace tool. An extremely amusing 'turn' was given by Mr. Harold H. Poole, M.B.S.M., who drew lightning cartoons to the accompaniment of a running patter. The handbell music was supplied by St. Thomas' Guild of Handbell Ringers, and an excellent course of Stedman Cinques was rung by Messrs. C. Harrison, F. Perrens, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, F. E. Pervin and S. Palmer.

The splendid arrangements which characterised the whole proceedings were carried out by a committee consisting of the chairman and vice-chairman, the pro. vice-chairman (Mr. F. Skidmore), Miss E. Smith, Mrs. F. G. Leaker, Messrs. F. G. Leaker, J. G. Jeffries, J. Gould, W. Knight, W. Thomas, H. Way (stewards), J. Burford, H. Bennett, H. Pring, W. G. Emery, F. Jewell, R. Seager, and P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), while Mr. Edgar Guise, with all his enthusiasm and organising ability, discharged the duties of hon. secretary.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcock, of Mytholmroyd, Yorkshire, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday week. In honour of the event, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, Mr. Wilcock taking part. He has been a ringer at St. Michael's, Mytholmroyd, for a period of 57 years, during the whole of which time he has been most regular in attending to his duties.

After the quarter-peal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcock entertained the ringers to dinner. During the evening, Mr. Marsland (the secretary), after a short speech of congratulation, called upon Mr. J. Grave, who also started ringing at the same time as Mr. Wilcock, to make a presentation on behalf of the ringers, which he did.

The Vicar, the Rev. O. D. Harvey, proposed a toast to Mr. and Mrs. Wilcock, and expressed the hope that they would be spared to continue their good work for the Church and celebrate their diamond wedding. Before the party closed, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcock were heartily thanked for their hospitality, and in reply Mr. Wilcock thanked the ringers for their present and the pleasure of their company.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A most successful annual meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch was held at Topsham on January 9th. Notwithstanding very unfavourable weather, there was an attendance of nearly fifty, and the bells were kept going from 3 p.m. onwards with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Kent and Plain Bob Minor. In the absence of the Vicar, the Guild office was read by the president (Rev. E. S. Powell), and an inspiring address on fellowship given by Rev. E. A. Jullyan, the chairman of the branch.

At the business meeting, a report was read on behalf of Mrs. Powell (secretary), who was absent owing to an attack of influenza, in which it was stated that the membership had increased by two hon. members and nine performing members. Two peals had been rung for the branch during the year.

Two officers were re-elected, and the next meeting fixed for Honiton Clyst on April 9th.

PROPOSED NATIONAL MEMORIAL.

SCHEME TO COMMEMORATE THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

A proposal to provide a national memorial to the late Rev. Charles Douglas Percy Davies, one of the greatest figures in the Exercise of the last sixty years, and one of the most charming personalities that have ever graced our art, has been made by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of which he was one of the founders, and is certain to be received with approval everywhere.

There have been few men in the history of ringing who have done so much for the real advancement of the art as the late Mr. Davies. He collaborated with Jasper Snowdon in his work on 'Grandsire'; he was largely responsible for the 'Stedman' and 'Surprise methods' of the same series; his investigations placed him in the forefront of those who have contributed to the science, while his services for twenty years as hon. secretary of the Council were a valuable contribution to the welfare of the Exercise as well as the promotion of the art.

Mr. Davies was a Gloucestershire man; his father was Vicar of Tewkesbury. He held a Gloucestershire living for many years, and on retiring from active ministerial work retired to live in Tewkesbury, and he is buried beneath the shadow of the grand old abbey. There is, therefore, no more fitting place in which to commemorate his life and work than in the magnificent old building which was, perhaps, dearer to him than any other in the world.

The memorial scheme includes the addition of two treble bells to make a ring of twelve at the Abbey, the renovation of a chapel, the window of which was erected to the memory of Canon C. G. Davies, his father. The approximate cost is £250.

The proposal was referred to on Saturday at the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' annual dinner, when Mr. F. Skidmore, responding, in the absence of the Master, to the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' said at a meeting of the special committee appointed for the purpose it was unanimously decided that a memorial, national in character, should be provided to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, to take the form of two additional bells to the existing peal of ten at Tewkesbury Abbey, and provide a fund for the renovation of a chapel at the Abbey. The Gloucester and Bristol Association hoped and was optimistic enough to believe that it would raise £150 of the £250 required for the purpose, and trusted that a national subscription would realise the balance of £100. He felt sure that they could look to 'The Ringing World' to help them in this direction, and that the appeal would meet with a generous response, so that they might fittingly commemorate one who did so much for the Exercise generally.

Speaking at a later stage of the proceedings, the Editor of 'The Ringing World' promised that any help which this journal could afford to the scheme would be readily given.

The appeal will shortly be issued by the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Although the weather was not very inviting, a goodly number of members turned out on Saturday, January 9th, to a quarterly meeting held at Wood Green.

The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major. A short service was held in church, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Stokes), followed by a capital tea in the Parish Hall, with which between 30 and 40 members regaled themselves. At the committee meeting, held previously, the question arose as to the advisability of purchasing a copy of Mr. E. Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' but was deferred to the annual meeting.

Six new members were enrolled, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hearty invitation, the use of the bells, etc., to the organist for his kindly assistance, to the steeplekeeper and to the ladies who assisted at the tea tables, was received with applause.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to be held at Pattingham on Saturday, April 9th.

DATE TOUCHES.

At Wanstead, Essex, on Tuesday, January 12th, in 1 hour 8 mins., a date touch of Bob Minor (1,932 changes): B. Petty 1, A. Petty 2, Miss A. Petty 3, C. Petty 4, J. Petty 5, J. H. Crampion (conductor) 6. Longest length by all except ringers of 4th and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Petty.

At Greenstead Green, Essex, on Saturday, January 16th, in 1 hour 9 mins., a date touch (1932 changes) in the following methods: 192 changes Double Court, 300 Bob Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Ridgwell 1, F. Claydon 2, W. Burst 3, A. Saunders 4, J. French 5, W. Arnold 6. Arranged and conducted by J. French.

ANOTHER PEAL OF BELLS FOR BRISTOL

DEDICATION OF A NEW RING AT KNOWLE.

By the benefaction of the late Mr. Edward Feltham, the tower at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle, Bristol, has been completed, a peal of eight bells installed, and a clock erected. Mr. Feltham was a churchwarden at Holy Nativity in 1874, and the gift which has been made under his will is in memory of the late Rev. Robert James Ives, priest-in-charge of the parish from 1874 to 1883. The bells, which have a tenor of 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G, and clock have been installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have skilfully carried out a job that required no little ingenuity. The tower is only nine feet square internally, and the bells have been packed in in two tiers. They are, of course, equipped in the most modern style, and are a very tuneful ring which go like the proverbial tops. The ringing chamber is, perforce, small, with little room for more than the eight ringers, but a small library cupboard has been provided, which already contains all the standard text-books on ringing, and will soon, it is hoped, receive other volumes. Mr. W. A. Cave is instructing a young band of ringers, largely recruited from the church troop of Scouts.



BRISTOL'S NEW BELFRY.

The dedication of the tower and bells took place on Saturday, and was a great parochial festival. The proceedings began with a luncheon in the Parochial Hall, when among the guests were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bristol (Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Inskip), the Sheriff and Mrs. Gange, the Lord Bishop of Bristol, the Archdeacon of Bristol, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, and a representative assembly of Bristol citizens, the gathering being presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. L. Wynne.

The company stood in silence for a few moments to 'The memory of Mr. Edward Feltham and other benefactors,' and afterwards the toasts of 'The Lord Mayor of Bristol' and 'The Lord Bishop of Bristol' were honoured.

The Bishop, in reply to the latter toast, said he was very grateful to be able to take some part on that auspicious occasion. He was pleased to see that the civic life of the city was represented there that day by the Lord Mayor, for religion, he said, lies at the very root of all true citizenship. He referred to the fact that all schools of thought in the Church were represented there, as were also Free Churchmen. In these days of difficulty there was a vital need for real fellowship and real enterprise in Christian incentive, and he hoped that as the bells rang out this would be their message.

The great church was crowded for the impressive dedication service in the afternoon, and many people were unable to gain admission. There must have been at least 200 waiting outside to hear the first sounds of the bells. About 30 surpliced clergy attended.

After the singing of the hymn, 'Lifter high within the steeple,' the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens, proceeded to the tower. The Vicar first unveiled the memorial tablet which bore the inscription: 'This tower was completed in the year 1931 by benefaction under the will of the late Edward Feltham, in memory of the Rev. Robert James Ives, priest-in-charge of this parish, 1874-1883.'

The Bishop then dedicated the tower and bells, and as he returned to the chancel a short touch was rung by a representative band of Bristol ringers: Messrs. H. Pring (St. Mary Redcliffe), W. A. Cave (Holy Nativity), R. Clark (Clifton), A. Peafee (St. James'), W. Stowell (Brislington), U. W. Braven (St. Luke's), A. E. Reeves (St. Stephen's), and E. J. Brown (St. Philip's).

EXAMPLE AND ASSURANCE.

The Bishop in the course of his address said that there were two lessons that stood out prominently in that service. They were example and assurance. This was a gift which was the outcome of a man's devotion to his church and its worshippers. In these days, when there was, alas, a lessening hold in many directions upon organised religion, he by his gift had given back the splendid tradition of the past centuries. Up and down the land there were churches which had been built to the glory of God by the self-sacrifice and devotion of men and women of old times, churches which witnessed to the devotion they felt and which inspired them to do this. If they valued what had been handed down to them they must exemplify that example in their own lives. These gifts were incentives to service and devotion. The bells conveyed to them the lesson of assurance and were intended to direct their thoughts to those things which were simplest and sanctified. The tower and bells pointed to the unshaken foundation on which their faith stood, and in a surging and upset world led them in spirit to higher things. The bells were symbols of the unseen and of that which was eternal. These bells, when they sounded, would summon them to faith, service, and worship—all factors that made for true values in human life.

At the conclusion of the service a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the ringers who had opened the bells, and afterwards touches were rung by visiting ringers, one band consisting entirely of ladies. The ringing arrangements were made by Mr. W. A. Cave, and afterwards the ringers were entertained to tea. All who heard and tried the bells were highly pleased with the work done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. 'They are a delightful ring of excellent tonal quality, fully upholding the reputation of the Croydon Foundry.

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Souvenir booklets of the Stedman Tercentenary can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, price 8d. post free.

Souvenir ash trays, made from oak from St. Benedict's tower, price 2s. 3d. post free, from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. C. Faulkner (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Sparrow 2, S. J. Holgate (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, E. Moore 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, R. Fenn 6, E. G. Cottis 7, E. Lucas 8.

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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 the 28th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, a good attendance is requested.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church House.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at Bloomfield's Restaurant at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting following in Scouts' Hall, Ledbury Road. All are heartily welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Fylde, Preston, Blackburn, Wigan and Lancaster Branches will be held at Lytham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells), St. John's, Lytham (6 bells), St. Peter's R.C., Lytham (6 bells) and Ansdell R.C. (8 bells) will be at liberty from 2 p.m. Service in St. Cuthbert's at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. Sharples, 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. 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.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. — The annual meeting of the Guild will take place in London on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing: St. George's, Borough High Street (8), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square (12), 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Hot luncheon at 'A.B.C.' Cafe, 188, Strand (opposite St. Clement Danes'), at 1.30 p.m. Meeting for the election of officers and other Guild business at New Scotland Yard at 5.45 p.m. Social evening will be arranged. It is hoped that all members and prospective members will make every effort to attend.—Harold J. Poole, Det. Sergt.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — T. Grant, Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Jan. 23rd. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in church. Tea and business meeting at The Welcome after. May we hope for a good attendance?—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Algakirk on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting directly afterwards. All ringers cordially invited.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged on Saturday. Jan. 23rd. Committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. at address below. Stoke Poges bells available at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., in Johnson's Café, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Turner's Hill, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Parish Room, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. 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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Hinckley to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea obtainable at moderate charge. A good meeting is requested.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Important Notice.—The meeting arranged to be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, is cancelled indefinitely, owing to the illness of the Rector. — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing at St. Dunstan-in-the-East from 2.30 to 3.45, and Whitechapel 4.15 to 5. Service, tea and meeting at Whitechapel 5 p.m. Tea is being provided by the Rector. Please note the altered ringing arrangements. Visitors heartily welcome.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester (near L.M.S. Station) (bells 10), on Monday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 7.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All outstanding subscriptions can be paid at this meeting. Members, please note, subscriptions will be raised from 1s. to 1s. 6d., commencing January, 1932, with a report free. Please turn up and make it a good meeting.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Visitors welcomed. Numbers for tea by Jan. 27th, please, to D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea at Ayers' Café or S. Nicolas' Hall at 5.30. Business meeting in the hall. Please let me have numbers for tea by Jan. 25th. — G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. and E. District. — Annual meeting at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45. Meeting to follow. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Please advise me for tea by 27th inst.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Sidbury on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Meeting 5.30. Bells available: Sidbury (6), Sidmouth (8), Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers welcome. — John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and the annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 26th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at Rainham, by kind permission of the Vicar. Tower opened at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea served in the Church Hall, generously provided by the Church Council. Please notify me of your intention to be present at tea not later than Tuesday, Jan. 26th. Subscriptions for the current year are now due.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Norbury (Hazel Grove) on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. For tea please notify Mr. W. Fernley, Bosden Hall Cottage, Hazel Grove, not later than Tuesday, Jan. 26th. — T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. The bells (6) will be available until 7.30 p.m. St. Botolph's from 6 to 9 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. McGuiness, 56, Moorland Avenue, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 27th? — Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet, Lincs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banbury (St. Mary's, 10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Please send card for tea by Tuesday, 26th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 30th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than the previous Thursday? — J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) ready early. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

WHITFIELD PARISH CHURCH, GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE. — Re-opening of bells (8) after recasting and rehanging by Gillett and Johnston, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 3 p.m. All ringers invited. Those requiring tea should notify by Thursday, Jan. 28th, Mr. Eli Garside, Sec., Knowle House, Wood Street, Glossop.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Watermoor bells open at 3 o'clock. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 5 o'clock. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock. Parish Church bells open after service. Will those who intend being present kindly let me know by 26th? All ringers welcome.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, Jan. 30th. St. Ignatius' and Bishopwearmouth bells available. Meet Bishopwearmouth Church at 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in St. Ignatius' Institute. Those requiring same please write Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, not later than Jan. 28th. All are welcome and, please, make this, the first meeting this year, a success by rallying round.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS. — The ring of 6 bells restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be rededicated on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 3 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The general quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.30; tea, followed by general meeting, 5 p.m.; all at the Old Wine Vaults, East Street (near church). Tea, 1s. 9d. per head, only reserved for those who notify Mr. E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston, not later than 28th. Frequent bus service from Nottingham and Derby.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Annual branch meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea (names, please!), followed by meeting 5.15.—Nolan Golden, Hon. Branch Sec., 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — The annual general district meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, at the Six Bells Inn, at 6d. per head. Business meeting after tea. All those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 27th. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 5.45, in St. Chad's Room, followed by meeting and further ringing. Please send numbers for tea before the 25th to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dorchester on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available from 3.45 p.m.; also Charminster and Fordington from 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. James', Rusholme, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance requested.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at the church of SS. Philip and Jacob. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify by the 25th if you are coming.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Shaw (1 mile from Newbury) on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. Owen, 1, Love Lane, Donnington, Newbury, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 27th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (provided by the Vicar) and business meeting to follow. It is imperative that those requiring tea should notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 25th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church Room. Business meeting to follow. Election of officers for ensuing year. All ringers who intend to have tea must let me know certain on Wednesday, Jan. 27th. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers are invited.

WATFORD, Saturday, Feb. 6th. — Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Ringing after till 8.30. Travel by road or rail or any old way, but come.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The rings of 10 and 8 at St. Giles' and All Saints' respectively will be available: from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the case of St. Giles' and from 2 p.m. onward at All Saints'. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d., and application for same must be made to reach Mr. H. Walters, 8, Elm Terrace, Newgate, Pontefract, not later than first post February 3rd. Nominations are invited for the post of honorary general secretary of the association, as the undersigned is not seeking re-election.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Canterbury Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8) and St. Alphege (6) bells available. Ringers are asked to attend Cathedral service at 3 o'clock. Tea (free), at Gaywood's Rooms, 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due and should be paid at this meeting. Tea only for those who notify me on or before Thursday, Feb. 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thorverton on Feb. 6th. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Feb. 1st. — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Felsted on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday morning, Feb. 3rd?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth (10 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please send a p.c. by the 4th?—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The bells of St. James' (6, tenor 12 cwt.) will be available at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30., and tea in the Church Institute at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. T. Symm, Newton, Stocksfield, not later than the 4th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

BADBY, NEAR DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by Taylors, of Loughborough, on Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 2.30 p.m.

YAXLEY, NEAR PETERBOROUGH. — Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely on Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—In order to follow usual procedure of holding annual meeting on second Saturday in February each year, it has now been made possible for this to be held on Feb. 13th, subject to slight curtailment of ringing, owing to such date falling in Lent this year. Ringing will therefore take place at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', 3.45 to 4.45 p.m.; service in St. Clement Danes', 4.45; tea at Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, 5.30 p.m.; business meeting in Parish Hall, 6.30 p.m. Please make widely known. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

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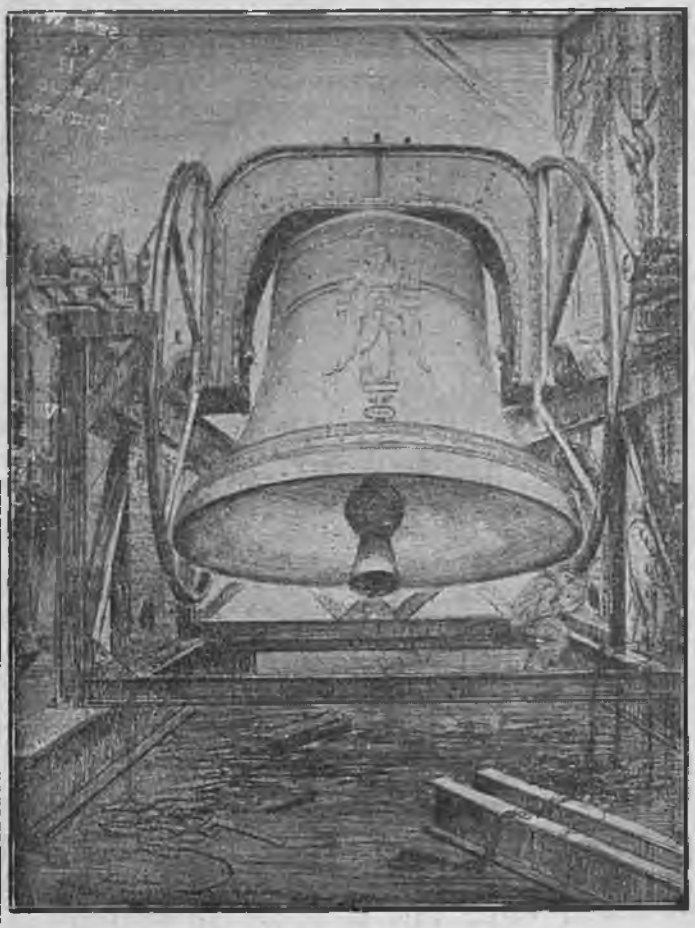

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There have been few men in the Exercise in the last half-century who were greater figures in the "national" sense than the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. In the realm of ringing he sought no personal triumphs; he devoted his great talents to extending our knowledge of ringing, to advancing and uplifting the art. In the days when composing was largely a hit-or-miss affair, he scientifically investigated the problems with which composers were confronted, particularly in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and in conjunction with such men as Professor Thompson, Sir Arthur Heywood and the Rev. H. Earle Bulmer, blazed the trails through the jungle which had rendered earlier progress difficult and uncertain. Composers of to-day have had their burdens lightened and their paths made easy by the labours of these men fifty years ago, and Mr. Davies was among the greatest of them. Mr. Davies' most exacting work for the advancement of ringing was done before many of the present generation of ringers were born, and they do not, perhaps, fully realise the part he played in that revival of interest in and expansion of knowledge of the art which began about sixty years ago.

We have said nothing here of Mr. Davies' labours to the Exercise in other directions, his discharge for twenty years of the secretarial duties of the Central Council; of his services at other times to the Sussex County Association and the Winchester Diocesan Guild; of his earlier work as editor of the ringing columns of "Church Bells," in the days when those who desired to see church bell-

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES ... ...*Treble*	FRANK WEST 7
RALPH COLES 2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 8
GEORGE HINTON 3	RICHARD A. POST... 9
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	P.S. CECIL A. SMITH 10
*FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... 11
GEORGE WHITE 6	DONALD BOREHAM ... ...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on twelve bells. Arranged for ringers of 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th, who are members of Christ Church Cathedral company, Oxford. Capt. Freeborn hails from Chalfont. The rest are members of the local band.

TEN BELL PEALS

OLDHAM, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, January 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

*GEORGE BARLOW ... ...*Treble*	VERNON SYKES 6
†MISS MARIE SYKES 2	ROBERT GREENWOOD 7
JAMES LEES... 3	CHARLES H. MARSLAND ... 8
*OGDEN MOORES 4	HERBERT BARLOW 9
ELIJAH GEARY 5	ALFRED WAITES ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by R. GREENWOOD.

* First peal of Caters and first attempt. † First peal of Caters 'inside' and first attempt. G. Barlow and H. Barlow are from Glodwick, O. Moores from Leesfield; all the others are service ringers at the above church. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Sykes, who was 21 on January 7th.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*NOLAN F. GOLDEN ... ...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	*ARTHUR G. BASON 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 8
GEORGE MAYERS 4	*EDWIN R. GOATE 9
GEORGE HOWCHIN 5	WILLIAM CLOVER ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, also first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on the bells.

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On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOPER ...	...*Treble*	†FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER...	7
*HERBERT T. PIPER	3	THOMAS J. ELTON	8
JOHN C. ADAMS	4	BERT HORTON	9
†ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	5	*HARRY BOSWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.
* First 'touch' of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. The 50th peal rung together by A. Greenfield and H. Boswell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HUNSDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR WREN	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	5
ARTHUR REDDINGTON	2	SIDNEY CARTER	6
JOHN SUCKLING	3	BARNARD PATMORE	7
MISS ELLEN CHITTY	4	JOHN WELCH...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW	...*Treble*	OLIVER GREATHEAD	5
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL ...	2	ARNOLD HAIGH	6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY	7
JOHN R. BREARLEY	4	J. HENRY CHARLESWORTH	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.
Rung after the induction by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield of the Rev. Norman Peacock as Vicar of Bolsterstone with Deepcar.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE TEN-PART, No. 5.
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	MAURICE SWINFIELD	5
JOSEPH BAILEY	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
CHARLES DRAPER	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ...	4	CHARLES GEARY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Bailey, one of the local ringers, also in honour of the birth of a daughter on the 11th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, Birmingham. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains 420 bobs and 98 singles, and contains all the 6-7's at backstroke.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. DARKE ...	...*Treble*	*BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ...	5
ALFRED G. HILL	2	†LIONEL J. CULLUM	6
*E. CHARLES PATTEN	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	4	*OSCAR ROBINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM
* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a farewell to the Rev. K. Barnes, M.A., who has just left this church to take up duties as curate at St. John's, Eltham

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, January 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*WALTER J. LEMON ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	4	*WILLIAM E. BOND ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
* First attempt for a peal.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5728 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PALMER ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK A. ADAMS	5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	2	WILLIAM H. TURTON	6
JOHN P. TARLTON	3	WILLIAM BIGGIN	7
PERCY J. JERVIS	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
This peal in eight parts contains the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's place, without the 2nd in that position, and is now rung for the first time.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

FREDERICK S. PRICE ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD FOSTER	5
PERCIVAL PRICE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ...	7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ...	4	RALPH NARBOROUGH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.
Rung in honour of the Rev. H. R. M. Huit, Rector of Bingham, Notts, on his recent appointment as Canon. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
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On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM BLACKHURST	...*Treble*	ARTHUR HAUGHTON	5
HARRY LANGLEY...	2	BENJAMIN THORPE	6
JOHN H. BRIERLEY	3	TOM WILDE...	7
HARRY NORGROVE	4	ALBERT HOUGH	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by TOM WILDE.
Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. James Shaw, 'father' of the local band.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT	...*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
HORACE BELCHER	2	ERNEST R. GLADMAN ...	6
FREDERICK DIGBY	3	*ERNEST BRETT	7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. First in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Pat Richards to the Earl of Jersey, of Osterley Park, Heston, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, at which most of the band are ringers.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, 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.

TOM SAUNDERS ... ...*Treble*		*GEORGE KENWARD 5	
HARRY BAKER 2		WILLIAM DURHAM 6	
MRS. H. BAKER 3		*LOTHER J. HONESS 7	
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4		THOMAS E. SONE ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE
* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung on the seventeenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. Saunders' wedding, also as a birthday peal for their daughter, Annie.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

BENJAMIN DALTON ... ...*Treble*		ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5	
*JACK W. TAYLOR 2		FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6	
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 3		HERBERT KNIGHT 7	
†HERBERT T. PIPER 4		HARRY BOSWELL ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.
* First attempt for a peal of Major. † First peal of Major. Rung as birthday compliments to Mr. H. T. Piper and Mrs. Boswell (mother of the conductor).

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES G. RUMSEY ... ...*Treble*		ERNEST S. BAILEY 5	
GEORGE WILSON 2		FREDERICK J. SMITH 6	
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3		*ALDERMAN LING, JUN. ... 7	
CHARLES F. BAILEY 4		JAMES M. BAILEY ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
* First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to E. S. Bailey. G. Wilson's 200th peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

TOM ATKINS ... ...*Treble*		REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. 5	
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... ... 2		*WILLIAM A. WOOD 6	
ALFRED BALLARD 3		REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7	
CECIL E. CARR 4		ERNEST MORRIS ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.
* First of Major. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss E. Ballard (sister of 3rd ringer) to Mr. E. Brown, which took place on the 9th inst. The peal was attempted after the ceremony, but lost after half-way through a rope breaking.

BINGHAM, NOTTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

WILLIAM H. PROCTOR ...*Treble*		ERNEST BARTRAM 5	
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 2		SIDNEY PROCTOR 6	
*REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3		R. HENRY BARTRAM 7	
HARRY THORPE 4		THOMAS H. HALL ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by S. PROCTOR.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung to commemorate the election of the Rector of Bingham (the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt) to a Canonry of Southwell Cathedral; also the 100th birthday of Mrs. Alice Shepheard, of Bingham, and Mr. J. Atkinson, of Barkston, who was 70 on the above date.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL *Treble*		MISS K. BURCHNALL 5	
*MISS LUCY M. KELLY ... 2		MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 6	
*JAMES KNOWLES 3		FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 7	
JOHN GILBERT 4		FRED WATKINSON ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 168). Conducted by F. WATKINSON
* First peal.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALBERT W. EDWARDS... ...*Treble*		ERNEST STITCH 5	
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 2		JAMES A. HOARE 6	
J. BRETTELL... 3		GWYN I. LEWIS 7	
WALTER J. NURTON 4		ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by E. STITCH.
Rung in honour of the visit to Swansea of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor's sister.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ... ...*Treble*		JOHN MALYAN 5	
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 2		RICHARD G. BELL 6	
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 3		*FRANCIS KIRK 7	
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4		HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...*Tenor*	

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the 7th.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ... ...*Treble*		ROLAND BIGGS 5	
WILLIAM HENLEY 2		FRED BIGGS 6	
ARTHUR MARTIN 3		GEORGE MARTIN 7	
THOMAS GOODCHILD 4		HARRY WINGROVE ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Goodchild.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

PERCY GREEN ... ...*Treble*		HERBERT DEVENISH 5	
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2		HENRY WARN 6	
EDWARD KEMP 3		JOHN WOOD 7	
THOMAS LINCOLN... 4		LESLIE J. CLARK ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, January 18, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

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 GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
A peal in this method is now rung for the first time. It was a birthday compliment to W. J. Whiting.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

FRANK G. RINGE ...	*Treble*	†BERT HINES	5
*ALBERT E. PRYKE ...	2	*CHARLES E. PRYKE	6
PERCY GREEN	3	HARRY TURNER	7
ALBERT RAINBIRD	4	ERNEST W. FURBANK	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK G. RINGE.

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

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-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.

JAMES H. LUCAS	*Treble*	E. GEORGE SWIFT	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2	WILLIAM HONER	6
PERCY E. JONES	3	FRANK CORKE	7
EDGAR HANCOX	4	CHARLES E. NICHOLLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

25th peal together by ringers of 1st, 3rd and conductor

PENN, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR PEARSON ...	*Treble*	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	5
FREDERICK R. WIGGIN ...	2	*HERBERT T. PIPER	6
WILFRED A. RIDDINGTON ...	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
ALBERT E. GARBETT	4	JEREMIAH BLOORE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* 25th peal. Arranged for Messrs. F. R. Wiggin, W. A. Riddington and A. E. Garbett, of St. Mary's, Stafford.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ...	*Treble*	GEORGE MAYERS	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	WILLIAM CLOVER	6
GEORGE HOWCHIN	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
ALBERT G. WARNES	4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung on the 34th anniversary of 7,040 Kent Major at Hingham, in which the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and tenor took part. A welcome peal for the new Vicar of Hethersett, late of Haslemere, Surrey.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALLEN E. GWYNNE ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ...	4
HERBERT COLCOMBE	2	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ...	5
GEORGE HANKS	3	CHARLES EDWARDS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

SOUVENIRS OF STEDMAN TERCENTENARY

Souvenir booklets of the Stedman Tercentenary can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, price 8d. post free.

Souvenir ash trays, made from oak from St. Benedict's tower, price 2s. 3d. post free, from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SIDNEY PERKS	*Treble*	†ALFRED NORMAN	4
FRANK PHILLIPS	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	5
JOHN J. WEBB	3	*ALFRED HOLMES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED T. POULTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's each of Stedman, St. Simon's and Grandsire and 12 of Bob Doubles. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN MAY	*Treble*	JOHN HIGGINS	3
ERNEST C. LAMBERT	2	*ALBERT W. GIBBONS ...	4
ERNEST A. HILLYER ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. First peal in four methods of Doubles by all, on the bells and by the branch.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, two 720's Cambridge Surprise and 720 each Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

RONALD H. DOVE ...	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS ...	4
H. BERNARD WELLS	2	*JOHN O. WELLER	5
TONY PRICE	3	LEONARD A. TIDY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. A. TIDY.

* First peal in six methods.

OAKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM H. LLOYD ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	3
JOHN RAY	2	*THOMAS HANCOCK	4
ARTHUR H. REED ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. H. REED.

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

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

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's and three 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

HUBERT BIRD	*Treble*	ERNEST HARRIS	4
ALFRED E. BACON	2	JOHN BUCKENHAM	5
FREDERICK MATTHEWS ...	3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

TWYNING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of Bob Doubles, ten of Grandsire and 24 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALBERT HALLING ...	*Treble*	SAM HEALEY	4
GEORGE BOULTON	2	FRED HAWKES	5
WILLIAM WILLIAMS	3	*JOSEPH PENDRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

* First peal. Ringers of the treble and 4th were elected members previous to starting the peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 240's of Morris', ten 240's of Pitman's and ten 120's.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES ...	...*Treble*	G. JAMES R. PRICE	5
JAMES P. HYETT	2	CHARLES SMITH	6
REGINALD MORRIS	3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS	7
EDMUND MORRIS	4	HERBERT WOODBERRY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung on the conductor's 60th birthday, it being his 160th peal. He rang his first peal in this tower on Sunday, January 17th, 1909, and has now called a peal from each bell in the tower. Rung with 7, 6, 8 behind, for evening service.

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 18, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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*	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	4
EDWARD S. T. FARR	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	GEORGE GILBERT... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Stella Davis.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ...	1-2	EDWIN J. BROWN	5-6
JOHN THOMAS	3-4	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Witnesses—J. GATE, C. HALL and B. BOND.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT 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	*WILLIAM BARTON	7-8
*JOHN AMBLER	9-10		

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE

* First peal of Royal in the method in hand.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*A. G. G. THURLOW (Selwyn)	1-2	W. H. J HOOTON (Queens')	5-6
†R. v. d. R. WOOLLEY (Caius)	3-4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ...	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenors.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, January 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

R. v. d. R. WOOLLEY (Caius)	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens')	5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ...	3-4	*B. J. E. WHITE (Queens')	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Wokingham on Saturday week. There was ringing at both All Saints' and St. Paul's, and service was held in the former church.

The Rev. R. D. Weller, of Finchampstead, gave an excellent address, in which he praised the 'real' church bellringer for his splendid work. Unlike the choirmen, he said, the ringers were not so well known to the congregation, and sometimes felt their work was not recognised in the same way; yet more people than they supposed appreciated the work of a well-managed belfry. Forming a real part of our English Sunday, speaking to more people than the clergy did, could one imagine a Christmas or Easter Day without the bells? The preacher made some happy remarks as to the attitude of the bellringer to his work, e.g., the self-conscious man who regarded himself as essential, remarking that 'the only spirit in which this service to the church could be rendered was the spirit of Christ'—Who 'went about doing good'—the love to serve. The spirit of co-operation, of uniting together, all being interdependent, was another essential. Each ringer was a member of a team.—A collection, taken at the service for the Branch Bell Restoration Fund, realised £1 6s. 10d.

Tea was then partaken of at the Church House, where Miss Walker and a numerous band of helpers attended to the wants of the party, and were afterwards thanked by Canon Coleridge (branch chairman).

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. F. D. Browne, to Canon Long for the use of his church, the Rev. R. D. Weller for his sermon, the organist who had so ably acted at short notice, the Wokingham Rectors for the use of their towers, and Mr. Owen Goddard, the hon. auditor.—The secretary announced apologies from Canon J. A. Anderson, Mr. F. E. Chapman (churchwarden), Mr. Edgar Humphrey (influenza), Mr. Monkhouse, of Waltham St. Lawrence, who had generously borne the whole cost of restoring the bells of that village, and who wished to become an hon. member, also to take up ringing, and Canon and Miss Norris. Mr. Paice referred with feeling to the death of the Rev. H. M. Waller, Rector of St. Paul's, shortly after their last annual meeting.

SATISFACTORY POSITION.

The balance sheet showed an income of £22 15s. (including balance brought forward from 1930 of £1 3s.) and expenditure of £21 0s. 1d., leaving balance in hand of £1 15s. 1d. Increased subscriptions and economy in expenditure had led to the balance in hand. A balance of £2 1s. 4d. was reported on the Branch Restoration Fund.

The balance sheet was adopted on the motion of Mr. Moth, seconded by Mr. Brooks.

The secretary reported a year of mixed disappointment and encouragement. The membership was 24 honorary and 158 ringing members—an increase. Keenness and interest had marked the combined practices. The clergy everywhere had been most kind. They were all delighted with the presence at the quarterly meetings of their chairman (applause). Three towers had made successful progress in the Stedman method. The dedication at Waltham St. Lawrence of the rehung bells by the Master was an impressive service. The secretary thanked all the foremen and members for their kind co-operation.—The report was adopted.

Canon Coleridge was then, by acclamation, re-elected chairman, and Mr. W. J. Paice was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. The foremen of towers were re-elected to form the Branch Committee.

The branch representatives to the Guild Committee were re-elected, viz., Messrs. F. Dentry, J. Moth, J. Rance and J. White, with the chairman and secretary. It was decided that quarterly meetings and combined practices be continued.

Mr. Rance suggested that a committee of young members to help the secretary to arrange combined practices be formed. After discussion, in which Mr. Moth, the secretary, Canon Long and Miss V. Robinson took part, it was decided to appoint two older members, Messrs. Rance and Brooks, and two young members, to be co-opted by the above, with power to add others if so desired. Mr. Brooks suggested mid-weekly practices for those unable to get away on Saturdays, and it was agreed that four Wednesday and eight Saturday meetings be arranged by the committee.

USELESS, HOPELESS AND A NUISANCE.

The Chairman gave an interesting account of the Stedman Tercentenary gathering at Cambridge.

The Secretary referred to qualified instructors and their great value, and any tower requiring particulars could have them on applying to him.

The Master congratulated the branch upon their chairman and secretary, and reminded the meeting that the Guild was a guild of church bellringers for the better ringing of church bells and the fellowship of ringers.

The Guild Treasurer expressed pleasure at their large and enthusiastic gathering. Their branch was third only in the Guild list for the amount of money received for members. He advised them, albeit their Restoration Fund was small, to go on with the renovation of some tower and it would soon grow, as did his own. He congratulated them and wished them prosperity for the future (applause).

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION OFFICERS RETIRE.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held at Colchester on Saturday last. Thirty-seven members were present from the neighbouring towers. Service was held in St. Peter's Church, the Rev. E. Cardo officiating and giving an excellent and instructive address on Septuagesima. The lesson was read by the Master, Mr. C. H. Howard. The collection (11s. 6d.) was for the Association Bell Restoration Fund.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, and was followed by the business meeting, with the Master in the chair.

The district officers, Mr. W. J. Nevard (Master) and Mr. R. W. Stannard (secretary) both expressed a wish to retire, and Mr. E. P. Dullield (Colchester) and Mr. R. Sparling (Wivenhoe) were elected to fill the respective vacancies.

Messrs. Nevard and Stannard were very warmly thanked for the valuable services rendered for the past twelve years.

Two new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wivenhoe on April 2nd.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, organist and steeplekeeper (Mr. F. L. Bumstead). During the afternoon and evening excellent touches in all the standard methods were rung, some making their venture in several Major methods.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At the Parish Church, Newport Pagnell, on Monday, January 11th, 910 Grandsire Triples: R. Abrams 1, F. C. Tompkins 2, R. Hall 3, H. C. Beard 4, G. Boon 5, E. Lathall 6, W. F. Smith 7, J. Mapley 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. John Odell, for 26 years churchwarden, who was interred the same day.

(Continued from previous column.)

The Guild Secretary, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, in his well-known shrewd and jovial style, put in a few good-natured home thrusts, such as—It is no good for members, young or old, to expect success without patient practice; and advised all to read the article in 'The Ringing World' on 'the will to learn.' 'If people have not the will to learn,' he said, 'they are useless, hopeless and a nuisance' (laughter and applause).

Closing the meeting, the Chairman remarked upon the fine tribute to Stedman of those who, unable to attend the Cambridge Tercentenary celebration, rang peals in commemoration of the event in their own towers.

The towers of All Saints' and St. Paul's were again open for ringing after the meeting.

THE LATE MR. JAMES HINTON'S RECORD.

The details of the record of the late Mr. James Hinton given in our report last week of the proceedings at the Bristol United Guilds' dinner were not quite accurate. The peals mentioned were not the first peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, but Mr. Hinton's first in the various methods for the association; and the 'record' peal of Grandsire Major for the association should have read the 'second' peal.

Mr. W. A. Cave has written to us pointing out the inaccuracies as they appeared in the report, while Mr. E. Guise, in giving the correction, adds that the only first peal for the association which Mr. Hinton conducted was the first of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.'

Mr. Cave also writes:—

'That the Rev. J. M. D. Stancomb has to regret the absence of a regular band to ring his bells is primarily the fault of Mr. Stancomb himself, and, secondly, of Mr. F. G. Leaker. The facts are these: The organist of St. Stephen's became the organist of St. Nicholas', and, speaking of the bells with the Vicar of St. Nicholas', the absence of ringers was mentioned, and the long and short of it was I was asked to write a letter to the Vicar on the subject. I offered my services to remedy the defect, and the only reply I have had is one from Mr. Leaker over two years ago to say (in effect) that the letter had been considered by the Old Boys' Society, and when he was made vice-president probably something would be done. That time has come and gone, and nothing has been done.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I would like a small space in 'The Ringing World,' if I may be permitted, to associate myself with the remarks of Mr. U. Bruven at the Bristol United Guilds' annual dinner. NEVER, to my mind, have any truer words been spoken. And I should like to add that if those with 'the will to teach' were to drop this bickering and cross-criticism, MANY more would SHOW 'the will to learn' and stick to it, instead of going so far and then giving it up.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Wellingborough, Northants.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church of St. Barnabas, on Sunday, December 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. V. Jephcott 1, W. J. Meers (conductor) 2, J. W. Pemberton 3, J. Preston 4, G. F. Garrison 5, W. C. Rhodes 6, W. Davies 7, J. E. Pywell 8. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Erdington, Canon F. S. Swindell, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Since ringing her first peal on the 26th September, 1930, Mrs. Geo. H. Cross has taken part in 23 peals in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise. This would appear to be a record for a lady during the first 16 months of her peal ringing career.

It is hoped that something may soon be done to restore Kidderminster bells, which at present are unpealable. Kidderminster played a leading part in ringing years ago, when Surprise ringing was practised in but few towers.

The Bourdon bell at Heavitree, Exeter, the blessing of which was reported in our last issue, is to be placed in the tower of the Roman Catholic Church. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Plymouth.

FABIAN STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Daniell is, of course, correct in saying that it would be possible under the old system for a man to receive a post in a government office after he had turned 50 provided he had the necessary influence behind him. But I think in this matter we should consider, not possibilities, but probabilities. If there were any evidence that Stedman was born in 1631 we should have to accept it as a fact and fit in the other events of his life as best we might. But there is no such evidence.

I look forward with interest to anything Mr. Daniell has to tell us about the early College Youths. Everyone who is interested in the history of the Exercise owes a big debt to him for the investigations he made and published some thirty years ago.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD RESOLUTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At last Mr. Drake is getting back to his resolution, and he has invited me to formulate an amendment to it. As I am only interested in one aspect of the resolution, the only amendment I ask for is that which I have already suggested, i.e., the deletion of the words 'remove from the Guild.' It is true that Mr. Drake has denied that these words have any unpleasant significance, but I would refer him to Rule 6 of the Suffolk Guild, which reads: 'The committee may remove a member from the Guild for serious offences against the objects and rules.' Can Mr. Drake deny that this means that if I, as a member of the Suffolk Guild, seriously offended against the objects and rules of the Guild, I could be **expelled** by the committee? Of course he cannot, and I am quite right in assuming that similar words in his resolution mean exactly the same thing. Mr. Drake is quite welcome to try to educate the members of the Guild in what are rows and what are changes, but he really must not threaten to apply Rule 6 to any member who remains uneducated, or who even goes so far as to flatly contradict him. Will he therefore delete from his resolution the words 'remove from the Guild' and substitute the word 'educate'? This will meet my objections to the resolution, and will still leave him free to say what he likes about rows and changes.

Mr. Drake seems so certain that there can be no other meaning to the word 'changes' than that put forward by him, i.e., that such a word cannot be applied to a peal in which a repetition occurs, that I venture to draw his attention to the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council, of which he is a member. Here the definitions of peals on eight bells and upwards are given, and they read in each case, 'not less than 5,000 **true** changes.' Apparently, the gentlemen who framed these definitions were not quite so sure as Mr. Drake that the word changes is sufficient to imply truth, so they added the word 'true' to leave no doubt of their intention.

I do not wish Mr. Drake to assume that I agree with him, or with the gentlemen who framed those definitions. There have been so many discussions in past days, and so many different views put forward, that in this matter I will continue to sit on the fence. I object, however, to Mr. Drake's assumption that his view is the only one that it is possible to accept.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

THE ROW BETWEEN CHANGE RINGERS.

Dear Sir,—I have been hoping for some weeks past that I should see, under certain correspondence to the Editor, a small line to the effect that 'this correspondence must now cease.'

May I suggest to some of those who use the valuable, not to say expensive, space in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' that there are adequate facilities provided by the postal service whereby people so inclined may air their views to each other to their hearts' content?

Space might then be available for more of those excellent historical articles which really are worth reading.—Yours faithfully,

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NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING IN LONDON.

The annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers was held in London on Saturday, January 23rd, and was attended by members of the following forces: Metropolitan, Manchester City, Leicester City, Birmingham City, Reigate Borough, Bolton Borough, Grantham Borough, Northampton County and Surrey County. The visitors arrived about 11 a.m. and all met at the Church of St. George-the Martyr, Southwark, where the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major. The bells were kept going until about 1 p.m., when an adjournment was made for luncheon. A very pleasing menu was served up at the 'A.B.C.' Cafe, 188, Strand, to which the 47 persons present did full justice.

After luncheon, the president of the Guild, Sub.-Div.-Insp. W. Bottrill (Metropolitan) addressed the party and gave some good advice in case anyone found themselves adrift from the rest of the company. This was followed by a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells.

A move was then made to the fine old church of St. Clement Danes, in the Strand, where, after a look round the interior, the peal of ten were set in motion to Grandsire Caters. This was followed by a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal and some Stedman Caters. The next church to be visited was that of St. Martins-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. The ringing on these bells (so often heard on the wireless) included a touch of Stedman Cinques, a course of Cambridge Royal and a course of Grandsire Cinques.

A business meeting followed at New Scotland Yard, where a room had been kindly loaned for this purpose. The president extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and made special mention of the enthusiasm shown by the Manchester members in travelling such a distance to attend the meeting. This, he said, was an example which might well be followed by others.

A letter was read from Mr. O. J. B. Cole, Chief Constable, Leicester City, who is an honorary member of the Guild, regretting his inability to attend and wishing the meeting every success.

The secretary, Det.-Sgt. H. J. Poole (Leicester City), in his report, said that at the end of December, 1931, the Guild membership numbered 55. This included three honorary members and represented 17 forces. Four peals had been rung for the Guild since its formation 12 months ago, viz., 1 Grandsire Triples on handbells by the Manchester members, 2 Bob Major by Metropolitan members and 1 Stedman Triples by a mixed band at Wigston Magna, Leicestershire.

When the place for the next annual meeting was considered, Ex-Sgt. Dowding, Birmingham City, conveyed a message from Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) wishing the meeting every success and inviting the Guild to that city, in which case he would obtain permission to ring on St. Martin's bells. After some discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting at Manchester.—The President asked Ex-Sgt. Dowding to convey the thanks of the Guild to Mr. Walker and inform him that his invitation would most probably be taken advantage of at some future date.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The president and hon. secretary were re-elected to office, as were the following members of the committee: Supt. F. Williams and P.C. F. Page (Manchester City), P.C. Claydon (Reigate Borough), ex-Sgt. W. Dowding (Birmingham City), P.C. N. Bagworth (Metropolitan), Sgt. Jenney (Leicester City) and Ex-Sgt. A. Lawrence (Herts County). Sgt. Jenney was appointed auditor.

Sgt. Crook (Bolton Borough) proposed that an effort be made to ring a special peal each year in commemoration of those in the police service who fell in the Great War, and suggested that as the Police Conference was usually held in November, this would be a most suitable occasion on which to ring the peal.—This was seconded by Ex-Sgt. Dowding and carried.

Sgt. Jenney then proposed a vote of thanks to the president and hon. secretary for their work in placing the Guild on such a footing, and also to P.C. Bagworth (Metropolitan) for the arrangements he had made for the meeting, and to all others who had helped to make it such a success, including those who had granted permission to ring on the bells and the use of the room.—This was seconded by Insp. Hilton (Godalming, Surrey).

The rendezvous for the evening was the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, where a room had been reserved for a convivial gathering. The entertainment commenced with a touch of Stedman and 'The Blue Bells of Scotland' on the handbells. Songs were rendered by P.C.s Collins, Wright and Forester, with P.C. Turner at the piano. These four are members of the Metropolitan Police Minstrels, and their attendance was much appreciated by those present. P.C. Forester also gave a banjo solo. Of the Guild talent, Det.-Sgt. Turner (Leicester City) obliged with some of his copy(real)right tales. P.C. W. Pye (Manchester City) gave a thrilling soliloquy on 'Julius Cæsar' from 'Macbeth,' and also sang a song. Det.-Sgt. Poole (Leicester City) rendered his (composed and conducted) 'Policeman's A.B.C.' Other items on the handbells were a touch of Stedman Caters, a course of Grandsire Cinques, 'Drink to me only' and 'Sailor's Hornpipe.' The company was joined during the evening by some of London's notables, including Mr. J. Hawkins (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. H. Langdon, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., and Mr. J. Davis.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ACTIVITY IN THE FARNHAM DISTRICT.

There was an attendance of over 60 at the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Farnham on Saturday. The service was much appreciated by the members, the singing being led by the well-trained choir, and a thoughtful address given by the Rector (Canon E. M. Girling), who drew some practical lessons from the qualities of loyalty, perseverance, watchfulness and faith required of the efficient ringer.

Canon Girling presided over the tea at the Church Institute, and, before leaving for another engagement, was warmly thanked for the use of the bells, for the service and for his address. The Rev. A. J. Dance took the chair for the business meeting and was supported by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer), Lt.-Col. H. M. Gale, M.C., Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (general secretary), Mr. R. Hasted (District Ringing Master), Mr. C. W. Denyer (District hon. secretary), Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford District secretary), Mr. A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel Foundry), etc. The towers represented were Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnham, Frensham, Hawley, Haslemere, Seale, West Clandon, Woking and Yorktown.

The District officers were re-elected, as were Lt.-Col. Gale and Mr. F. Lye as ringing representatives on the Executive Committee. Mr. L. A. N. Muddell was elected as the hon. members' representative.

The balance sheet showed that the balance in hand had been increased from £11 9s. 8d. to £13 15s. 8d., the principal receipts being from 108 ringing members and 32 hon. members.

The Ringing Master reported progress in the district, especially at two or three of the towers, including Frensham, where a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles had been rung by the local band. Two peals had been rung in the district, one of which was their secretary's first as conductor. Three attempts for a local peal of Stedman Triples had been lost at Farnham, the last one in the 59th course.

An encouraging report was presented by the hon. secretary. Although there as a slight decrease in membership, through unpaid subscriptions, it was hoped that these might yet be collected and the support retained for the Guild. There were 108 ringing members and 33 hon. members in the district. Six district meetings had been held with an average attendance of 35. Thanks were accorded to Mr. T. A. Stroud, of Frensham, for his services as organist at the meetings. It was hoped during the coming year to give more assistance to towers which are somewhat unfortunately placed and consequently are not making the desired progress. This could only be accomplished by wholehearted co-operation of members generally.

It was resolved to hold meetings at the following places during the year: Frensham, Yorktown, Bentley, Farnborough, Farnham and Bagshot, on dates to be arranged, and the next annual meeting of the district at Farnham on January 21st next year.

The general officers of the Guild were renominated en bloc, and the following new ringing members were elected: The Rev. A. J. Dance (Farnham), F. B. Priddle, W. G. Chandler (Frensham), Doris Viggers, E. Aldridge and M. Downs (Aldershot).

A vote of thanks to the chairman, the organist, the choir, Mr. R. Hasted and the Farnham band was carried with applause. Congratulations were extended to Lt.-Col. Gale on his recent Army promotion, and to the district hon. secretary upon his recovery from the result of a serious motor accident. Further ringing afterwards took place at the Parish Church, the standard methods being practised.

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The end came all too soon, but with everybody expressing delight after such a successful day.

The evening's entertainment ended officially at 11 p.m., but there was more excitement in store for some of the Leicester and Manchester enthusiasts. Whilst on the way to St. Pancras someone whispered, 'What about seeing London by night?' The next move was a party of eight dodging motors in Kingsway and making a dive for the 'Holborn Hole.' After some few minutes of burrowing in the rush and crush of 'Down-under' the party reappeared at the surface (in true rabbit style) at Piccadilly. To the total dismay of all, the company was found to number only seven. On calling the roll, the missing link was found to be 'Rabbit Pye.' True, he could be easily recognised and identified by the large white paper parcel of 'green-stuff' he had under his arm, but, even so, it was no easy matter for location in such a warren. Excitement grew tense as the minutes for the train time were counted. Inquiries revealed that the underground train speed limit could not be exceeded, and the calculation estimated about 20 minutes to spare. A rescue party volunteer again descended the depths in the maze of passages, and, after a short search, found Brother George waiting for the return train, apparently having given up all hopes of rescue. After some more taxi-dodging in Leicester Square district, the party eventually reached St. Pancras Station with a few minutes in hand. The Leicester contingent alighted from the train about 3 a.m. and left the Manchester youths to continue their journey and watch the clock until 5.15 a.m., at which time they hoped to arrive home.

Will those members who were unable to attend the meeting kindly note that the subscriptions for this year are now due?

PRESENTATION TO MR. AND MRS. G. WILLIAMS.

GOLDEN WEDDING GIFTS.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, who recently celebrated their golden wedding and to commemorate the event presented two treble bells to make a ring of ten at North Stoneham Church, were on Saturday week the recipients of gifts from members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, of which Mr. Williams is the popular Master. The presentation took place at the annual meeting of the Southampton District, and consisted of two armchairs.

The General Secretary of the Guild (Mr. F. W. Rogers) said the meeting was a dual one, for, besides being the annual meeting of the district, it was to show the gratitude and affection of the Guild to Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, by presenting them with a gift on the occasion of their golden wedding. There had been a large and ready response from members. The Bishop of Southampton had kindly offered to make the presentation, thereby showing his keen interest in the Guild. The Bishop had had to postpone duties at Winchester to attend, and the Guild greatly appreciated his presence.

The Bishop (Dr. Boutflower) made the presentation in a happy manner. The debt of the members to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, he said, was such that for some time they had wished to record the appreciation in some tangible form. So they chose the opportunity when Mr. and Mrs. Williams had celebrated their golden wedding. When a man was away, night after night, in church towers, he might, so far as his family was concerned, be in public-houses (laughter). So they included Mrs. Williams in the presentation. The Bishop mentioned that he had been endeavouring to fulfil the duties of two bishops during the illness of the Bishop of Winchester, and tried to save from disappointment people and associations whom the Bishop had promised to visit. He did feel that the Bishop of Winchester would have wished to attend this function. 'I do not tell the Bishop very much when I see him,' added the Bishop of Southampton, 'but I shall probably tell him during the next week that the ringers of the diocese held this function and wished him Godspeed and healing.'

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Dr. Boutflower went on to say that when he was Bishop of Dorking he made friends with the ringers, and preached at their festival in 1906. Then he went abroad for 12 years, and returned to a changed England. 'During my absence I was in a land (Japan) where we never heard a ring of bells. The temples have one bronze bell, struck by a swinging beam, whose boom you may hear for miles. Such a thing as a peal of bells does not exist. When one comes back to England one of the delights, on Sunday mornings, is to hear the sound of the bells from the House of God, and enjoy the messages they seem to send.'

The Bishop then presented Mr. and Mrs. Williams with the two easy chairs, and gave his arm to the recipients to assist them to the chairs. Musical honours were accorded Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Mr. Williams returned thanks, and spoke of the team work necessary if ringers were to succeed.

Thanks to the Bishop were proposed by the Rector of St. Mary's (the Rev. R. B. Jolly, Rural Dean).

The presentation took place after tea, and afterwards the business meeting was held. The officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. C. T. Tritton (Eling); Ringing Master, Mr. George Williams; District secretary, Mr. W. T. Tucker; Auditor, Mr. C. J. Fray; Representative to the Central Council, Mr. J. W. Faithfull.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on Saturday, January 13th, and quarterly meetings at North Stoneham on April 16th, Eling on July 16th, Romsey on October 15th.

The towers represented at the meeting were Bishopstoke, Curdridge, Gosport, Portsea, Portsmouth, North Stoneham, Titchfield, Brockenhurst, King's Somborne, Twyford, Farnborough, Wickham, Lymington, Hedge End, Winchester and Southampton.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of St. Mary's and St. Michael's for the use of the bells, and to Mr. George Williams for presiding. Notice of the meetings will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FEWER MEETINGS IN MIDSOMER NORTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, January 9th. The Rev. J. H. Kerr-Thompson presided over about 50 members, including the general secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke) and Mr. W. Cave, of Bristol.

The Secretary, in his report, said there were several towers who had not paid their affiliation fee, but he showed a balance on the right side of just over £9.

Rev. J. H. Kerr-Thompson was elected president and representative on the general committee, Mr. G. M. Hasell secretary and treasurer, and Mr. J. Metcalfe Ringing Master.

The Secretary reported that the attendance at the monthly meetings had been very poor, and it was therefore decided to have one meeting in two months instead of two.

Thanks were given to all who had made the meeting such a success, especially Mr. Wm. Richards, of the local ringers.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A REMINDER FOR THE 'IF-ERS.'

The January quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday, January 16th, at Warwick. It proved highly successful from every point of view. Between forty and fifty members and friends attended from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Deddington (Oxon), Erdington, Harbury, Lillington, Nuneaton, Rugby, Solihull, Southam, Stoke and Stratford-on-Avon, together with the local band at St. Mary's, Warwick. The ten bells were made good use of during the afternoon, and service was held in the choir of the church, which vies with any cathedral for structural beauty. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Henwood, M.A.), and the Guild's form was used. The hymns, 'We love the place, O God' and 'O worship the King,' were sung, to the accompaniment of the wonderful organ, sections of which are situated in various parts of the church. The address was most inspiring, making those who heard it keener than ever to improve the standard of ringing in their own towers, and making them wish that the 'If-ers' could have been there to have heard it to inspire them with a little enthusiasm. (Readers will remember the article in 'The Ringing World' of September 5th, 1930, entitled 'Holiday Thoughts,' by 'O.P.Q.' It ended with a verse—

'What shall we do with the "If-ers" when they won't come up to scratch?
What shall we do with the "If-ers" when they spoil the rest of the batch;
With the shirkers who mess up the workers, and those who come along late;
With the slackers who think nothing matters, if only seven meet 'stead of eight;
Who stay away when they're wanted, and frequently blight our hope,
Or spoil all the striking because they've no liking to pull at the end of the rope?
They ought to be tarred and feathered, or boiled in a vat of oil;
Or sent down for years to Dartmoor, where prisoners have to toil.
If I could, I would make it still stiffer, the sentence should fit the crime,
But, perhaps, 'tis as well "If-ers" don't get "spell," for I'm only an "If-er at rhyme."')

At the close of the church service everybody adjourned to a near-by cafe, where tea was served, and, following that, the business meeting was held in the vestry of the church. The chairman (Mr. J. H. W. White) and the hon. secretary (Mrs. Beamish) had the honour of sitting on chairs of the Queen Anne period. The value of the set (six) is said to run into four figures.

Before the business of the meeting began, Mr. White asked the members to stand for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Harry Argyle, who had been such a prominent member of the Guild since its foundation.

Apologies from the president (the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.) and Mr. F. W. Perrens were read.

The meeting places for February and March were fixed, Allesley for February and Newbold-on-Avon for March.

Owing to the death of Mr. H. Argyle (who had been appointed hon. auditor at the October quarterly meeting in place of Mr. O. J. Hunt, who had left the district), an auditor had to be appointed at this meeting. Both Mr. A. H. Beamish (Chilvers Coton) and Mr. W. Thomas (Nuneaton) were proposed and seconded, and upon a show of hands Mr. A. H. Beamish was appointed.

Four new members were elected, one from Warwick, one from Southam and two from Nuneaton.

Just before the meeting closed, Mr. T. W. Chapman spoke feelingly of his close friendship of over 40 years with the late Mr. Argyle.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his splendid address, to the organist, and to Mr. E. H. Adams for making the arrangements which helped to make the meeting so successful.

A return was made to the belfry, where ringing was continued until 8 o'clock. Most of the standard methods for eight and ten bells were rung, including Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal, while a few members had their first pull on ten bells.

DEATH OF A LEEDS LADY RINGER.

On Monday, January 18th, at 25, Kirkstall Avenue, Kirkstall, Leeds, Miss Marjorie Leach passed away in her 29th year. The funeral took place at Armley Hill Top Cemetery on Wednesday, January 20th. Many ringers were present and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells at the graveside by the following: Mrs. J. Cotterell 1-2, M. Moorhouse 3-4, P. J. Johnson 5-6, J. W. Moorhouse 7-8, G. W. Slack 9-10. Afterwards 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung at St. Peter's Church, Bramley, with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect and esteem by the following: S. Helliwell 1, F. Blackith (conductor) 2, M. Moorhouse 3, H. Grimwood 4, G. W. Slack 5, J. W. Moorhouse 6.

Miss Leach had rung four peals on handbells, viz., two Kent Treble Bob Major and two of Bob Major. She only attempted one tower bell peal, which came to grief in the last course. Death appears to have cut short a great ringing career, as Miss Leach was a most enthusiastic and promising ringer.

ORWELL BELLS BACK IN THE TOWER.

VILLAGERS HEAR THEM FOR THE FIRST TIME.

An interesting bell restoration which has just been completed by the Loughborough firm of bell founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co., is at Orwell Church, Cambridgeshire, which possesses a fine peal of five bells, four of which were lowered to the ground floor more years ago than the oldest inhabitant can remember, presumably owing to the condition in which the bells hung having been deemed to be unsafe. One bell only was left hanging in the tower, and this has had to do duty for all these years. Funds had gradually been accumulated towards having the peal hung in the tower once more, and one of the tasks which the energetic Rector, the Rev. Edgar J. White, set himself on coming to the parish was to get this work accomplished at the earliest possible moment. The order was placed



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in the hands of John Taylor and Co. early in October, and by making a special effort they were able to complete the work for the bells to be pealed out for the first time on Christmas Eve by a band under the capable leadership of Mr. John Ward, of Melbourn.

It is needless to add that the peal has been hung in the usual 'Taylor' style—the fittings, new framework, etc., bear the hallmark of a first-class job, and the 'go' of the bells can only be described as perfect.

The cracked treble bell has been recast and the other bells tuned. The weight of the tenor bell is approximately 11 cwt. Three of the bells were cast by Tobie Norris, of Stanford, viz., the 2nd in 1616, and the two tenors in 1629; the 3rd was cast by Miles Graye in 1663, and the treble by Charles Newman, 1694.

The whole village was overjoyed to hear the bells ringing out on Christmas Eve. One can imagine what a wonderful event it must have been to those who all their life have been accustomed to the sight of the bells from the floor of the church but could have had no opportunity of judging what their sound was like.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN TAYLOR, OF CAMBRIDGE.

TRIPLE JUBILEE.

His many ringing friends will learn with regret of the death of Mr. John Taylor, of Cambridge. Mr. Taylor passed away on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the age of 74 years, after an illness of 11 months most patiently borne.

Deceased had been in Cambridge the greater part of his lifetime, his birthplace being Sutton in the Isle of Ely. He had been a member of the Society of Cambridge Youths for 48 years, and also held the office of secretary for a considerable period, after which he was Ringing Master until the time of his death.

Unfortunately, there is not a complete record of all his activities in the Exercise. He had, however, rung 16 peals for the Ely Diocesan Association, including peals of Bob Major, one of which was rung on the Scage's Apparatus at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, also peals of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

Mr. Taylor had completed three jubilees, having been 50 years married, 50 years a ringer and 50 years a chorister in Great St. Mary's choir.

The interment took place on Saturday following a service in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Essex), after reading the lesson, made mention of the faithful service deceased had rendered to the church. The prayers were offered by the Rev. C. L. Hulbert, a former Vicar, and at the close of the service the organist played 'Lift Thine Eyes' (Mendelssohn). As the cortege left the church, preceded by the choir, the Nunc Dimittis was sung.

In the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled, the following taking part: Messrs. F. E. Kempton, C. W. Smith, T. Chenery, H. J. Hazell, A. G. Rivers, J. Quinney, A. Fabb, S. Banyard, P. Webb and some members of the Cambridge University Guild.

A WORCESTERSHIRE RESTORATION.

FOUR BELLS RECAST AND PEAL REHUNG AT REDDITCH.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, have just carried through a most successful restoration of the ring of eight bells of Redditch Parish Church, Worcestershire. Probably not many ringers will have any recollection of the bells as they were before the present work was taken in hand, as the peal has not been rung for many years owing to the defective condition of the framework, which was such that to ring the bells would have constituted a grave danger to the tower and spire.

Originally a peal of six by Warner in 1857, augmented to eight in 1896 by Carr, of Birmingham, it could not be said that the peal possessed any great merit from the musical point of view, and when a generous donor came forward with the offer to put the bells into ringing order, his munificence also provided for improving the tone and tune of the bells. What was previously a very indifferent peal has now been transformed into quite a musical and pleasing octave, and that, too, without recasting the whole of the bells. The four trebles have been through the fire, and the four tenors have been improved out of all recognition by tuning without recasting. Several of the bells bear inscriptions, viz.:—

Treble.—Horace Newton, Vicar. John Frederick Millward, William Neasom, Churchwardens, 1896. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1931.

3rd.—Good people all,
When we call, Come to pray, Stay not away.
Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1931.

4th.—In memory of six generations of the family of Hill, who have worshipped here. This peal was restored and rehung by John Hill. 1931. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Tenor.—These bells were erected A.D. 1857. G. F. Fessey, M.A., Vicar. J. Osborne and W. Ricketts, C.W.

The weight of the tenor bell is approximately 11 cwt.

The peal has been hung in new framework with new modern fittings, and, needless to say, the 'go' is all that can be desired. The ringing chamber was previously on the first floor, but the ringers now stand on the ground floor of the church. It was thought advisable, in the carrying through of the scheme, from the point of view of safeguarding the tower and spire, for the bells to be placed at a considerably lower level than previously, and they now hang in what was formerly the clock chamber, displacing the old clock. The former ringing chamber now houses a fine new clock, which has also been generously provided by the same donor who has restored the bells.

The hanging of the bells was only finished a day or two before Christmas Day, and it was naturally desired that they should peal out on Christmas morning. A service of rededication was held on December 23rd, when the bells were rung by ringers of King's Norton and other towers. It is to be hoped that at an early date there will be a 'ringers' day' arranged, which will enable the ringers of the district to test the excellence of the work which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, and proved a great attraction. About 60 ringers attended, most towers in the district being represented, while there were also visitors from the Southern District. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and a pleasant service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. — Davies, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. Tea followed at the Scouts' Hall, and the company of 50 who sat down to an enjoyable repast were kindly waited upon by the local ringers' wives and friends.

The business meeting, afterwards held, was presided over by the District Master (Mr. A. W. Clark), and occupied some considerable time, several interesting discussions arising on various points, showing that members are taking a keen interest in the work of the association.

One honorary member and six ringing members were elected.

It was decided to hold meetings at the following towers if possible during the year, viz.: Banstead, Easter Monday; Wandsworth, May 28th; Ranmore Common, July 30th (joint meeting); Kingston, September 24th; Streatham, November 26th; Leatherhead, January 21st. The officers and committee were re-elected with a vote of thanks for past services.

The District Committee's recommendation to the General Committee for the alteration of Rule 10 and deletion of Rule 21, with an addition for the alteration of Rule 21, was discussed at some length and agreed to by the meeting.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. Davies for conducting the service, the organist, the ladies who were responsible for the tea, and Mr. H. E. Wills for making excellent arrangements. The tower was again visited and ringing continued until 9 o'clock, the methods practised including Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal. The district secretary would like to remind members that subscriptions are now due.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE CONDITION OF KIDDERMINSTER BELLS.

A meeting of the Northern Branch was held at St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, January 16th. The bells were rung during the afternoon and the service was held in the Whittall Memorial Chapel. The Vicar (Canon L. B. Sladen, M.A.) gave a very inspiring address on the prayers which are in the association's form of service which was used. The collection, on behalf of the association's Belfry Repair Fund, realised 13s. 7d.

Afterwards the Vicar kindly entertained the members, about 25 in number, to a bountiful tea. The Vicar also presided at the business meeting, and was supported by his churchwarden (Mr. Mackinson), Messrs. C. Skidmore (Ringing Master), W. Short (Central Committee representative), H. G. Bird (Central Council representative), T. J. Salter, K. Salter, J. Woodberry, C. Woodberry and J. Davis, of the Kidderminster company, with the branch secretary (Mr. A. J. Skelding).

The secretary announced that he had received a letter from the Vicar of Selly Oak and Mr. W. B. Cartwright, secretary of Selly Oak Church Council, inviting the branch to hold its next meeting at Selly Oak in June, when the bells would have been returned from the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.—It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation.

It was regretted on all sides that the quarterly peal could not be rung at Kidderminster owing to the bad 'go' of the bells. It was resolved that the secretary should write to the Church Council upon the matter, pointing out that this was the first occasion since the association was formed that the quarterly peal could not be attempted.

Fifteen new names were added to the roll of performing members in the association.

Mr. S. Hughes (Smethwick) urged all members of the Exercise to take in 'The Ringing World,' as by doing so he thought they would be able to get it a little cheaper, and with this the meeting agreed.

The meeting welcomed Messrs. C. Camm, W. C. Jones, W. Ranford and S. Holt, of the Western and Southern branches.

Mr. C. Skidmore moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing such a splendid tea, arranging the service, the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting; also to the organist and to the ladies who had looked after their requirements.

The Vicar, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to entertain the members, and he gave them a hearty welcome to Kidderminster. He hoped they would soon be able to raise the funds to get the bells put in order, so that peals might once more be rung upon them.

Mr. Mackinson said these were most difficult times to raise money, but he trusted they would soon be able to have the bells done. It was very gratifying, he added, to see the sons following in the footsteps of their fathers, as in the case of bellringers and choirmen at Kidderminster.

This closed a very successful meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

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On Saturday, December 5th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Potterne, Wilts, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Mrs. W. C. West 1, S. Hillier 2, F. Green 3, V. E. Swift 4, W. C. West (conductor) 5, A. J. Boyce 6. Arranged for the Stedman Tercentenary.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Visitors welcomed.—D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea at S. Nicolas' Hall at 5.30. Business meeting in the hall.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. and E. District. — Annual meeting at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45. Meeting to follow. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Sidbury on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Meeting 5.30. Bells available: Sidbury (6), Sidmouth (8), Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers welcome. — John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and the annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at Rainham, by kind permission of the Vicar. Tower opened at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea served in the Church Hall, generously provided by the Church Council.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. The bells (6) will be available until 7.30 p.m. St. Botolph's from 6 to 9 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet, Lincs.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) ready early. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 30th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WHITFIELD PARISH CHURCH, GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE. — Re-opening of bells (8) after recasting and rehanging by Gillett and Johnston, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 3 p.m. All ringers invited.—Eli Garside, Sec., Knowle House, Wood Street, Glossop.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS. — The ring of 6 bells restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be rededicated on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 3 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The general quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.30; tea, followed by general meeting, 5 p.m.; all at the Old Wine Vaults, East Street (near church). Frequent bus service from Nottingham and Derby.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Annual branch meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea (names, please!), followed by meeting 5.15.—Nolan Golden, Hon. Branch Sec., 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — The annual general district meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, at the Six Bells Inn, at 6d. per head. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 5.45, in St. Chad's Room, followed by meeting and further ringing.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Shaw (1 mile from Newbury) on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) 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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (provided by the Vicar) 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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Sleaford District). The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford to-morrow, January 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers are invited.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3rd, at Bishop's Stortford. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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, should be paid in before the 29th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on February 4th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards. —William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WATFORD.—That's the place, that is, for the next meeting, February 6th. Ringing from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tea in School Room, usual business meeting. Ringing till 8.30. Travel by train, coach, cheap return tickets from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, important business, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Chertsey. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday next.—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Divison.—A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The rings of 10 and 8 at St. Giles' and All Saints' respectively will be available: from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the case of St. Giles' and from 2 p.m. onward at All Saints'. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d., and application for same must be made to reach Mr. H. Walters, 8, Elm Terrace, Newgate, Pontefract, not later than first post February 3rd. Nominations are invited for the post of honorary general secretary of the association, as the undersigned is not seeking re-election.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Felsted on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday morning, Feb. 3rd?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The bells of St. James' (6, tenor 12 cwt.) will be available at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30., and tea in the Church Institute at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. T. Symm, Newton, Stocksfield, not later than the 4th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Canterbury Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8) and St. Alphege (6) bells available. Ringers are asked to attend Cathedral service at 3 o'clock. Tea (free), at Gaywood's Rooms, 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due and should be paid at this meeting. Tea only for those who notify me on or before Thursday, Feb. 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thorverton on Feb. 6th. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Feb. 1st. — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth (10 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please send a p.c. by the 4th?—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, February 6th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5, at the Magnet. Short business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 6th. City bells available afternoon and evening. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than February 2nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, February 6th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions are due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wolstanton on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available after 4 p.m.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bingham on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions are now due.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 6th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' will be available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., St. Laurence's from 3.40 to 4.30 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Giles' at 5 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, February 3rd. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dodford (6) on Saturday, February 6th. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me? Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Southern District, with the Cleveland Association, will be held at Darlington, on Saturday, February 6th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, St. John's, and Holy Trinity, available afternoon and evening. Tea, Hunter's Cafe, 4.30 p.m.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 6th. The bells will be ready at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bugbrooke on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, February 2nd?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 6th, at Whitchurch. Service at 4.30 in Parish Church. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Bells available from 2.30. All requiring tea please notify Mr. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch, by February 3rd. Business meeting after tea.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Royston, February 6th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar, who has offered to provide tea for those who send him a card. Please notify Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston. Write it now before you forget!—Don Mears, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil, on Saturday, February 6th. The fine rehung peal of ten available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify Mr. J. E. Baker, 102, Eastland Road, Yeovil.—F. Farrant, Martock.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Walsoken, near Wisbech, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, February 6th. Bells open at 2.30 p.m. Good attendance requested. Good bus service from all directions. Tea will be provided for those who notify Robt. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Beighton (6 bells) on Saturday, February 6th. For tea please notify Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 at St. Leonards. Tea at Kings Head Hotel 5 followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 21, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. to those who notify me by the 3rd.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Mid Devon Branch.— Annual meeting February 6th at Upton, Torquay. Bells (8) recently rehung available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5. Torre bells (6) also available. All ringers welcome. Those who require tea please advise me by February 2nd.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

BADBY, NEAR DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by Taylors, of Loughborough, on Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 2.30 p.m.

YAXLEY, NEAR PETERBOROUGH. — Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely on Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, February 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting after the service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, February 9th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Institute. Please let me have numbers for tea by February 10th.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.— The next meeting will be held at Leyland, St. James', on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.— Meeting at Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, February 13th. Six bells. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify G. Webley, Faringdon, by February 10th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Notify me for tea before Wednesday, February 10th. All welcome. These bells know Surprise Minor.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.— A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service in church 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5.15. Please notify me of your intention to be present at tea not later than Wednesday, February 10th. Will members please make a special effort to attend. Subscriptions for the current year are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—In order to follow usual procedure of holding annual meeting on second Saturday in February each year, it has now been made possible for this to be held on Feb. 13th, subject to slight curtailment of ringing, owing to such date falling in Lent this year. Ringing will therefore take place at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', 3.45 to 4.45 p.m.; service in St. Clement Danes', 4.45; tea at Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, 5.30 p.m.; business meeting in Parish Hall, 6.30 p.m. Please make widely known. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

SCARNING, NORFOLK.—The rehung and augmented ring of six, by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, February 14th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers will be welcome and will be entertained to tea. Will those intending to be present write to the Rev. W. Eugène Pérrin, Scarning Rectory, East Dereham?

STEVENTON, BERKS.—Ring of six, rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, February 20th. Service 3 p.m. Visiting ringers will be entertained to tea afterwards; names to be sent to the Rev. A. Robinson, Steventon Vicarage, Didcot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea in the Parish Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, February 16th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever on Saturday, April 2nd. The members will be entertained to tea by kind invitation of H. Morris Wells, Esq., Manor Farm, Micheldever. Further particulars later.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

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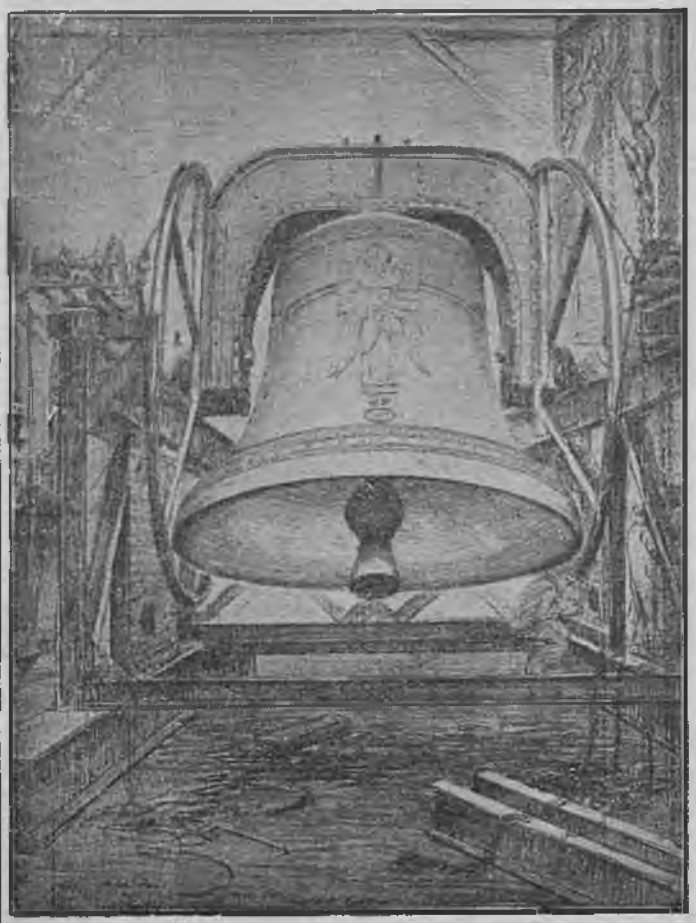

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AXIOMS AND ACCURACY.

There comes a time in every prolonged argument when the lookers-on get tired of the subject, and that is what has happened among many ringers in connection with the discussion which has been carried on by the Rev. Herbert Drake and Mr. C. T. Coles. It has been accentuated, perhaps, by the former's repeated elaboration of the distinction between rows and changes and the latter's persistency in endeavouring to pin the disputation to the form of the motion which the Suffolk Guild is to be asked to adopt. The average ringer looks upon the difference in definition between a row and a change as a somewhat academical question—it does not interfere with his ringing and therefore he does not care a snap of the fingers about it. But a matter which may concern his personal connection with an association is on a different footing. He is entitled, if he is or is likely to become a member of that association, to know where he stands, when a motion is tabled which may conflict with his own views and prejudice his own position.

It is this position which Mr. Coles has been seeking to elucidate with regard to members of the Suffolk Guild and, after all the ink that has been spilled, we are not quite sure that he has even yet succeeded. We still have to learn exactly what is to happen to any member of the Suffolk Guild, who may hold unacceptable views on the subject, if the suggested resolution is passed, that the annual meeting should 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. Mr. Drake has definitely stated that removal from the Guild does not mean expulsion, but that the resolution, if passed, will be made 'quite effective, without anything unpleasant.' If the world could have been told at once what effective measures are intended, the delinquents—if any there be—would long since have known the fate awaiting them and have had the opportunity of repenting; while those who have been looking on might have been spared the boredom which not a few correspondents have confessed to suffering.

But now the Suffolk Guild, in addition to the much discussed resolution, under which 'removal from the Guild' does not mean expulsion, is to be asked to adopt a series of 'axioms.' We agree that it is high time some of the terms connected with ringing and some of the present existing 'axioms' which have been accepted in the past were overhauled, and more careful and accurate definitions provided, but it must be done in a manner which will command acceptance by the whole Exercise. Mr. Drake's nibble at it will serve little purpose unless it can be made the starting point of a revision of the whole question of terms and definitions.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37¾ cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES ...	...*Treble*	*R. ALDER GOFTON	7
JOSEPH E. KEEN	2	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ...	8
JOHN ANDERSON...	3	ADAM DEAS	9
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ...	4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	10
WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	5	RICHARD THOMPSON	11
*RICHARD A. GOFTON	6	ERNEST E. FERRY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Maximus.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, January 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HILL	7
HARRY BOSWELL...	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
GEORGE W. HUGHES	3	WALTER R. HUGHES	9
JOHN C. ADAMS	4	GILBERT HARDING	10
BERT HORTON	5	THOMAS J. ELTON	11
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Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING	...*Treble*	†JOHN F. TILLETT	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	8
*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	9
HARRY H. ROPER	4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ...	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ...	6	FREDERICK J. TILLETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Superlative Maximus. † First peal of Superlative Maximus with an 'inside' bell.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

MAURICE SMITH	...*Treble*	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ...	2	RICHARD A. POST	7
MRS. ALBERT LOCK	3	GORDON CAUDWELL	8
FRANK BARRETT	4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ...	9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ...	5	FRED WHITE...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Rung in memory of Fabian Stedman.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

STANLEY ARMSTRONG ...	...*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
KEITH HART	2	ROBERT SWIFT	7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	8
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS...	9
WILFRED WILLIAMS	5	JOHN DEARLOVE	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

First peal of Royal as conductor.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN G. BORROWS	...*Treble*	ROBERT G. LEWIS	6
CHARLES S. RYLES	2	WILLIAM P. DEANE	7
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	WALTER LONGMAN	8
WILFRED STEVENSON	4	JOHN WORTH	9
THOMAS HURD	5	CHARLES H. PAGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and also the first peal on ten bells by the ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th and 9th. First peal in the method as conductor, and believed to be the first peal of Royal to be rung in North Staffordshire.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.	...*Treble*	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	5
*HAROLD JACKSON	2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	ERNEST BENNETT	7
WILLIAM FERNLEY	4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*HERBERT DAVENPORT	...*Treble*	JAMES H. RIDING	5
*THOMAS B. WORSLEY	2	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
ALBERT J. HUGHES	3	*WILLIAM HORAN	7
*THOMAS WALLWORK	4	EDWARD JENKINS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the association.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN	...*Treble*	ALFRED H. POLLING	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	2	MAURICE SMITHER	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	7
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	HARRY MULLARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung to commemorate the 47th anniversary of the foundation of the Sussex County Association (24th January).

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN M. BROADBENT	...*Treble*	JOHN T. KENTISH	5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
HORACE BELCHER	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.
* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
ERNEST G. HIGGIN	2	THOMAS H. TAPPENDER	6
FREDERICK N. SMEATON	3	KENNETH PATTENDEN	7
*ALFRED C. PANKHURST	4	CHARLES W. PLAYER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. This is the 100th tower in which Mr. Player has rung a peal.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN	...*Treble*	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS	5
THOMAS RILEY	2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	6
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE	3	ERNEST WAGSTAFF	7
LESLIE W. BACON	4	JOHN FLINT	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. CROSS	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
*MRS. GEO. H. CROSS	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
*FREDERICK A. COLEY	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¾ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER	...*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
FRANK G. RINGE	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
The conductor's 1,000th Surprise peal.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	...*Treble*	ALBERT C. DARNELL	5
ROBERT W. GREEN	2	REGINALD T. NEWMAN	6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
RICHARD F. DEAL	4	HERBERT LANGDON	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FRANK BUCKLAND	...*Treble*	ARTHUR MARTIN	5
FREDERICK BIGGS	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

CHURCH, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK ...	...*Treble*	*FRED COCKSHOTT ...	... 5
JAMES PARR	... 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ...	6
WILLIE AARON	... 3	FRED READ... ...	... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ...	... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

GEORGE GILBERT ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES POLLEN ...	... 5
MISS ESTHER MATTHEWS ...	2	REGINALD W. REX ...	... 6
MISS RUBY M. HAZELL ...	3	HARRY W. SMITH ...	... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS	4	PERCY J. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, January 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRANCIS V. JEPHCOTT	...*Treble*	JONATHAN PRESTON ...	... 5
WILLIAM C. RHODES ...	2	FRED PRICE	... 6
GEORGE F. GARRISON ...	3	GEORGE F. SWANN ...	... 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS	4	JOHN E. PYWELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the completion of 45 years' faithful and devoted ministry of the Rev. Canon F. S. Swindell, M.A., as Vicar of Erdington.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, January 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ...	...*Treble*	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	5
GEORGE BENNETT	2	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	THOMAS WM. LAST	7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.... ...	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell, and first attempt.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*GILBERT HALFPENNY	...*Treble*	CHARLES OLLIER	... 5
JOHN H. BRIERLEY	2	JOHN FEARNHEAD	6
†EDWARD F. MAWBY	3	TOM WILDE	... 7
HARRY NORGROVE	4	ALBERT HOUGH	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ollier, wife of the ringer of the fifth.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER	...*Treble*	†DOUGLAS H. S. WHITE ...	5
*CECIL J. RUGG...	2	RICHARD C. HIDE	6
*JOHN T. CREES...	3	ROBERT J. DAWE	7
†ALFRED J. MORRISS	4	*GEORGE P. ELPHICK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The second peal rung by a local band at this church, the first one being 30 years ago, March 10th, 1902. This was rung at the first attempt.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MISS KITTY WILLERS	...*Treble*	CHARLES W. COOK	5
FRANK WARRINGTON...	2	JOHN W. WARD	6
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ...	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
BASIL D. BUTTRESS	4	*JAMES W. R. QUINNEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ILKESTON VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RALPH HARRIS	...*Treble*	†RAYMOND JELPS... ...	... 5
JOHN HALL	... 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ...	6
‡FRANK SADLER	... 3	JOHN C. PERKINS	7
*MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ...	4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOSBY. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major on the bells. First peal of spliced Treble Bob Major by all the band, and in the Ilkeston variation by the association.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM J. WHITING	...*Treble*	ARTHUR H. SMITH	5
JOHN HOYLE	2	GEORGE A. COOK...	6
JOHN BEAMS	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
GEORGE MARRINER	4	ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of Ipswich Surprise by the association, on the bells, and as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the esteemed Vicar of Leatherhead, Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, who attained to his 50th year on January 27th last.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
CHARLES H. SONE	2	CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	6
KENNETH PATTENDEN ...	3	*THOMAS E. SONE	7
MRS. H. BAKER	4	ALBERT RELFE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 150th peal for K.C.A. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. At the conclusion of the peal Sir Charles J. Oakeley, Bt., J.P., congratulated the band on the striking. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker for their kind hospitality.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HARRY CLEMENCE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM DICKENSON	5
SAM PINDER	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
FRANK BRADLEY	3	HAROLD WALKER...	7
LAWRENCE CHADBURN ...	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART, No. 8. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

CHARLES POULTENAY	*Treble*	ALBERT NASH	5
T. COLIN RYDER	2	ARNOLD HILL	6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	3	J. EDWARD CAWSER	7
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ...	4	PERCY MANGHAM... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT AUDSLEY ...	...*Treble*	RICHARD CONSTANT	5
HARRY HOVERD	2	EDWARD G. MORRAD	6
JOHN CHEESMAN	3	EDWARD J. BEER	7
GEORGE BUTCHER	4	WILLIAM GORMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*DONALD C. MEARS ...	...*Treble*	†LEONARD FIDLER	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	2	HORACE W. SMITH	6
MISS EVELYN STEEL... ...	3	†WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	7
HARRY TYSOE	4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Superlative. H. Tysoe's previous peal of Superlative was rung in 1904.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS E. DORIS BLENCOWE	*Treble*	*JAMES W. WILKINS	5
*MISS HILDA F. MILLS ...	2	†GEORGE LIMMER	6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR... ...	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
*CHARLES SMITH	4	ERNEST TOCK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. † First attempt for a peal away from treble.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

L. MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE...	*Treble*	ALBERT WIFFEN	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
FREDERICK W. RIDGWELL	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
*REGINALD MARTIN	4	*WALTER H. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Consisting of ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WASLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS BALDWYN	4
*CHARLES SMITH	2	FREDERICK BLOWING	5
ERNEST MATTHEWS	3	WILLIAM WASLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWYN.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since being rehung by J. Taylor and Co. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

JOHN C. ROYNON... ...	...*Treble*	RICHMOND ROBERTS	4
EDWARD G. NORTON	2	GEORGE GILLING	5
G. EDWARD SHALLISH... ...	3	EDWARD J. AVERY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM ELCOMBE ...	...*Treble*	HENRY W. EDWARDS	4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2	GEORGE AYRES	5
E. GEORGE SWIFT	3	FRANK CORKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

Rung on the 30th anniversary of the Rev. Whittingstall's induction as Rector of the parish.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	†JOHN L. BLOXHAM	4
CYRIL LAKE	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM	3	*ALBERT J. DAVIES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

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

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, January 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILFRED L. TIDY ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES W. CLINCH	4
H. F. HYLTON TIDY	2	JAMES W. KNIGHT	5
LEONARD A. TIDY	3	JOHN O. WELLER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY

First peal for the ringer of the treble, who is 15 years of age.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

HERBERT ROBERTS ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRYLAND	4
GEORGE CASE	2	JOHN TILSTON	5
JOHN HUGHES	3	THOMAS GUEST	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GUEST.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, five callings. Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWIN S. C. BAKER ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT A. T. PRICE ...	4
E. ALEXANDER PRICE ...	2	†HERBERT W PRICE	5
*ERNEST R. NORTON	3	†ERNEST G. PARSONS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT A. T. PRICE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal and first attempt on the bells. Rung by a local band 15 months after the addition of the new treble. Ernest G. Parsons was elected a member prior to the peal. First peal as conductor.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

OLIVER BARNARD... ...	...*Treble*	JOHN WELCH	4
ROBERT HOWARD	2	SIDNEY CARTER	5
BARNARD PATMORE	3	WILLIAM TACK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM TACK.

First peal as conductor.

KIRBY LONSDALE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN N. KIRKBRIDE ...	...*Treble*	*JAMES T. SKEATS	4
ERNEST OVERSBY...	2	DAVID G. BATESON	5
RICHARD T. BATESON	3	EDWIN JENNINGS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

ERNEST BENNETT... 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS RICKETTS, OF SWINDON.

A WELL-KNOWN WILTSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Tom Ricketts, many years ago a prominent member of the Swindon Parish Church Guild, who passed suddenly away on January 20th. Deceased was a native of Kempsford, Glos, where he learned to ring, and, coming to Swindon at the age of 20, was one of the members of the Parish Church Guild when Mr. E. Bishop went to Swindon to 1889 from Lancashire. He soon became a capable eight-bell ringer, taking part in the first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob by the Guild. He became a very active ringer and conductor, visiting various towers in the vicinity and calling the first peal for many ringers who later became well known in the Exercise. He had rung about 100 peals in all and conducted a large number of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

When the new peal of six was installed in St. Mark's Church he left his old friends and took over control of that tower.

A safe ringer and a splendid striker, he formed one of the band that rang many peals of Stedman Triples under the leadership of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who often expressed his willingness to go anywhere with the Swindon men. The deceased was in his 69th year and some years ago had a seizure which ended his career as a peal ringer. His last peal was Stedman Triples, rung in November, 1918, at Swindon Parish Church as a thanksgiving at the conclusion of the Great War, and conducted by his old colleague, Ernest Bishop. R.I.P.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, January 16th, when the following towers were represented: Barrow-in-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Bigby, Elsham, Grimsby (St. James' and St. Andrew's), Killingholme, Mablethorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby. Mr. W. Bramwell, of Grimsby, and other unattached members were also present. Members took advantage of the bells during the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Hedley Burrows), who gave an interesting address based on the Stedman Tercentenary. He also gave the members a warm welcome. Mr. H. Rustby presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Church House, 36 members sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, the president (Canon H. T. Parry, R.D.) presided, supported by the Rev. Hedley Burrows, Vicar.

The secretary's report showed that the district was still 'going strong,' having maintained its members and increased its peals for the year.

The officers elected were: President, Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, R.D.; secretary, Mr. H. I. Mingay; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Bray; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. G. Blanchard; representative on general committee, Mr. C. W. Taylor, the towers to elect their own members for the district committee.

One hon. member from Grimsby, two performing members from Grimsby, five from Grasby and one from Scarby were elected, and the election of three members of Mablethorpe, who were proposed prior to a peal attempt, was confirmed by the meeting.

The president and Mr. W. H. Heyhoe then presented the accounts of the district bell fund.

The president proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address and welcome to them, also to the caterers and Mr. Rutsby for presiding at the organ.—The Vicar suitably responded.

Mr. J. Bray proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the president for presiding over the meeting. He also referred to the honour which has been bestowed on the president of a stall in Lincoln Cathedral, which had been well earned.—The president suitably responded, and further ringing was then continued on the tower bells till 9.15.

Places and dates of meetings selected for the year were as follows: Barrow-on-Humber, April 2nd; Ulceby, May 14th; Bigby, June 25th; Burton-on-Stather, July 9th; Appleby, July 30th; Elsham, August 20th; Waltham, September 10th; Scunthorpe, October 29th.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EDENHAM.

A very successful gathering was held at Edenham on Saturday, January 16th, it being the annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. About 40 ringers were present from Spalding, Pinchbeck, Bourne, Peterborough, Hough-on-the-Hill, Market Deeping, Morton, Folkingham, and the local band. Through the kindness of the Rector, the Rev. D. Rowlands, the good-going peal of eight were available during the afternoon and evening. The bells were employed in a variety of methods, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge and London Surprise. Service was held in the ancient and well-preserved church, the Rector, Rev. D. Rowlands, officiating. The lesson was read by the Master of the Guild (Rev. H. Law James), and the address given by the Rev. E. Bankes James.

Tea was served in the school, 35 sitting down. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. H. Law James.

The meeting expressed deep regret at the passing of the late Mr. W. Tilley, of West Deeping, who was an active member of the Southern Branch for many years, and the company stood in silence as a mark of their respect.

Mr. W. Tilley had resided at West Deeping for many years, and took part in the record length of Minor for Lincolnshire, rung at this church in 1927, consisting of 10,080 changes, in 14 methods, rung in 6 hrs. 20 mins.

Only one change was found necessary in the officers for the ensuing year. Owing to the president of the branch, the Rev. Canon Walker, of Barkston, having left the district, a new president was required, and the Rev. D. Rowlands, Rector of Edenham, was unanimously elected. A vote of thanks was extended to Canon Walker for his past services for many years.

One new member was appointed to the branch committee in the place of the late Mr. W. Tilley, J. Lunn, of West Deeping, being elected.

Two new performing members were elected: A. Cooper, of Deeping St. James, and Miss F. Humphrey, of Folkingham, H. Cook, of Folkingham, being accepted as a probationer of the Southern Branch.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Grantham, owing to these bells being unavailable for the annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbent for the use of bells and the service, and to all who had contributed in making arrangements for a very successful meeting. Ringing was afterwards continued, and the fine ring of eight was lowered in peal about 9 p.m.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 16th. An early start was made with ringing at Shoreditch, where members and friends to the number of 40 assembled, and good use was made of these bells. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were brought round, but a course of Cambridge Maximus failed to materialise. The bells were lowered at 3.30, and a move was made to headquarters, where a large number were awaiting the end of a musical service in church. This being over, the belfry was occupied by over 70 members and friends. Touches of Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Maximus and Treble Ten were rung.

Tea, generously provided by the Vicar (the Rev. Pat McCormick), was served in the Crypt, 51 members sitting down and being joined by the Vicar.

Mr. W. H. Fussell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for their kind attentions, and this was carried with acclamation. The annual general meeting was then held, with the Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) in the chair.

The Vicar welcomed the members in a cordial speech.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. A. Card) gave his report, which was adopted. The balance sheet was also passed as quite satisfactory.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; treasurer, Mr. G. W. Steere; trustees, Mr. A. Hardy and Mr. F. Smith; senior steward, Mr. C. Matthews; junior steward, Mr. T. Bevan; auditors, Mr. T. Newman and Mr. R. Bevan; and hon. secretary, Mr. G. A. Card. New members having been elected, the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the officers for their services during the year.—The hon. secretary thanked the members for their attendance and making the meeting a success, it being voted one of the best the society had held.

A further move to the tower was then made, where Stedman Cinques and a course of Cambridge Maximus were accomplished besides rounds for the younger ringers. A course of London Surprise on the back eight brought to a close a most successful meeting.

SOUVENIRS OF STEDMAN TERCENTENARY

Souvenir booklets of the Stedman Tercentenary can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, price 8d. post free.

Souvenir ash trays, made from oak from St. Benedict's tower, price 2s. 3d. post free, from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH'S BIG MEETING.

A splendidly-attended quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, January 23rd, no less than 70 members being present from 25 towers covering a very wide area. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the order of the day being only courses and short touches, so that all present could have a ring. The methods rung were many and varied, and ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, there being some excellent ringing.

The Guild service was held in the fine old Church of St. Peter conducted by the Rector, who also gave an inspiring and encouraging address on 'The Kingdom of God.' He contended that ringers, by their work, were helping to build up that kingdom, and he thanked them all for the service they were rendering. The hearty singing during the service was a delight to hear.

After the service the members adjourned to the Church Schoolroom, where tea was served by the local ringers and their wives. Owing to the unexpectedly large number present some little difficulty was experienced with the catering, but with willing hands this was soon overcome.

The Rev. D. N. Dobson, Vicar of Mears Ashby and president of the branch, presided at the business meeting. Yardley Hastings was suggested for the next meeting, and 27 new members were elected, a hearty welcome being accorded to them.

The report and balance sheet for the past year were presented and unanimously accepted, the president paying a fine tribute to the branch secretary for his good work. This was heartily endorsed by Mr. R. G. Black, general secretary of the Guild, and the members showed their appreciation by general acclamation.—The Secretary, replying, said the best thanks that could be given to him was for each and all to try and do their duty. He went on to thank them all for attending in such splendid numbers, as it augured well for 1932.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded those who had in any way helped to make the meeting such a success, on the proposition of the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, Vicar of Finedon, and seconded by Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Guild.

Amongst those present were Miss E. Steele and Messrs. Tysoe, Sharp and Townsend, of Bedford, Mr. A. King, Luton, Mrs. P. Humphrey, Miss Humphrey and Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, secretary of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is to be another 'All England' ringers' meeting at Croydon. Those who recollect the success of the huge gathering held there a few years ago will look forward to the coming event with eager interest. The date fixed for it is Saturday, April 2nd, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, by whose invitation it is to be held, are again making elaborate preparations for welcoming and entertaining ringers in large numbers from all parts of the country.

Aldershot has an enthusiastic band of young ringers, numbering nearly two dozen, the majority of them being in their 'teens or only just out of them. Aldershot wants bell ropes badly, but there are no funds available for the purpose. Not to be denied, however, the young folk organised a dance, which was held on Wednesday, in order to 'raise the wind,' and give the bell rope fund a good start.

Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., who last week celebrated his 89th birthday, sends his good wishes to all old friends, and 'hopes to meet them again when the sun shines.'

A new bell has been added to the ring at Preshute Church, Wilts, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. It is a memorial to the late Mr. J. F. L. Hardy, who died on March 30th, 1930. The dedication took place at the meeting of the Marlborough Branch of Salisbury Guild, and the founders were represented by Mr. S. R. Roper.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston recast the old five bells and rehung them in a new frame for six in 1925. The tenor is a few pounds under 9½ cwt., and the new treble 4¼ cwt. They are one of the finest peals of six for their weight in the country.

The peal of Stedman Doubles rung at Kington Magna was conducted by H. J. Ralph, who is to be congratulated on the ability displayed in his first effort as conductor of a peal.

Thirty years ago next month the first peal by a local band was rung at Southover Church, Lewes, Sussex. The second local peal was rung last week. Both were conducted by that stalwart of Sussex ringing, Mr. R. J. Dawe, and Mr. A. J. Turner also took part in both peals. The peal last week was Mr. Dawe's 450th and his 150th on the bells, 60 of which have been ten-bell peals

The attendance at the Northern Branch meeting of the Worcestershire Association, reported last week, was 75, not 25 as erroneously stated.

DEBENHAM BELLS

RESTORATION TO BE CARRIED OUT.

The restoration of the bells at Debenham, Suffolk, has been put in hand, Messrs. Taylor and Co. having secured the contract. The bells are to be rehung in a steel frame with all new fittings and placed about 10 or 12 feet lower in the tower. While the work is in progress the bells will be removed to the foundry for sandblasting and tuning.

The total cost will be about £400, and it is felt that now that the order is definitely placed there may be a good many ringers who would like to help in finding the money. Donations towards this object will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham.

The following subscriptions have been already received: St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, £1 1s.; Ex-Sergt. James Bennett, 5s.; Miss Kitty Willers, 3s.; Ernest F. Poppy 10s.; Harry Parkes, 2s. 6d.; 'Welcomed,' 7s. 6d.; 'Ugly Suffolk Duckling,' 14s.; total, £3 3s.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT TO HOLD ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual meeting of the Leicester District was held at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, on Monday, January 25th. The ten bells were available for ringing from 7.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m., and various methods were rung from Grandsire Doubles to Treble Bob Royal. A good muster of members attended from Husband's Bosworth, Weston-by-Welland, Wigston Magna, Anstey, Great Glen, and the various towers in Leicester. The business meeting was held in the Earl Grey, and opened with a few words from the vice-president, Mr. J. H. Harris, who wished the members 'a happy and prosperous new year.'

It was resolved that the general officers who served last year be re-nominated en bloc, as follows: Mr. E. Denison Taylor, president; Mr. William Willson, vice-president; Mr. W. White, treasurer; Mr. Ernest Morris, general hon. secretary. The retiring district officers were re-elected, viz.: Vice-president, Mr. James H. Harris; Messrs. F. H. Dexter and J. Grant, committee; Mr. Ernest H. Bagworth, local hon. secretary. Six new ringing members and three hon. members proposed were elected, and it was decided that a by-meeting be held at Oadby on a practice night (Thursday) on February 11th.

For the mid-quarterly meeting, Wheatstone was selected, and the meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20th. The quarterly meeting will be held at Ratby on Saturday, March 19th. A discussion took place as to whether an annual dinner should be held or not, and it was finally decided in the affirmative. It was left to a committee, with the vice-president and local secretary, to get something done as soon as possible.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

MEETING AT HADLEIGH ADOPTS RINGING AXIOMS.

About thirty ringers turned up at the meeting at Hadleigh on January 23rd. When the minutes were read, it appeared that there had been fifteen new members elected at Woodbridge at the meeting on November 28th of the local band. It was now pointed out that this was certainly a record for this Guild, and probably for most if not all the other Guilds. This band that day created another record by chartering a bus to take them from Woodbridge to Hadleigh. Mr. Trotman, the Woodbridge captain, was congratulated by the chairman on the remarkable ringing attainments which he and his band had acquired in two years' time.

Arrangements were made for the annual meeting to be held at Sudbury on April 2nd, also for instructing the new ringers at Wattisfield and Hadleigh.

The secretary was asked to write to the B.B.C. and ask for change ringing to be properly announced, for more broadcasts such as that from Westminster Abbey on New Year's Eve, and for services and ringing from Suffolk churches to be broadcast.

The secretary read out eight ringing axioms on changes and mere rows, which he had compiled for the annual meeting. These were more detailed than the previous proposals, in which the Painswick tablet was mentioned. They were very fully discussed, and unanimously approved. It was suggested that these might be printed in the report each year, also that they might be laid before the Central Council, but these points were left to the annual meeting.

Many towers were represented, and there was much ringing both of the simpler and the more elaborate methods, not only on the tower but also on handbells.

THE RINGING AXIOMS.

(a) Ringing is expressed by rows of numbers, of which the figures follow one another, in the same order as the bells which they represent, sound.

(b) Any one of these rows is either a repetition of, or a change from, any other row.

(c) Change ringing is that which is represented by writing rows of figures, starting from a certain row (usually 'rounds'), and proceeding without any repetition until the ringing returns to the same row (usually 'rounds') again.

(d) The alteration from one row to another is counted as one change, therefore the number of changes is the same as the number of rows, if one counts the row that the ringing starts from and returns to (usually 'rounds') only once.

(e) If, however, there is one or more repetitions, the ringing is said to be 'false,' and in this case there are more rows than there are changes.

(f) In such case a claim to have rung the same number of changes as rows is a false statement. Anyone who makes or supports such a claim is not a fit person to be a member of a society or company of scientific change ringers.

(g) No such false statement, claiming that changes have been rung when they have not been rung, should be allowed on the walls of our churches.

MISLEADING PEAL BOARDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Rule 6 of the Suffolk Guild, which Mr. C. T. Coles quotes, is confined to the objects and rules, and does not allow the committee to remove a member for any other cause. Nothing either in the original proposals, or as now altered into the form of axioms, has any suggestion that they should be incorporated into the objects, or rules; nor do I see how it could be done. Therefore a member could not be removed under Rule 6 for this matter, and there is no other way specified for removing him. I think we may, therefore, take it that Mr. Coles' objections are now satisfactorily met.

With regard to the words 'true changes,' I have said nothing to invalidate such an expression. What I have said is that we cannot use the expression 'false changes' nowadays, because the two words contradict one another. But the words 'true' and 'changes' do not contradict one another. On the contrary they support one another. Therefore there is nothing wrong in using them together. The most one can say is that they are tautological.

With regard to those who are somewhat reasonably impatient with this correspondence, may I point out while the splitting of hairs is tedious, it is sometimes necessary. We have in this county at least two 'peal' boards which we do not want to see repeated. One gives the different methods rung in a 'peal' of Minor, but does not give the time. The reason is that there were 'intervals for refreshment' between the methods. The other 'peal' board does not give the method, the reason being that the rows rung were so-called 'call changes,' which is not change ringing at all.

It may be tedious to prevent the perpetration of such enormities, but it is work that someone has got to do. Moreover, I think I may claim, inasmuch as no one has contradicted me after all these letters, that the alteration of the word 'changes' into 'rows' in the Painswick, or similar, tablets, would remove all objections.

HERBERT DRAKE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

All secretaries of affiliated societies are reminded that subscriptions became due on January 1st, and should be sent to me at 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

Hon. members are invited to subscribe to the funds.

G. W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.

A very successful meeting was held at Trumpington on Saturday, when members were present from Barley, Cambridge, Chrishall, Elmdon, Exning, Fulbourne, Ickleton, Melbourn, Mildenhall, Newton, Over, Sawston, Great Shelford, Great Staughton, Stetchworth and some of the local band.

Service was conducted by the Rev. A. C. Moule (himself a ringer), who gave a helpful address based on the treble bell's inscription, 'Good people, come and pray.' He said people outside the church watched to see if ringers' lives through the week were consistent with the invitation they gave to 'come and pray.'—Mr. H. J. Hazel, A.L.C.M., kindly presided at the organ, in the unavoidable absence through illness of Mr. C. Haynes, one of the local band.

Tea, at which over twenty sat down, was served at the Green Man Inn, and was followed by a short business meeting, with Mr. B. D. Buttress, District Ringing Master, in the chair. Messrs. G. Haynes and W. Smoothey, of Ickleton, and Messrs. S. Mancer, C. Plumb, sen., C. Plumb, jun., A. Reed, H. Skerman, T. Smith, J. Waller and J. Dallman, of Great Chishill, were elected ringing members. The Rev. R. A. Smith and Mr. G. W. Tottem, also of Great Chishill, were made hon. members. The belfry elections of Messrs. Gobey and Williams, as non-resident members, were confirmed.

A discussion followed on the desirability of practising new methods at meetings, and it was decided to ask members to look up Double Oxford Major for the quarterly meeting on February 27th.

The company stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Taylor, of Cambridge.

After passing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, handbells were brought into use, while some members rushed for buses and others returned to the tower and kept the bells going until 8.45 p.m. Ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

HON. SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual general meeting of the Doncaster and District Association was held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 30th. There was ringing in the afternoon, and at the service in the Parish Church the preacher gave a welcome to the members and spoke in appreciation of services rendered by the ringers, not only to his own church at Doncaster but to the district in general.

The meeting held after tea in the Clergy House was presided over by Mr. G. Halksworth, the vice-chairman of the society.

The report read by the secretary showed that 15 peals had been rung for the society during the year. The accounts for the year were accepted and were considered satisfactory. The resignation of Mr. P. Gledstone as hon. secretary was accepted with regret, and Mr. C. H. Holmes, of 25, West End Avenue, Bentley, Doncaster, was elected in his place.

It was resolved to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. J. E. Cawser for the help he had given in raising the standard of the association.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman and clergy for their help in making the meeting a success.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Fareham on Saturday, January 23rd, when members and friends attended from Alverstoke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Fareham, Farnborough, Gosport, Hedge End, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Swanmore, Titchfield, Twyford, Winchester and Wickham. The Guild's service was held in the Parish Hall, at which the Vicar, Rev. A. Cory, officiated and preached. Tea, served at Johnson's Cafe, was followed by the business meeting.

The report and balance sheet for the year were read and adopted, and all the officers re-elected for the ensuing year.

Eight new members were elected, viz., Miss Huxford and Miss Vance (Cathedral), F. Gulson and F. Penning (Swanmore), G. Passingham, A. Coglin (Fareham), G. Bartlett (St. Mary's), and R. Sponge (unattached). It was decided to hold the next meeting at Havant on April 23rd.

After a lengthy discussion on the transference of some towers to strengthen the Alton District, a by-meeting was arranged for May 21st at Petersfield.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the organists. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire to Pudsey Surprise Major.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE OXFORD MOVEMENT AND BELFRY REFORM.

A striking address was given at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, to members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at the annual meeting of the Guildford District on Saturday by the Rev. G. S. Mitchell, curate of Cobham, Surrey, who is himself a ringer. He referred to the lamentable ignorance which existed among the public as to the skill and application necessary before one could become an efficient ringer, and to the prejudice that still existed in some places. He went on to say that the changed conditions which marked the belfries to-day, a change which had been wrought within the memory of their oldest members, had been brought about by the co-operation and sympathy between the clergy and the ringers themselves, and it grew almost entirely out of the revival stirred up by the Oxford movement. One result of that movement was that the clergy realised to a greater degree than before their responsibility for the care and cleanliness of the church, and when they had finished with the ground floor they turned their attention to the lumber room upstairs, from which valuable parish records had been recovered and preserved. They also joined with the ringers in the reform of the belfry which took place, and he hoped when the Oxford centenary was kept next year that ringers would have their part in the celebration and acknowledge what they owed to the great leaders of that movement by sending a peal from one end of the land to the other, for they owed not a little to the reformers who fought valiantly against the apathy and indifference of their time to the restoring of the churches to beauty and cleanliness. Proceeding, the preacher referred to the need for constant co-operation between the ringers and the church officers, because the latter must of necessity depend on the ringers, not only for the ringing of the bells, but also for ensuring the care of the bells and the interior of the tower. For their information as to what ought to be done they must rely upon the ringers and upon the expert officers appointed by the Diocesan Guilds. Our forefathers, he said, had bequeathed to us a priceless heritage in the towers and bells, and they could only improve that which they held by co-operation and in harmony with the Church Councils who, although responsible, might be ignorant of facts which ought to be within their knowledge. It was a common complaint, the preacher continued, that the clergy did not take an interest in the belfry, but he thought this was sometimes due to the fact that the ringers did not evince any interest in the church. He, therefore, urged upon them not only the duty to attend the services, and of becoming regular communicants, but also of taking an active interest in the organised life of the parish. Every parish should have a ringer on its Church Council to represent the interests of such an important body of churchworkers, and to give advice, with expert knowledge, on matters relating to the bells and belfry. The surest way to promote the efficiency of the church generally and of their own church in particular in the work to which they gave so much of their time, was first by joining in the fellowship of the congregation, and, secondly, by making their voice heard in the Church Councils.—The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. de G. Lucas).

SUGGESTED RE-DIVISION OF THE GUILD.

The Very Rev. Provost Kirwan presided at the business meeting which followed tea in S. Nicolas' Hall, and was attended by over fifty members. He was supported by the hon. treasurer of the Guild (Admiral T. P. Walker), the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), the district hon. secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), and the District Ringing Master (Mr. W. R. Melville). The Master of the Guild (Major Hesse) was unavoidably unable to attend.

The following district officers were declared re-elected, there being no other nominations: Mr. G. L. Grover, hon. secretary; Mr. C. Hazelden, hon. auditor; Mr. S. Marshall, hon. members' representative on executive committee. After a ballot, Mr. Melville was re-elected Ringing Master, and Messrs. R. Whittington and S. Pelter as ringing members on the executive committee.

The balance sheet showed receipts from 151 ringing members £15 2s., and hon. members £3 7s. 6d. After paying expenses and fifty per cent. of subscriptions to the Guild funds, the balance of £14 0s. 7d. at the beginning of the year was raised to £17 6s. 2d.—The balance sheet was adopted, as was also the hon. secretary's report, which showed an increase on the year of two ringing members and one hon. member, the totals being 151 and 26 respectively. Since the beginning of the year the subscriptions of 12 ringing members from Grayshott, where a new peal of eight was hung last year, had been received, so that the number of ringing members for 1932 should be a record. The report went on to refer to the suggested division of the district, but pointed out that with the receipts halved, the smaller districts would have little left after paying the rather considerable expenses which an annual district meeting usually involved in Guildford. Although, continued the report, from a secretary's point of view a small district was perhaps to be preferred, the expense of running a small district properly was almost as much as in a larger one, and the smallness of the balance in hand might possibly hamper its working. Perhaps, therefore, they would not be in too much hurry to recommend to the Guild a division of that district. After a warning to every single ringing member in the

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MR. WILLIAM PYE'S NEW RECORD.

ONE THOUSAND SURPRISE PEALS.

Mr. William Pye has added yet another to his many unique records by ringing one thousand Surprise peals. He is, of course, the first to do this, and the achievement includes some wonderful performances, as the list below shows. Not the least remarkable feature is the nineteen Surprise peals, including five of London, rung on handbells, while the 59 peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung in towers all over England, include, of course, the record of 15,312 rung in 11 hrs. 33 mins. at Ashton-under-Lyne, and also the 7,392, to which he rang the 53 cwt. tenor at Bow Church, Cheapside.

	Tower bells. Rung.	Conducted.
Cambridge Surprise Major	90	54
Cambridge Surprise Royal	70	52*
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	59	44†
New Cambridge Surprise Major	23	16
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	3
Superlative Surprise Major	269	185
Superlative Surprise Maximus	5	5
Bristol Surprise Major	189	137‡
London Surprise Major	242	209§
Middlesex Surprise Royal	5	5
Yorkshire Surprise Maximus	1	1
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1	1
Londonderry Surprise Major	1	1
Pudsey Surprise Major	1	1
Rutland Surprise Major	1	1
Lincolnshire Surprise Major	1	1
Spliced Surprise Major in 3 methods	1	
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" " " 9 "	1	1
" " " 10 "	1	1
" " " 11 "	1	1
" " " 12 "	1	1
Spliced Royal in 3 methods	1	1
Spliced Maximus in 2 methods	2	2
Totals	981	735

	Handbells. Rung.	Conducted.
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3	3
Superlative Surprise Major	8‖	5
Bristol Surprise Major	3	2
London Surprise Major	5	4
Totals	19	14

* Including 10,440 record. † Including 7,392 and 15,312 records. ‡ Including 15,264. § Including 14,112 record. ‖ Including one non-conducted.

ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD, NORWICH.

At the annual meeting of St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Norwich, held on Friday, January 30th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. William E. Bason; Deputy Master, Mr. George Mayers; treasurer, Mr. George P. Burton; secretary, Miss M. Robertson, 7, Henley Road, Christchurch Road, Norwich.

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district to take a real live interest in the Guild, unless the district was to lose ground, as the Chertsey District had done, the report continued: 'Let everyone take as example those stalwarts to whom we should be especially grateful, namely, those people who spend the greater part of their ringing careers in that difficult, disheartening and never-ending task of finding and teaching beginners.'

The report was adopted with thanks to the hon. secretary, and, after discussion on the question of dividing the district into two, it was resolved to recommend that the executive committee, in view of the unsatisfactory state of affairs in the Chertsey District, should take into consideration the re-division of the whole diocesan area.

The Ringing Master reported that the district meetings had not been as well attended as they ought to have been. There had been 22 peals rung in the district in the year, including eight of Stedman Triples, two of London Surprise, one each of Minor in four methods, Cambridge Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, Norfolk, Superlative, Double Dublin, Dublin, and Bristol Surprise. Mr. A. H. Pulling had conducted 16 peals, A. C. Hazelden two, W. J. Robinson two, J. S. Goldsmith one, and C. H. Kippin one.

Reports on combined practices showed excellent results in some areas, but failure in others.

All the general officers of the Guild were renominated, and six new members elected.

District meetings are to be held during the year at Chiddingfold, Cranleigh, Merrow and Clandon, Shalford, Worplesdon, and the annual district meeting at Guildford.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to all concerned in the day's arrangements.

THE LATE MR. JAMES SHAW.

AN EXAMPLE OF FAITHFUL SERVICE.

As already briefly recorded in 'The Ringing World,' Mr. James Shaw, of Hyde, Cheshire, died on Tuesday, January 5th. He passed away in hospital after having undergone two operations for a complaint which was not considered serious. He recovered from the operations very well, but had a relapse and died in a few hours.

The deceased was 70 years of age and had been a ringer at St. George's Church, Hyde, for the long period of nearly 57 years. He commenced to ring when quite a boy, and rang his first peal in January, 1879, and his last peal in May, 1930. The latter was a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at Hyde by an entirely local band as a compliment to him on the completion of 55 years' service ringing there. A stone tablet has been placed in the tower recording this peal. Mr. Shaw was a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild from its earliest days, and before the advent of the Guild he rang many peals for the old United Counties Association and the Northern Scholars. He never kept a record of his peals, but the number was between one and two hundred, and ranged from Minor to Maximus. He rang in the first peal of Stedman Triples for the Chester Guild and also in the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells at Ashton-under-Lyne.

Always a first-class striker, he insisted on this being the first consideration when ringing, and often said he did not care what the method was so long as the striking was good. He would always have good rounds before the bells were sent into changes, and if the first change was not a good one he would call rounds again. He was one of the band of Hyde ringers who won the United Counties' Association eight-bell cup outright, and took part in many prize-ringing contests in Cheshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire and Derbyshire in the '80's and '90's of last century. He was also a member of the Hyde handbell ringers, and took part with them in many contests at Belle Vue, Manchester, and elsewhere. He regularly attended the meetings of the Chester Guild and the Lancashire Association, and rarely missed a meeting of the local branches. A man of reserved disposition, he was esteemed by all who knew him.

The funeral took place on Friday, January 8th. The service was held in St. George's Church, conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, chairman of the local branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and a friend of many years standing. He also officiated at the cemetery, where the interment took place. The deceased was carried to his last resting place by six of the local ringers. Many ringers from neighbouring towers attended, and Messrs. J. M. Simon and A. Bancroft, churchwardens, amongst other parishioners and friends, were present in church. After the interment the bells were rung muffled to various touches, including a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by W. Blackhurst 1, R. Davies (Didsbury) 2, J. H. Brierley 3, H. Norgrove 4, T. Wilde (conductor) 5, S. Bowker 6, B. Thorpe (Ashton) 7, A. Hough 8. On the following Sunday the bells were rung muffled for both morning and evening services, and the acting Vicar, Dr. T. M. Waltenberg, M.A., made reference to Mr. Shaw's long and faithful service. The hymns, 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' and the deceased's favourite, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' were sung, and after the evening service the organist (Mr. G. W. Oldham) played the Dead March in 'Saul.' A muffled peal was rung to Mr. Shaw's memory on Saturday, January 16th.

So now we leave him, grateful for all he has done for ringing and ringers, and for the faithful service he has rendered to his church. It is pleasing to record that one of his great wishes has been fulfilled, namely, that he would be able to leave a good band of ringers at his home tower when he set his bell for the last time. May the example of service which he has set be widely followed. R.I.P.

AN APPRECIATION.

By the death of Jim Shaw the Exercise is very much the loser; although he did not develop to any extent the higher methods, he cultivated striking in every sense of the word. The smile on his face during a well-struck touch was something to behold. His features were far more eloquent than speech, and one need not ask if the ringing suited him: when his head was cocked slightly on one side you had to do your best. A typical North Cheshire man, he had the homely characteristic of the district. He did not appear to have any ambition to be one of the 'big nobs,' but his presence was a source of strength and his gentle demeanour gained for him that respect which was his due. With his early ringing activities I am not fully conversant. That he had taken part in many prize ringing competitions as a member of the Hyde company is common knowledge among his many friends, and, despite the high standard of striking that that band had attained, he did not belittle the efforts of others. He criticised, certainly, but in a most helpful manner, and any learner who showed keenness found in him a guide and helper. He was not arrogant, neither was he a tyrant in the belfry, but had that happy knack of expressing his opinion without dancing about, although an occasional stamp of the foot added emphasis to his words. Many have rung more peals than he; that he enjoyed a good one goes without saying. One can safely assume that each of his peals was a good one, and, like his life, clean and true.

On both sides of the Mersey will he be missed particularly, apart, of course, from Hyde. At any meeting one would invariably find him

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ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR.

The first peal of Ashtead Surprise Major, a method produced by Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, was rung at Ashtead on Monday, January 18th.

Ashtead Surprise is a variation of 'Brighton' Surprise by the addition of 7th's and 2nd's places. The method deserves attention, for, with tenors together, it has a clean proof scale, the bells are always in proper coursing order in front and behind, it is a double method, and compositions can be had in 1, 2 or 3 parts with the 4th, 5th and 6th only in sixths' place.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Eastern District of Herts Association was held on Saturday week at Broxbourne. There was a good attendance, and much pleasure was derived from the presence of several London members, one of the results being ringing of a high order, including spliced Surprise Major. The opening touch of the afternoon was London Surprise, which in all probability constitutes a record for East Herts.

A very happy company sat down to tea at the Welcome, and the business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. G. Radley. Mr. G. Collern, of Enfield, was elected a life member, and Miss Radley, daughter of Mr. G. Radley, of the Broxbourne band, was also elected a member.

The tower was again visited, and good ringing done, all having spent a very pleasant time, from both the ringing and the social aspect.

NIGEL MORGAN-BROWN—PRIEST.

The death is announced, at the age of 72, of the Rev. Nigel Mackenzie Morgan-Brown, Rector of Bishop's Cleeve, near Cheltenham. Mr. Morgan-Brown became widely known in connection with St. Paul's Cathedral, where for nearly twenty years he held a number of appointments, including those of headmaster of the choir school, Minor Canon and Sub-Dean. He was an accomplished musician and tenor vocalist. In 1904 he accepted the living of St. Giles', Cripplegate, where he remained until 1919. In 1919 he was preferred to the Rectory of Bishop's Cleeve. It was quite an inspiration to hear him sing High Mass. On the Sunday after the funeral, Cripplegate bells were rung, half-muffled, to Grandsire Cinques for service. Previous to the ringing 'De profundis' was recited.

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present, and he enjoyed them, too, whether it be amid the pleasant surroundings of the Cheshire churches or at those churches in the Manchester district not so favourably situated, but more convenient of access. And after ringing was over he enjoyed the social company of his fellow-ringers. His very many reminiscences were generally interesting, they reminded the older hands of the 'good old days' and illustrated to the younger end the advantages of to-day compared with the difficulties they had to overcome. One of the proudest days of his life was when he saw St. George's noble bells cast at Loughborough in 1926.

F. P. J.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CENTRAL DIVISION.

A highly successful meeting of the Central Division was held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, January 23rd, and was attended by nearly forty members from Balcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's and The Good Shepherd), Coleman's Hatch, Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Heene, Lindfield and Turner's Hill. Ringing in various methods was done during the afternoon, and a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. D. Trimming), who delivered an eloquent address on 'Ringing considered as a work and labour of love.' A collection taken on behalf of the Benevolent Fund amounted to 13s. This was followed by an excellent tea, provided by the kindness of the Rev. C. F. D. and Mrs. Trimming, to which all present did ample justice.

The Vicar, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) presided at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: Frank Husman, Turner's Hill, and G. Parsons, Cuckfield; and the election of Messrs. W. Button (Rolvenden, Kent), W. Bidnell (Hythe, Kent), and F. Jennings (West Croydon) as non-resident members was confirmed.

Mr. E. C. Merritt then moved a vote of congratulation to the Crawley band on their success in accomplishing a peal of Berkeley Surprise Major, remarking that if the keenness shown by this performance spread to other towers it would result in a quickening of life throughout the association.—This being seconded, carried, and acknowledged by Mr. O. Sippetts, the conductor of the Berkeley peal, Mr. Rickman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address in church, and for the kind hospitality, for which all present owed so much to him and Mrs. Trimming. This was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar's acknowledgment brought the proceedings to a close.

Ringing was then resumed and kept up till about 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal. The methods brought round ranged from Grandsire Triples to Surprise Major, the most noteworthy item being two touches of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Major.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD DISTRICT'S BELL RESTORATION FUND.

The annual meeting of the Bedford District was held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, January 16th, and was well attended by a representative gathering of some 40 members and visitors during the afternoon and evening. The bells were kept going to a great variety of Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise Minor methods, with varying degrees of success.

Tea, kindly prepared by Miss E. Steel and Mrs. Leader, was served in St. Peter's Hall, and all enjoyed the most excellent spread.

The annual business meeting was presided over by Miss E. Steel. The secretary (Mr. P. C. Bonnett) presented a report of the year's work, which stated that monthly meetings had been held, with a good attendance at all except two. Peals rung had increased from nine in 1930 to nineteen in 1931, and included four peals of Major, thirteen of Minor, and two of Doubles, while three members had conducted their first peal. One hon., four non-resident, and two ringing members had been elected and three members re-elected. During the year, on the proposition of Miss E. Steel, a fund was started in the district to be called 'The Belfry Repair Fund,' towards which members are asked to contribute a penny each at tea on meeting days, the funds to be devoted to any bell restoration in the district.

Thanks were extended to the various clergy who had allowed the use of their bells, also those members who made local arrangements for the meetings, while the secretary was thanked for his work.

The balance sheet was presented and adopted and showed receipts £6 2s. 6d., expenses £1 10s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £4 12s,. which was considered highly satisfactory.

The statement of the Belfry Repair Fund showed that £1 7s. had been collected, and this was devoted to Stagsden Bell Restoration Fund.

The election of officers resulted as follows: District secretary, Mr. P. C. Bonnett; district committee, Messrs. H. Stapleton, F. Inskip, W. Addington, W. Stapleton and F. C. Tysoe, the last two named to attend the general committee meeting.

New members elected were Mr. S. Garratt, Kempston, and Mr. W. Adams, Clapham, and Mr. I. Bryant, Clapham, re-elected.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells closed the meeting. Ringing was carried on until 8.30 p.m., several Surprise methods being practised.

Members were present from Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Bromham, Kempston, Harrold, Turvey, Cardington, Ravensden, Biddenham, Stagsden, Luton, Clifton, Biggleswade, Bozeat and Wollaston.

The secretary thanks all those members who have supported the meetings in 1931, and hopes that those who do not often grace the meetings with their presence will make a real effort to do so this jubilee year, so that it may be one of real progress.

The arrangements for meetings are made just as easy when there is a good attendance as when there is a poor one, while the success of the meeting is not comparable.

NOTICES.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING at CROYDON on Saturday, April 2nd, by invitation of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, Ltd. Further details later.

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, should be paid in before the 29th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, 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.—Annual meeting, important business, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Chertsey. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall.—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Divison.—A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The rings of 10 and 8 at St. Giles' and All Saints' respectively will be available: from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the case of St. Giles' and from 2 p.m. onward at All Saints'. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Felsted on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The bells of St. James' (6, tenor 12 cwt.) will be available at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30., and tea in the Church Institute at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, February 6th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5, at the Magnet. Short business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, February 6th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions are due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Canterbury Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8) and St. Alphege (6) bells available. Ringers are asked to attend Cathedral service at 3 o'clock. Tea (free), at Gaywood's Rooms, 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due and should be paid at this meeting. — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thorverton on Feb. 6th. 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.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth (10 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 6th. City bells available afternoon and evening. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle St., Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bingham on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions are now due.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 6th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' will be available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., St. Laurence's from 3.40 to 4.30 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Giles' at 5 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea and business meeting at the Central Girls' Club Hall, Chain Street. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Royston, February 6th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar, who has offered to provide tea for those who send him a card. Please notify Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston. Write it now before you forget!—Don Mears, Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Southern District, with the Cleveland Association, will be held at Darlington, on Saturday, February 6th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, St. John's, and Holy Trinity, available afternoon and evening. Tea, Hunter's Cafe, 4.30 p.m.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dodford (6) on Saturday, February 6th. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me? Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 6th. The bells will be ready at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 6th, at Whitchurch. Service at 4.30 in Parish Church. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Bells available from 2.30. Business meeting after tea.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil, on Saturday, February 6th. The fine rehung peal of ten available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify Mr. J. E. Baker, 102, Eastland Road, Yeovil.—F. Farrant, Martock.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Walsoken, near Wisbech, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, February 6th. Bells open at 2.30 p.m. Good attendance requested. Good bus service from all directions. Tea will be provided for those who notify Robt. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Beighton (6 bells) on Saturday, February 6th. For tea please notify Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 at St. Leonards. Tea at Kings Head Hotel 5 followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 21, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Mid Devon Branch.—Annual meeting February 6th at Upton, Torquay. Bells (8), recently rehung, available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5. Torre bells (6) also available. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting which was to have been held on Saturday, January 30th, at St. James' Church, Birch, Rusholme, has been postponed until to-morrow (Saturday, February 6th). Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

WATFORD.—Saturday, February 6th.—Bells open from 3.30 p.m, Tea at 5.30 in Schoolroom near. Ringing after till 8.30. Cheap tickets by trains from all stations or by road coaches.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (City 4270.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. — E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

BADBY, NEAR DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by Taylors, of Loughborough, on Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 2.30 p.m.

YAXLEY, NEAR PETERBOROUGH. — Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely on Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All welcome.—T. C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, February 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting after the service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, February 9th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Institute. Please let me have numbers for tea by February 10th.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland, St. James', on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service in church 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5.15. Please notify me of your intention to be present at tea not later than Wednesday, February 10th. Will members please make a special effort to attend. Subscriptions for the current year are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Blackwell on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at a moderate charge. Please send numbers for tea to me by Wednesday, February 10th.—J. W. England, Welwyn, South Normanton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 13th. Service at Parish Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea 1s. 3d. per head. Bells (8) available from 3. Visitors kindly inform H. Morgan, 40, Hawthorn Avenue, Gainsborough.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea provided, 1s. each, for those who notify Mr. G. Broadhead, 1, Church Field Avenue, by Wednesday, 10th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells of the Parish Church available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in St. Lawrence Church Room, Normandy Street, 5. Business meeting follows. Will all those who require tea kindly notify me by Thursday, 11th ?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society). — Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields (8), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge (10), 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; St. Clement Danes' (10), 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. Service St. Clement's 4.45. Tea at Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, Strand, 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in Parish Hall, 6.30 p.m.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard, on Saturday, February 13th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Institute at 5 p.m. to those only who let me know by Wednesday, February 10th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service in church at 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify me for tea. — R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Wymondham, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise me not later than February 11th ?—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Notify me for tea before Wednesday, February 10th. All welcome. These bells know Surprise Minor.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

SCARNING, NORFOLK.—The rehung and augmented ring of six, by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, February 14th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers will be welcome and will be entertained to tea. Will those intending to be present write to the Rev. W. Eugène Pérrin, Scarning Rectory, East Dereham?

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, February 13th. Six bells. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify G. Webley, Faringdon, by February 10th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by the unveiling of a peal tablet by the Rev. Canon Elsee. Tea served in the Schoolroom afterwards. Notify me for tea before Wednesday, February 17th. All ringers welcome.—Jas. W. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIACIATION.—Western Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Ripple, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells (6) ready 2.45. Service 4 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, February 17th.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec., Duddage, Twyning, near Tewkesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester and Bolton Branches.— A joint meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by a social at Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club, Old Hall Street. As these are licensed premises it is essential that names be sent to 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, not later than February 17th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. —Donald Brown, Peter Crook, Hon. Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 20th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, February 16th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Reports ready. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcomed. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

STEVENTON, BERKS.—Ring of six, rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, February 20th. Service 3 p.m. Visiting ringers will be entertained to tea afterwards; names to be sent to the Rev. A. Robinson, Steventon Vicarage, Didcot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea in the Parish Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, February 16th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Heene on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service 4 30. Tea at the Parish Rooms at 5. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than February 16th?—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Rd., Worthing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 44th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 27th, 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) 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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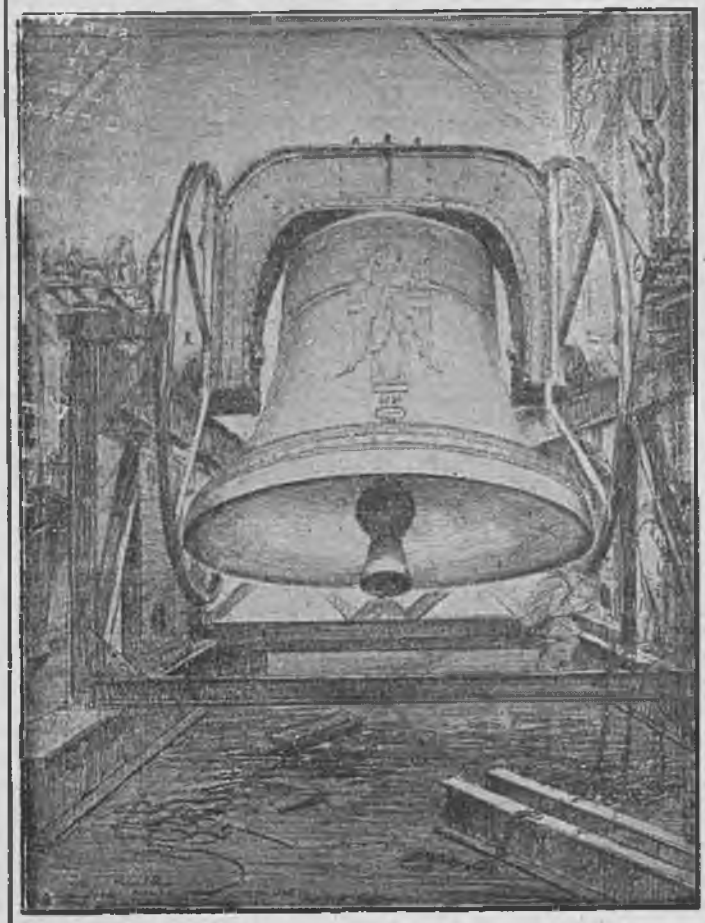

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HENRY LAW JAMES.

Another of the brilliant coterie of men of a fast disappearing generation has been called home. Henry Law James, priest, one of the men who have led the thought of the Exercise and influenced the development of the art of ringing for something like forty years, has been gathered to his fathers. His death has come with work still uncompleted, but he has given to ringing the benefit of his great ability in no unsparing measure. There is probably no one with a greater knowledge of the deeper problems of the science than he had. They had been his study for nearly half a century; he revelled in them, and his mathematical mind enabled him to plumb many depths which defied others less gifted. There was no greater authority than he upon method construction and extension, and he, with others, has left a practical legacy to the Exercise in the 'Collections of Methods' which have been published by the Central Council.

He has been one of the greatest composers that the Exercise has ever had; not that he produced peals in large numbers. His claim is based on other grounds. He did not compose merely for the sake of 'getting' peals; had he done so he could doubtless have produced them by hundreds in all the methods in which this is possible. Like his distinguished contemporary, the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, his serious work was devoted to some specific end, to obtaining peals with new or hitherto undeveloped properties; or to new features of composition. One of his greatest contributions to this phase of ringing was, perhaps, his exploration of Minor, which made method 'splicing' possible. He was the first to show the manner in which a number of Minor methods could be joined up into true extents and by his peal in the four best known Surprise Major methods he extended the scope of 'spliced' ringing into a field hitherto unapproached.

There was originality in nearly all that he did — as there is with men of real genius. Not all of his opinions met with popular favour, and some of the views which he put forward were definitely 'turned down' by the Exercise, such, for instance, as the assertion which he made some years ago that a peal of real Stedman Triples, Caters or Cinques had not yet been rung. He used to describe the peals in this method which he himself had taken part in as in the 'Norwich variation,' and while in later years he let the subject drop, he nevertheless, championed it with considerable zeal in the days when he was endeavouring to convert the Exercise to his point of view. He was always dogmatic and unbending in his opinions, and whenever they clashed with conflicting

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ideas, he was forceful and, to waverers, convincing in argument. But these occasional differences only accentuated his independence of thought and were typical of the originality of effort which marked his work for the Exercise. To his labours for the cause of ringing in other directions reference is made elsewhere, but this much must be said here that, particularly in his younger days and before failing health laid a restraining hand upon him, he stimulated the practical side of ringing wherever he went. In Gloucester, at Cambridge and in Lincolnshire he did more than useful work for the art. The death of Henry Law James is a severe blow to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, to the Central Council, of which he was a distinguished member, and to the Exercise at large, but the results of his labours will live on.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN ARMSTRONG...	7
CHARLES T. COLES	2	JAMES BENNETT	8
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JOHN T. KENTISH	9
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ...	4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	10
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	5	WILLIAM PYE	11
JOHN H. CRAMPION	6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

TEN BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	...*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	2	CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ...	7
RONALD BULLEN	3	JOHN T. KENTISH	8
FREDERICK DIGBY	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	9
JAMES E. DAVIS	5	REUBEN SANDERS..	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.

THE ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

MISS DORIS M. BRYANT ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ...	2	THOMAS LANGDON	7
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	3	ALFRED B. PECK	8
HARRY R. PASMORE	4	HERBERT LANGDON	9
ROBERT W. GREEN	5	FRANCIS W. H. SERGISON	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, M.A., and Mrs. Pennington Bickford.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932 in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD	*Treble*	HORACE M. DAY	6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	2	MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
CHARLES MCGOINESS... ...	3	JOHN WALDEN	8
WILLIAM G. THORPE	4	FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	9
ARTHUR I. HOLMES	5	JOHN A. FREEMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deepest respect to the Rev. H. Law James, who was interred at Surfleet on the above date.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSION,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
REVERSE VARIATION OF PARKER'S. Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb.

FRANK LAWRENCE ...	*Treble*	HAROLD F. MARTIN	5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	6
DENIS R. MORRIS	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

G. E. PRIESTNALL ...	*Treble*	J. H. SPENCER	5
C. ALLSOP	2	C. A. PRIESTNALL	6
E. T. GARDINER	3	H. B. BOWLEY	7
W. BALL	4	P. INGRAM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by C. ALLSOP.

First peal on the bells since they were augmented on December 5th, 1931. First peal on eight bells by all except ringers of 2nd and 7th, and rung at the first attempt. All are local ringers, except the conductor, who is an ex-member of the band.

BRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
KILLAMARSH VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

VERNEY BAIRSTOW ...	*Treble*	WILLIE PROCTOR	5
*WILLIAM H. SENIOR ...	2	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW	6
JOHN WINDLE	3	*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS	7
*HARRY MARSDEN	4	WILLIAM AMBLER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal in Spliced methods.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH JENNINGS ...	*Treble*	WALTER SMITH	5
*FRANK HARRINGTON	2	ERNEST TOWNSEND	6
FREDERICK RIDGEWELL ...	3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	7
ALBERT WIFFEN	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

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

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK SHERATON...	*Treble*	RICHARD A. GOFTON	5
JOHN ANDERSON	2	ADAM DEAS	6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	3	THOMAS H. REEVES	7
JOSEPH E. KEEN	4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANCIS R. DEACON ...	*Treble*	ERNEST E. PICKERING ...	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	THOMAS H. WRIGHT	6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	3	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... ...	7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Colver and Mr. Charles Thompson (grandfather of the conductor), three members of the church, who were interred during the week previous to the peal.

LONG CRENDON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.	*Treble*	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	5
MISS STELLA DAVIS	2	WALTER F. JUDGE	6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	7
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY	4	RICHARD WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal on the bells since their rehanging by Mr. R. White, their 'go' being all that can be desired.

DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

*ERNEST L. ALLISON ...	*Treble*	ROLAND PARK	5
GEORGE W. PARK	2	NORMAN PARK	6
†JAMES R. TEMPLE	3	FREDERICK SHERATON ...	7
‡CHARLES F. VASEY	4	ERNEST E. FERRY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 4th are Cathedral ringers.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*THOMAS J. FOWLER ...	*Treble*	JESSE ELDRIDGE	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	WILLIAM H. WALKER ...	6
WILLIAM HENLEY	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ...	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of London. By kind consent of the Vicar, the attempt was arranged by Mr. Arthur Martin, who was unable to take part in it owing to influenza.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Saturday, January 23rd, at the Parish Church, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): *T. Abbotts 1, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 2, Miss E. Foster 3, *C. Blizzard 4, A. Morris 5, *W. Beach 6. * First quarter-peal.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Mary's, as a birthday compliment to the captain of the band, Mr. F. Baldwin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Watson 1, W. Tandy 2, F. Baldwin 3, E. Pearson 4, T. Impey 5, F. Selwyn 6, H. Impey (conductor) 7, W. Aston 8.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEORGE BARLOW ...	...*Treble*	JAMES LEES	5
OGDEN MOORES	2	WALTER E. HOWARTH ...	6
ERNEST MOORES	3	HERBERT BARLOW	7
SYDNEY GOULDEN	4	VERNON SYKES	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. FRANCIS. Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in this method. A compliment to Mr. E. B. Shaw, who, at the age of 72 years, has just retired from active ringing.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED HALLIWELL ..	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HORAN	5
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	2	HERBERT DAVENPORT... ...	6
THOMAS WALLWORK	3	TITUS BARLOW	7
ROBERT WALLWORK	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by THOS. B. WORSLEY

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH LADLEY	5
MAURICE N. HAINES	2	*JOHN WELCH	6
SIDNEY CARTER	3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ...	7
BARNARD PATMORE	4	WILLIAM K. NORTH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SAMUEL THOMPSON ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD V. COOPER	5
*SIDNEY G. THOMPSON ...	2	HECTOR BIRD	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	7
JOHN BASS	4	JOHN LLOYD	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 31, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*ALBERT H. TYLER ...	...*Treble*	LEONARD CLAY	5
CHARLES G. BOWKETT ...	2	*FREDERICK W. GRIFFITHS	6
*PERCY BLISSETT	3	*THOMAS G. GREEN	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	*FREDERICK C. PUGH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. GREEN.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as the quarterly peal for the Western Branch. All except the ringer of the 4th are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

CHESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Wall, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,248 changes): W. Thomas 1, G. R. Jones 2, R. Sperring 3, H. W. Wilde 4, J. Swindley 5, P. Swindley 6, J. Morgan 7, S. Jones, jun., 8. First touch in the method for ringers of 1, 5, 6 and 8.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WILLESDEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY KILBY	...*Treble*	THOMAS COLLINS	5
ALBERT W. COLES	2	*ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
*JOHN H. BOTHAM	4	†ALICK CUTLER	...*Tenor*

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

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

CHURCH, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*JAMES PARR	...*Treble*	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ...	5
*WILLIE AARON	2	*JAMES INGHAM	6
WILLIAM HORAN	3	*FRED READ...	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor and first on the bells.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND EANSWYTHE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25¾ cwt.

EDWIN G. BOESDEN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BIDNELL	5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY	2	RICHARD T. CLARK	6
CHARLES TURNER	3	HARRY PARKES	7
CHARLES R. MILLWAY ...	4	HORACE WHITEHEAD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BOESDEN.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. R. Millway and H. Whitehead, also to the son of Mr. Harry Parkes.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*ALBERT E. BRACEY ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE HOWCHIN	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE MAYERS	6
†HAROLD QUANTRILL	3	CHARLES H. MOORE	7
†CYRIL CROWE	4	ARTHUR G. BASON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WM. E. BASON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal, and first attempt. These ringers are members of the Hethersett company.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MAYERS	5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	WILLIAM E. BASON	7
JOHN A. GODFREY	4	EDWIN R. GOATE... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WM. E. BASON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A birthday peal for Fred Howchin. First peal on the bells since rehanging. This 42-course composition, containing all combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 without the second in 5-6, is now rung for the first time.

'ASHTEAD' SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate and thank the ringers who took part in the first peal of the above method at Ashtead on the 18th ult.

Let me also thank you for publishing a lead of the method, and at the same time it will be well if I point out that a bob at the first lead-end produces the **Before**, i.e., **17864523**, not 16874523 as given.—Yours faithfully, GEORGE BAKER.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Biddulph, London, York, Wells, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ELLIOTT COOPER	...Treble	JAMES STANWAY	4
CHARLES S. RYLES	2	WILLIAM HAZLEDINE	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	JAMES WALLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the Vicar (Rev. F. G. Llewellin's) 25 years' faithful ministry in the Church of England. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F sharp.

E. PERCIVAL	...Treble	G. EVANS	4
B. WEBB	2	S. PIPER	5
T. EVANS	3	J. DYER	...Tenor

Conducted by J. DYER.

The ringer of the treble is only 15 years of age. Believed to be the first rung by a local band for over 100 years, the last one, in 1828, being recorded on a board in the belfry.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Chase and St. Dunstan's, 960 each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 1,680 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

PERCY AMOS	...Treble	JOHN R. NICHOLS	3
JOHN H. BLUFF	2	GEORGE SLADGHTER	4
		RONALD RUSSELL	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

First peal in five methods by all except the ringers of the tenor. First peal on the bells.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Tuesday, January 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MRS. PATTENDEN	...Treble	ALFRED DAW	4
CYRIL WENHAM	2	FREDERICK BURT	5
KENNETH PATTENDEN	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	...Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First peal in more than one method. A birthday peal for Mrs. Pattenden. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

GREAT HORMEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BARKER	...Treble	WILLIAM H. CLEMENCE	4
WILLIAM K. NORTH	2	†WILLIAM BARDWELL	5
*JEFFREY WILLIAMS	3	‡WILLIAM SINN	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM K. NORTH.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal away from tenor. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells.

CAMBERWELL.—For evening service, on January 10th, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes): Miss H. F. Mills 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, J. H. Lucas 3, T. H. Taffender 4, G. H. Grainger 5, E. Hancox 6, E. J. King 7, W. D. Grainger 8, F. Corke (first quarter in the method) (conductor) 9, W. Rogers 10.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Single Court. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*THOMAS A. COOPER	...Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON	4
†WILLIAM V. BENNETT	2	ROGER W. DANIELS	5
HORACE M. DAY	3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN	...Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal on six. † First attempt. Both are local men. The peal was a 21st birthday compliment to Walter Waldron, son of the 4th ringer.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*A. S. SYMONDS	...Treble	BERNARD PETITT	4
*ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE	2	ERNEST TURNER	5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	3	OLAVE E. BROYD	...Tenor

Conducted by O. BROYD.

* First peal and first attempt, and elected members of above association previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Ena Warnes and Miss Evelyn Smith.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 27, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Kent and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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.

This peal was rung by six members of the St. Mary's Guild from Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

EDWARD FROSSELL	...Treble	NORL WILES	4
*HERBERT L. HARLOW	2	REGINALD WEST	5
NORMAN J. INSKIP	3	PEARL INSKIP	...Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* 200th peal.

NORTH MARSTON, BUCKS.
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT HODGES	...Treble	†F. HOBBS	4
WM. H. JONES	2	*H. D. GRACE	5
*F. G. ALDERMAN	3	*C. G. GILDER	...Tenor

Conducted by WM. H. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal in the tower.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Kent and four of Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED HONEYWOOD	...Treble	WALTER HONEYWOOD	4
WILLIAM STIFF	2	WILLIAM DENT	5
GEORGE W. MOSS	3	STANLEY G. MOSS	...Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. MOSS.

A 21st birthday peal for the conductor, and his first peal as conductor. Ringer of the 5th is from St. Peter's, Colchester, the rest are local.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Single Oxford, Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ARTHUR YOUNG	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WILKINSON ...	4
*GEORGE COLEMAN	2	*JOHN R. YOUNG	5
*JOHN R. KEMP	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 5th and to E. Kemp, son. of J. R. Kemp.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
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 12½ cwt. in G.

*HERBERT C. FORDHAM	...*Treble*	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	4
KEITH W. WHITTELL ...	2	†P.C. HENRY J. VINCE ...	5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ...	3	†LAURENCE POULSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Monday, January 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT NO. 1, SALTER'S 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 WM. H. BARBER.

* Fiftieth peal.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Wednesday, February 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT NO. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 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 JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

First peal of Caters as conductor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT 269, WRAGBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3-4	HAROLD MARCON	7-8
*MRS. C. MCGUINESS	9-10		

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Royal.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 24th, for evening service, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,264 changes): Denis Ovington 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, G. Plater 3, J. G. Nash 4, H. Miller 5, N. Tomlinson 6, J. E. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8. First quarter-peal in this method by ringers of treble, 3rd, and 4th bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FURTHER DONATION VOTED TO STEDMAN FUND.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, January 30th. The service was very well attended, and a useful address was given by the Vicar (Rev. R. C. Evill). The organist was Miss Church, of Waltham Abbey, herself a ringer. Some 54 members sat down to an excellent tea, after which the usual business meeting was held, with Mr. W. Pickworth in the chair.

At the outset the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) gave a short account of the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration at Cambridge in December, at which the association was represented by Mr. W. Pye (Master), Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (South and West District Master), Mr. G. R. Goodship (assistant hon. secretary) and himself, besides several prominent members. The hon. secretary caused general amusement by stating that everybody was anxious about the picked band of association Masters who had the privilege of ringing the opening touch, but they managed to render a good account of themselves. The next touch, by a band of ladies, was also very well struck, in spite of the organ being played at the same time. Needless to say, however, the picked band of secretaries (of which he was one) rang the best touch of all (laughter). Mr. Coles ended by congratulating Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Fletcher, who between them were responsible for the arrangements, for so well organising the whole affair.

Mr. J. Parker stated that more money would very likely be required to meet the cost of the memorial, and he proposed that the district should vote the sum of £1 1s., to be paid in the event of a further appeal for funds being made.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Pye and carried.

The balance sheet, which showed an increase of over £7 in the assets of the district, as compared with the previous year, was adopted.

Several new members were elected, and the whole of the officers were re-elected for another year.

St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, was chosen for the next meeting on March 5th, with St. Giles'-in-the-Fields for the next annual meeting of the district.

Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., whom everybody present was pleased to see in good health, expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the meeting, and during the afternoon it was noticed that he rang in a touch of Stedman Triples.

Mr. Wm. Pye received general congratulations, at the instance of the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), on having recently rung his 1,000th Surprise peal.

Early during the proceedings the hon. secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his useful and instructive address at the service, and for the use of the bells; to Miss Church for presiding at the organ; and to Mr. W. J. Bowden for the excellent arrangements he had made. This was carried unanimously.—The Rev. R. C. Evill, who had to leave the meeting early, gave the members a very sincere welcome to Edmonton, and expressed the hope that they would come again.

Mr. W. H. Hollier (hon. secretary, South and West District) was a very welcome visitor to the meeting.

A course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Messrs. G. R. Pye, W. Pye, G. W. Fletcher and J. Thomas, and a course of Bob Royal by Mr. G. R. Pye, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Messrs. G. W. Fletcher, J. Thomas and G. B. Collins. This was reported to be the first course of Bob Royal rung double-handed by Mr. G. R. Pye!

The ringing arrangements, with the District Master in charge, went off excellently, and little time was wasted. Most of the standard methods were rung, as well as an excellent touch of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EASTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sunderland on Saturday, January 30th. There was a fair attendance of members, and the bells of Bishopwearmouth Church were kept going merrily until 5 p.m., after which the ringers had about half an hour's brisk walk to St. Ignatius' Institute, where tea awaited them.

A short meeting was held afterwards, presided over by Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, who was supported by the Rev. P. N. W. Strong. Mr. J. W. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the Rev. P. N. W. Strong, in reply, heartily welcomed the visitors. He said he was always pleased to see the comradeship that existed among the ringers at these meetings; they seemed to him like a happy brotherhood.

Mr. J. Titt proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing such a bountiful tea.

It was proposed that Houghton-le-Spring be the next place of meeting, which is to be held on Saturday, April 2nd.

After the meeting, St. Ignatius' Church was visited, and the bells were rung down at 7.30 p.m. Methods practised during the day were Kent and Oxford Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich.

KING'S NORTON RINGERS' DINNER.

A PRESENTATION.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by the King's Norton ringers and their ringing friends of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on Saturday, January 23rd, when they met for dinner as the guests of Mr. Frank B. Yates. In the afternoon the bells of St. Nicolas' Church were rung in various methods, London, Cambridge and Double Norwich being the most popular. After ringing had ceased, the ringers adjourned to the Bull's Head, where a well-served dinner awaited them.

The programme which followed was of a varied character, Mr. Albert Walker being the leader of the handbell ringing and accompanist at the piano. Mr. A. S. Downes, Mr. Sam Grove and Mr. Harry Withers were the vocalists, the late-named rendering his old favourite, 'Sweet Bob Major.'

An important event of the evening was the presentation of a chiming clock to Mr. H. James Turner, of Northfield, on the occasion of his marriage. In making the presentation, the Chairman (Mr. F. B. Yates) said that Mr. Turner was well esteemed by the King's Norton ringers, for his disposition and his careful striking, which made his presence in the tower a pleasure.—In reply, Mr. Turner said that his progress was due to the practice he had obtained at King's Norton, and warmly thanked the ringers for their gift.

Apologies were read from Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild), who was away from home; from Mr. F. J. Smallwood, who is now living many miles away, and from Mr. W. C. Dowding, who was attending a police ringers' meeting in London.

Mr. A. S. Downes proposed the toast to the chairman (Mr. F. B. Yates), saying that he thought there were few towers that had a gentleman who took such an interest, not only in the ringing, but in the ringers themselves.—Mr. Albert Walker, supporting this toast, paid a tribute to the capable manner in which Mr. Yates always struck his bell.

The Chairman, responding, thanked the ringers for the many fine touches he had rung with them throughout the year, and said that he derived much pleasure from them.

Mr. Harry Withers 'tapped' a course of Double Norwich on the piano, which was greatly appreciated.

On Monday, January 25th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,312 changes) was rung at Northfield as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. B. Yates: C. Webb 1, A. Chambers 2, H. H. Fearn 3, G. E. Fearn 4, J. Withers, jun., 5, J. Withers, sen., 6, S. Grove (conductor) 7, C. H. Stanley 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

INCREASED INTEREST IN SWINDON BRANCH MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch took place at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, January 23rd. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Gilbert) and the Rev. N. S. Willis, Vicar of Purton, who is also a ringing member of the branch. At the business meeting which followed tea in the Parish Hall, Mr. E. Bishop presided.

The hon. secretary's report and balance sheet showed steady progress, an increase of one performing member over the previous year, and a little better attendance at the meetings. At the nine meetings during the past year there had been an average of just under 25 per cent. of the membership, but the secretary said he would like to see 50 per cent.

All the branch officers were re-elected en bloc.

Seven new members were made, and the Rev. J. Gilbert, Vicar of Swindon, was elected an honorary member, and Mr. T. W. Timms, of Burford, a non-resident life member.

Rodbourne Cheney was selected for the February practice meeting, and Stratton St. Margaret for the quarterly in April, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. E. Bishop moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for the catering and to the Vicar for the bells. This concluded the business, and a move was made to the tower for further ringing, the methods rung in the afternoon and evening being chiefly Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Triples for those not so far advanced. Thirty-three members and visitors sat down to tea, representing the following towers: Burford, Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Fairford, Gloucester, Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon, Shrivenham, Stratton, Purton, Rodbourne Cheney and Wootton Bassett.

ARMLEY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Four quarter-peals were rung for service at Armley, Leeds, in connection with the diamond jubilee celebrations of the church. On Sunday, January 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): G. Gaunt 1, J. Hey 2, J. W. Moorhouse 3, Miss O. Renton 4, H. Grimwood 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, J. Thackray 7, G. Moorhouse (conductor) 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Hey 1, H. Lofthouse 2, J. W. Moorhouse 3, G. Moorhouse 4, J. Thackray 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, M. Moorhouse (conductor) 7, J. W. Benten 8. On Sunday, January 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), and for evening service a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at Great Yarmouth on January 23rd was not, as stated in the footnote to the peal, the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung there. This was accomplished in 1843 by a company of Norwich and Yarmouth ringers.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, after nearly ten years' service, during which time the offices of churchwarden, member of the Diocesan Conference, parochial church councillor and Ringing Master have been held by him, has resigned all connection with Christ Church, Dore. During his term of office as Ringing Master, some notable recruits to the Exercise have been introduced, some notable peals have been rung, many improvements have been carried out to the bells and ringing chamber, and the standard of ringing has been raised from 'rounds and call changes' to the 'quarter-peal standard' for Sunday service ringing.

SURPRISE RINGING IN SUFFOLK

Up to the end of 1931 the Suffolk Guild had—thanks to the enterprising band at Leiston and the one centred around Helmingham—rung peals in no fewer than twenty-two different Surprise Major methods, thirteen having been rung in 1931. Can any association show a bigger list?

The following are the methods: Bristol, Cambridge, New Cambridge, Camdon, Clarendon, Dublin, Edinburgh, Guildford, Ipswich, Kent, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, London, Norfolk, Premier, Pudsey, Rochester, Rutland, Suffolk, Superlative, Surrey and Yorkshire.

THE WILL—AND THE WAY—TO LEARN.

TOM SPRY'S PRACTICAL ADVICE TO BEGINNERS.

BY W. C. R.

Many years ago, in the village of Little Puddlington, the bells of the Parish Church were rehung and a new band of ringers was formed to make the music which had long been silent. Nearly all of the ringers were beginners, but some of them at least were very keen.

Tom Spry, an experienced ringer from the neighbouring town, happened to meet Will Slowman, one of the new ringers, and asked him how he was getting on.

'Not very fast,' said Will; 'I get so little practice.'

'But I thought you practised once a week,' said Tom.

'So we do; but last week, for instance,' grumbled Will, 'the others began and rang Grandsire Doubles for half an hour. Then they said to me, "Now you have a try," and I did, but we kept on breaking down, and the captain said, "We are making an awful row, and the neighbours will complain; let's go back to the original six ringers." In the end I got no more ringing, and had only ten minutes out of the hour's practice.'

'But what were you doing during the other 50 minutes?' said Tom.

'Why, nothing, of course,' said Will gloomily.

'Why, there's the secret of the whole trouble,' said Tom. 'You used ten minutes and wasted 50 by doing nothing. Doing nothing for 50 minutes a week will never make you a ringer, even if you kept on at it for 20 years. You used ten minutes when learning was difficult; you wasted 50 minutes when learning was easy. There are three main things to be learned: (1) To handle your bell, (2) rope sight, and (3) the rules of the method. You must learn these three, but you need not learn more than one at the same time. You must handle the bells to learn how to do it; you must watch the ropes to learn rope sight; but you needn't be handling one rope while you are learning to watch the order of the other five. During the 50 minutes when you were doing nothing, you should have been standing behind the best of the other ringers and saying to yourself, "If I were ringing his bell, what work should I have to do, and what bells should I follow.' In that way no harm would be done, if you made a mistake. Whereas, when you yourself are ringing, if you make a mistake, you make things more difficult for yourself, and for the other ringers, and make a hideous noise for the people outside. As to learning the method, that must be done at home before you try to ring. There is an old saying in the belfry, "If you don't know what you want the bell to do, how is the poor bell to know?"'

And so the friends parted, and Tom Spry said to himself, 'He wants to learn; his will is good, but his way is bad; and if he sticks to the bad way of learning it will cripple the will to learn, and perhaps kill it.'

MR. JOSEPH WAGHORN'S BIRTHDAY.

At All Hallows' Church, Tottenham, on Sunday, February 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. G. Peck 1, J. G. Nash 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, H. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis 6, E. E. Holman (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. J. Davidson 8. This quarter-peal was also rung for the 89th birthday of Joseph Waghorn, sen., for many years a member of the society.

DEATH OF THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

HIS GREAT WORK FOR RINGING.

We deeply regret to record the death of the Rev. Henry Law James, M.A., Vicar of Surfleet, Lincs, and one of the outstanding personalities of the ringing Exercise. Mr. James had been far from robust in health for some time, but his final illness was of short duration. He was confined to the house with a cold for a few days, but on Thursday, January 28th, having arranged a peal attempt, he met his band of ringers at the church, but the ringing lasted only a few minutes, for the Vicar was obviously far from well. He went straight home to bed and stayed there by order of his medical adviser. Up to the morning of Tuesday in last week he appeared to be making good progress, but unfortunately in the evening he took a turn for the worse, and on Wednesday, about midnight, just after his brother, the Rev. E. Bankes James, had arrived, he breathed his last.

Mr. James was 63 years of age, and was born into the Church. His father was Canon George James, Rector of St. Michael's, Gloucester, and his mother the daughter of the Rev. Edward Bankes, Canon of Gloucester, Bristol and Norwich, and Rector of Corfe (Dorset). Educated at Malvern College, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. (honours) in the Natural Science Tripos in 1889, the Rev. H. Law James was at first science master at Stamford Grammar School, and, after being ordained deacon in 1891 and priest in 1892, was assistant curate at St. Martin's, Stamford. From there he went, in 1898, to Surfleet, where he did a wonderful work in the restoration of the church. When he first came there the fabric was in a very dilapidated condition, and the interior fittings consisted of the old high pews and a three-decker pulpit. Mr. James immediately set to work to raise funds for its restoration. The church was reseated, the walls repaired, the tower arch opened out, and the floor of the tower lowered about 4ft. to get to the bottom of the west door. Then followed a new organ, rood screen and loft, new high altar and the repair of the exterior from the east end of the church to the top of the spire. He transformed the building from a state of dilapidation to a beautiful country church.



THE LATE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

On one of his early visits he found in the tower a clock about 400 years old, and said to the churchwarden, 'I am going to make that clock go,' and he did. One day it struck 120.

Also in the tower he found five bells, in an old wooden frame, the middle one of which was cracked. This he proceeded to mend himself. He turned the bell upside down, plastered the side up with clay or something similar to hold chemicals, added a few electric wires and left it, paying a visit every few days to see how the cure was proceeding. This, however, was one of his very few failures in life, for the treatment was of no avail, and the bell was eventually recast at the expense of the churchwarden.

A new treble was added for the coronation of King Edward VII. This was hung by the Vicar and his churchwarden, and although at the station at 9 a.m., it was hung in the tower and had been rung to two 720's before 9 p.m. In 1913 Mr. James, at his own expense, added the four trebles, recast the present 6th and tenor, and rehung the whole peal in a new iron frame.

EARLY PEALS AT CAMBRIDGE.

His ringing activities, which had begun early in life, were stimulated and rapidly developed while he was at Cambridge University. Although the University Guild had been founded in 1879, no peal had been rung for it when he arrived on the scene, and, with the later advent of his brother, the Rev. E. Bankes James, rapid progress was made with handbells. On April 28th, 1890, Mr. Law James called the Guild's first peal, Bob Triples, rung 'in hand' by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Edward B. James, Henry L. James and C. F. Wedemeyer. It was also the first peal by the Guild's president and Mr. Wedemeyer. A peal of Bob Major, in which the tenors were rung by Mr. (as he then was) C. A. Clements, was the prelude to the first peal of Double Norwich Major ever rung on handbells, which was accomplished for the Guild on February 23rd, 1891. Both these were conducted by H. L. James. He also conducted the first tower bell peal for the Guild, which was rung at Sawston on April 17th, 1894, and which, incidentally, was the first peal by, among others, the present Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn).

About the time of his coming to Surfleet there were four different ringing associations in Lincolnshire. These he thought would be better amalgamated, so in 1899 he convened a meeting in the Chapter House at Lincoln Cathedral, and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers was formed. From then until his death he filled the office of Ringing Master, and right well he carried out his duties. He feared no one, and if he had anything to say, he said it. He was loved and respected by every member of the Guild, and they have sustained a loss that can never be replaced.

He was the principal advocate of the scheme for getting the bells at Lincoln Cathedral recast, and afterwards, as a memorial to members of the Diocesan Guild who fell in the war, augmented to twelve, and he called the first peals, Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques, on them. The former was a great performance and a noteworthy achievement for all concerned. Among other peals which were of conspicuous interest were the first (and only) peal of Superlative Surprise Royal, rung at Surfleet, very largely, we believe, to establish a claim to the title for Shipway's method. Mr. James also took part in what was, at the time, believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and the first peal of Double Norwich Caters. His peals of Minor included the first peals of seven true 720's in 8, 9 and 14 methods, the last being in Surprise methods and demonstrating for the first time the possibilities of method 'splicing.'

COMPOSITION.

It is not so much for his peal ringing, however, that the Rev. H. Law James will be remembered as for his work in composition. He was one of the greatest composers the Exercise has ever had. This side of the science appealed specially to his mathematical mind, and he was constantly searching for new avenues of advance. He has given us peals of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples (the first seven-part peal ever produced), Caters and Cinques, London and Superlative Surprise Major, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Royal, Double Norwich and a seven-part peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Perhaps, however, his greatest contribution of all was his peal in the four Surprise methods—London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol—which opened up an entirely new field of Major ringing

On matters of both ringing and rehanging of bells his advice was sought throughout the whole diocese, Church authorities and Church Councils applying to him where trouble arose. Many a beautiful peal has been rehung following his advice. At Lincoln Cathedral we have a specimen of his practical knowledge. His advice was sought by those in authority and taken in every detail with regard to the twelve bells, bell chamber and belfry. The result one hears when ringing Lincoln bells, for they are one of the best light rings of twelve in the country, and heard everywhere, both inside and outside the tower, to the best advantage. One of his last consultations was over the rehanging of Boston bells. In conjunction with Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, a report was submitted to the Restoration Committee. As a result, an order has been given for a new peal of ten.

The Rev. H. Law James was one of the most distinguished members of the Central Council, on which he represented the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He served on many of the committees, and for years was one of the members of the Methods Committee, which has been responsible for the publication of the various collections of methods—Minor Methods, published in 1907 and revised and reissued last year; Major and Cater Methods published in 1926. He was still engaged upon work in connection with future publications. Mr. James was also a member of the Standing Committee and the Records Committee.

A SURPRISE ARTICLE.

The story of the Rev. H. L. James' early ringing days, as told by his brother, the Rev. E. Bankes James, will be read with interest:—

'It was in 1878 that the clock bell, Great Peter, was last rung up—for the funeral of Sir John Seymour, Canon of Gloucester—and I well recollect going up the Cathedral tower with my brother to see her raised.

'We were living in the Deanery at that time, and every now and then, when we were having breakfast, he would start up with a cry, "Oh, there's the Cathedral bells." Then came a wild rush up to the ringing chamber. He led the way, and I panted far behind. He was then 10 years old, and it must have been about this time that he learnt to handle a bell.

'We both went to Malvern College in September, 1883, and it was the jubilee year, 1887, that really was the opening of his career as a change ringer.

'The old ring of six at the Priory Church, Great Malvern, were to be augmented to eight and rehung. He went to see the six, and wrote an article on them, which he sent to our school paper, "The Malvernian." The article that he wrote escaped the notice of the editors, but was sent to the printers, and came out in the paper, much to the surprise of the former. It was then copied into the Malvern local paper, and his notes on the old mediæval convent bell, which was condemned to be recast, raised such an outcry amongst the local archæologists that a subscription was raised to save the bell, and it still hangs in the old Priory Church tower.

'It was at this time, too, that he urged my father, until he persuaded him, to start a scheme for the bells of St. Michael's Church in Gloucester, which were increased to eight for the jubilee, and the Society of St. Michael's Juniors was founded on September 8th, 1887.

'He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on June 30th, 1888, at Upton St. Leonards, conducted by W. J. Sevier.

'It was on January 21st, 1898, that he took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, which we thought at the time, though erroneously, to be the first peal of Cambridge Royal ever rung. At all events it was a most important peal, as it gave new life to the method of Cambridge Surprise. The next day he left us at Gloucester, and came to take up new duties as Vicar of Surfleet.

'He afterwards was in an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Cirencester, which failed after ringing 1,000 changes, and that, I believe, was the first time that 12 bells were "turned in" for Cambridge.'

Mr. James, who was a bachelor, was extremely fond of boys, and gave much time and spent much money in his efforts to make the Surfleet Troop of Scouts, of which he was Scoutmaster, one of the most virile in the county. As a young man, Mr. James was a fine athlete, and he was the possessor of several cups won for sprinting. He was also a keen cyclist, and had covered the length and breadth of the country on his pedal machine.

THE FUNERAL.

With simple yet dignified ceremony the mortal remains of this devout and revered parish priest were laid to rest in Surfleet churchyard on Saturday. The coffin was carried to the church on Friday afternoon, and was guarded throughout the night and the following day by relays of parishioners and Boy Scouts.

The Rural Dean, Canon B. Nicholas, read the opening sentences of the funeral service, the remainder being taken by Bishop Hine, an old friend of the dead Vicar. After the playing of the Dead March in 'Saul,' the procession, headed by the choir, proceeded to the grave, which was near the chancel door. Over 600 parishioners and friends gathered in the churchyard to pay their last respects to their beloved Vicar and friend. The hymn, 'On the Resurrection Morning,' was sung, and then a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by Mrs. Rupert Richardson 1-2, Frederick W. Stokes 3-4, Rupert Richardson 5-6, George W. Fletcher 7-8. About 20 clergy were present at the funeral, among them being Rev. G. H. Clark, president of the Elloe Deanery Branch of the Lincoln Guild, and Rev. D. Rowlands, president of the Southern Branch. Among the ringers present, in addition to the members of the Surfleet company, were Mr. G. W. Fletcher, hon. secretary, representing the Central Council, Mr. J. Oldham, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Messrs. G. Ladd, J. Phillips and C. T. H. Bradley, secretaries of the Elloe Deanery, Eastern and Southern Branches of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Messrs. J. A. Freeman, H. M. Day and W. E. Clark, Ringing Masters of the Lincoln, Southern and Eastern Branches respectively. Numerous members of the various branches were also present.

Afterwards a muffled peal of Bob Royal was rung at Surfleet Church. A half-muffled peal of Treble Ten was also rung at Rochester Cathedral.

At the Middlesex County Association meeting at Isleworth, on Saturday, the hymn, 'Let Saints on Earth,' was specially sung at the service, and later a tribute to the late Mr. James was paid by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and the members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The following is the list of peals rung by the Rev. H. Law James:—

	Tower bells.	Hand-bells.	Conducted.
Doubles in 4 methods	2		2
Minor in 1 method	7		6
Minor in 2 methods	2		2
Minor in 3 methods	1		1
Minor in 4 methods	5		5
Minor in 5 methods	6		4
Minor in 7 methods	7		7
Minor in 8 methods	4		3
Minor in 9 methods	2		1
Minor in 12 methods	1		1
Minor in 14 methods	1		1
Minor in 16 methods	1		1
Bob Triples	2	1	2
Bob Major	21	1	11
Bob Royal	14		10
Bob Maximus		1	
Grandsire Triples	16	3	8
Grandsire Caters	18	1	10
Grandsire Cinques	1	1	
Stedman Triples	52	4	17
Stedman Caters	14		8
Stedman Cinques	1		1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	41	6	33

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT'S BIG MEETING.

On Saturday, January 30th, the quarterly meeting of the Rochester District at Rainham was undoubtedly the most representative and best gathering held in the district for many years. A good number of ringers took advantage of the early opening of the meeting, and by 3 p.m. little space was available in the ringing chamber of St. Margaret's tower. The 'locals' were pretty well at full strength, and in addition members put in an appearance from Gravesend, Milton-next-Gravesend, Frindsbury, Rochester Cathedral and St. Margaret's, Chatham, Gillingham, Upchurch, Newington, Sittingbourne, Tunstall, Lynsted, Queenborough and Minster, together with visitors from Egerton.

The association's form of service was conducted by Mr. F. M. White, B.A., one of the local band, who is a licensed lay reader. The choir was present, and the singing was accompanied by the organ, at which Mr. W. Cooke, the local tower secretary, presided.

Mr. White's inspiring address, as from one ringer to others, was much appreciated, as was also the rendering of the descants by the choir during two of the hymns. At the close of the service a collection, which realised 16s. 8d., was made for allocation to the benevolent fund of the association.

A sumptuous tea, provided by the generosity of the Church Council, and to which approximately 90 sat down, was ably served by the ladies connected with the church, and every endeavour was made 'to bring home this touch of Rainham Pleasure,' which was conducted by Mrs. W. Cooke.

Mr. White presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the Rector of Chatham, the Vicar of Newington, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, general secretary, and Messrs. Belsey and Spice, district representatives. The chairman welcomed the association in the name of the Vicar of Rainham, who was unfortunately away from the district, and assured the members of the great pleasure it would have given the Rev. Hodgson, a practising ringer, to have been present at such a fine gathering.

The Vicar of Newington, the Rev. Robertshaw, was elected an hon. member of the association, and five practising members were also elected, in addition to the ratification of one who had been elected previous to a peal.

The district secretary read a letter from the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, thanking the district for their kind expressions on the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

Queenborough was chosen for the next district meeting, Mr. W. Wood humorously remarking that the bridge connecting the Isle of Sheppey with civilisation had now been freed from toll.

The general secretary made reference to the necessity for the payment of contributions early, and earnestly asked the district to continue their support of the Benevolent Fund.

Votes of thanks were carried, with acclamation, to the Vicar, Mr. White, Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, and the ladies who had contributed so much to the success of the meeting, and the tower was again visited, ringing continuing until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

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	Tower bells.	Hand-bells.	Conducted.
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal	1		1
Kent Treble Bob Major	22	2	18
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4		3
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major (Granta Var.)	1	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal (Granta Var.)		1	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	13		11
Cambridge Surprise Royal	17		11
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1		1
Double Oxford Major	3		3
Little Bob Major	4		
Little Bob Royal	2		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	4		3
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		1
Surfleet Treble Bob Caters	2		2
Superlative Surprise Major	9		5
Superlative Surprise Royal	1		1
Canterbury Pleasure Triples	1		
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1		1
Gloucester Surprise Major	1		1
London Surprise Major	2		2
Double Oxford Court Bob Royal	1		1
Double Bob Royal	1		1
Double Bob Major		1	
Single Norwich Court Bob Major	1	1	
Cambridge Court Bob Major		2	
Total	313	27	202

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GENEROUS GIFT TO STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Norbury on Saturday week. After service and tea, served by the wives and lady friends of the local ringers, to which 64 sat down, the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. A. T. Beeston (chairman of the branch). At the outset, reference was made to the loss the branch had sustained by the death of Mr. James Shaw, one of the oldest members of the Guild, and Archdeacon Thorpe, an hon. member, and the members stood in silence as a mark of respect and a vote of condolence with the relatives was passed.

After a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, the chairman mentioned that this was an interesting year in the life of the Guild. It was 50 years ago that Archdeacon Barker set on foot the scheme which resulted in the Guild's formation. He did not know what steps would be taken to recognise the occasion, but something would probably be decided by the general committee. He had personally had a lot to do with the Guild, and was very proud of its success. Continuing he said it was a cause for self-congratulation that their peals were better than ever in quality, and he urged them to continue to go ahead. He referred to what had been done by the Norbury company, and he hoped they would go on to further successful achievements.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. Wilde) said the reason why further methods were not being rung at Norbury was that it was usual for 16 or 18 ringers to attend on practice nights for Surprise ringing, and the local band did not get as much practice as they otherwise might. They, however, welcomed the visitors, and hoped they would continue to come to the tower and become proficient in Surprise ringing. In assisting them in this way the Norbury band believed they were doing good work. The hon. secretary then read the annual report and the balance sheet. The latter showed that an adverse balance of 16s. 6d. at the beginning of the year had been turned into a balance in hand of £1 9s. 2d.—The report and balance sheet were adopted, the Chairman pointing out that every member had paid his subscription.

Seven new members were elected, and all the officers were re-elected.

The chairman sought to relinquish office on the ground of advancing years and inability to get about as well as formerly, but was persuaded to continue, Mr. James Fernley being elected vice-chairman to assist him with his duties.

It was decided to continue for the year the arrangement by which members paid sixpence each for tea at the meetings.—A suggestion that new members admitted after the third meeting of the year should pay a reduced subscription for that year was not accepted.

The hon. secretary undertook to try and arrange peal attempts for members who wanted them.

The chairman offered his collection of ringing papers, including the complete issues of 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World,' to the branch. These, he said, covered a period of over 40 years, and he offered them subject to their being left in his care as long as he wanted them.

The Hon. Secretary, in thanking Mr. Beeston, said not only were the volumes complete and well bound, but Mr. Beeston had compiled an index of their contents. This must have been a labour of love for many years.

Other members added their thanks and appreciation, and a sub-committee, to draw up a list of rules to govern the custody and use of the books, was appointed, consisting of Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. J. Fernley, A. Barnes, W. Gordon, H. Jackson, E. Bennett and the hon. secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local ringers for all they had done to make the day so enjoyable, and to the ladies for providing the tea. A return was then made to the tower, where the bells were kept going in methods ranging from Minor to Bristol and London Surprise Major, which brought to a close a notable and interesting gathering which augurs well for the continued success of the branch.

DEATH OF A NOTTINGHAM RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. E. Hughes, of Nottingham, which took place on Thursday, January 28th. Mr. Hughes, who had reached the age of 70 years, had been a ringer at St. Peter's Church for 30 years. Although he had not been able to take any part in ringing for the last three years owing to failing health, Mr. Hughes will be remembered by Midland ringers years ago as editor of the 'Bellringers' Corner' in the Nottingham 'Weekly Express,' under the nom-de-plume of 'Bob Major.'

The funeral took place on Monday, February 1st, at the General Cemetery, Nottingham, when a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by: F. Salter 1-2, J. A. Barratt 3-4, A. Coppock 5-6, H. R. Cobbin 7-8. Ringers from the various towers in the district were present at the service, and on Thursday evening following, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute: F. Salter 1, S. Pinder 2, F. W. Bailey 3, F. Bradley 4, W. Dickinson 5, L. Chadburn 6, J. A. Barratt (conductor) 7, E. Clemence 8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

'MISSIONARY' WORK IN THE PEAK DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Peak District was held at Bakewell, and was very successful, though the attendance was somewhat spoilt by the bad weather. About 20 ringers, however, turned up from Bakewell, Baslow, Darley Dale, Doro, Eyam, Matlock and Norton-in-the-Moors, and some good ringing was accomplished on the fine peal of bells in Oxford Treble Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire and Stedman Triples. A substantial tea was partaken of at the White Horse Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam), supported by the Rev. A. E. J. B. Barrow, Vicar of Bakewell.

The secretary's report showed a further satisfactory year. It had had its ups and downs, he said, but generally progress had been in the right direction. Ten meetings had been held and had generally been successful, with an average attendance of about 20. 'We have had our usual warm and enthusiastic welcomes and free teas at Hathersage and Tideswell,' continued the report, 'and I think that we ought again to express our appreciation of the kindness extended to us at these places, and our thanks to the locals at the other places where we have been made welcome. At nearly all these meetings we have managed to rope in some new members, and we have also, I think, managed to give some help to learners, and at the same time obtain a little welcome practice for those more advanced. I would again like to throw out the suggestion that one particular method should be adopted for special practice at these meetings. As to future policy, it seems to me,' stated the secretary, 'that the system of monthly meetings has justified itself, and should be continued, but I would like to make an appeal for more support from some towers, and to urge novices not to be afraid to attend and to take a rope. There is always help available. I would urge members, too, to keep in touch with the secretary and committee, and to bring forward suggestions or grievances. Further, too, the general quarterly meeting should be attended, where fuller experience can be obtained and where the general policy of the society is settled.' Reference was also made in the report to the increase of subscriptions, to the possibility of obtaining more hon. members, and to the forthcoming jubilee meeting of the M.C.A. at Derby. An appeal, also, for better support for 'The Ringing World' was made.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S RETIREMENT.

The secretary then referred with deep regret to the decision of the Rev. W. P. Wright to retire from the vice-presidency, but this regret was tempered by the knowledge that they would still have him among them. Mr. Wright was the founder of the Peak District, and with his genial personality had been the heart and soul of the meetings, and they could not adequately express their appreciation of all he had done. 'Finally,' added the secretary, 'I should like to again express my personal thanks for all the kindness and courtesy extended to me, and to express my appreciation of the pleasant spirit and good feeling existing in the district. We are the youngest but by no means the least active of the eight districts of the M.C.A., and I claim that we are doing a good and in many ways an unselfish work for that body. We are still at the moment very much of a missionary body, and have a somewhat uphill task in trying to do a little towards improving the standard of ringing in a somewhat difficult area. In the nature of things we cannot expect great ringing performances just yet, but we shall improve as time goes on, and there is plenty of scope for us if only members will back up the committee and attend meetings regularly. I might add, too, that there is great pleasure in store for visitors, whom we are always ready to welcome to our meetings, in the beautiful churches and rings of bells and in the glorious scenery of the Peak.'

In regard to the vice-presidency, as stated above it was with real regret that it was felt necessary to accept Mr. Wright's resignation. A somewhat indefinite reply had been received from Canon Prior, and those present were not quite sure as to his acceptance. It was therefore left with the secretary to find out definitely the position, and if Canon Prior found himself unable to accept, to approach the new Vicar of Bakewell.

Since the meeting, the Vicar of Bakewell has very kindly accepted the office, and has expressed his intention of attending as many of the meetings as he can. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend the next meeting at Great Longstone on February 20th to welcome him.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey was re-elected secretary amid applause, those present thanking him for his report and for all he had done to make the meetings so successful.—Mr. A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) was re-elected to the committee, and Mr. H. E. Taylor (Darley Dale) was elected in place of Mr. E. H. Holmes (Matlock), who found himself unable to attend as he would like.

The Rev. A. E. J. B. Barrow, M.A., Vicar of Bakewell, was elected an hon. member. The next meeting was, as mentioned, fixed for Great Longstone on February 20th. Mr. W. J. Alexander (Bakewell) was deputed to act as unofficial Ringing Master for the year in order to see that all who attended had their share of the ringing. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. P. Wright on his retirement, to the Vicar of Bakewell and to the local company.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS CELEBRATE THE EVENT.

On February 2nd, 1872, the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers was established. It was founded by a few of the undergraduates interested in ringing, who got together and met for regular weekly handbell and tower bell practice. The society has not had an unbroken period of activity. There have been times when it has flourished and done excellent work in interesting members of the University in the art of ringing; but there have been others when it has sunk into a state of quiescence, with hardly a ringer in any of the colleges to keep the spark of existence alive. Nevertheless, many men of mark in the Exercise have had their interest in ringing kindled or stimulated by the society, and more than anything else the Exercise owes to it the formation of many of our most successful diocesan and county ringing organisations, for among the founders of some of the earliest of them were men who had come from the Oxford University Society.

The diamond jubilee of the society was celebrated at Oxford on Saturday, when old members were delighted to join with men still at the University in honouring the event. Veterans of the Exercise like Alderman Pritchett, Canon Coleridge and the Rev. J. F. Hastings returned to their former haunts, and over luncheon recalled the days of the '70's when they took their share in the activities of the society. Happily there has been in the last few years a distinct revival of interest in ringing in the University, and with Bishop Shaw as president, the Rev. W. C. Barrett as hon. secretary, and Mr. Harry Miles as a kind of perpetual 'father' to the youth of the society, some excellent progress has been made, despite the fact that few of the members remain in Oxford for more than three years or so. The present Master of the Society is Mr. Wilfred Thomas, son of a well-known Bristol ringer, Mr. W. H. Thomas, and the active members up in term time now number about twenty.

Bishop Shaw presided at the diamond jubilee luncheon, held at St. George's Cafe, and was supported by Canon Coleridge, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. J. F. Hastings (Martley, Worcestershire), Rev. E. V. Cox (Bampton Speke, Devon), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Rev. W. C. Barrett (hon. secretary of the O.U.S.C.R.), Mr. W. Thomas (Master), Mr. A. G. G. Thurlow (Cambridge University Guild), Mr. H. Miles, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World'), etc., the party numbering nearly thirty.

After the toast of 'The King,' the president gave 'The Visitors.' It was encouraging, he said, to find with them that day the veterans, some of whom in days long ago set the society going, and who through adversity as well as prosperity had given it their countenance and support. He particularly welcomed Canon Coleridge, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, Mr. A. G. G. Thurlow (secretary of Cambridge University Guild), Mr. Connett (representing the city ringers), the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' and, last but by no means least, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Recorder of Lincoln and Master of the Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

EARLY MEMBERS.

The Rev. W. C. Barrett read an interesting letter from the Rev. A. du Boulay Hill, one of the original members of the society, who said he was much disappointed that under doctor's orders he was unable to attend the gathering. He was also sorry to hear that another of the first members, Mr. J. E. Acland, was very ill. He had before him one of the earliest photographs of members of the society, taken in Magdalen 'Quad.' There were 14 of them in all, and among them were C. C. Knollys, F. Bampfylde, J. S. Pritchett, G. H. Phillott, Foster, Du B. Hill, J. E. Acland, W. Poole, Barrow and the Rev. H. R. Bramley. Mr. Hill added his regret at being unable to meet the members, and he hoped they would have some good ringing to commemorate the event.

Alderman Pritchett, in responding to the toast, said he was not sure whether he was a visitor or not. He had paid for his dinner, but he had not paid the arrears of his subscription since 1878 (laughter). As he had not paid for about 55 years, he could not promise that he would pay them (laughter), but as he had paid his footing that day he might perhaps presume he was a visitor. That gathering, he continued, brought back many recollections of former times between the years 1873 and 1878. He could not lay claim to being one of the founders, for the society was founded in 1872, but immediately on coming to Oxford, in 1873, having previously learned to pull a rope, he joined the society and remained a member all the while he was at the University. There was one name that had not been mentioned—he did not know whether he was a member at the time the photograph was taken or not—one they all remembered with respect and affection, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who was a graduate of Oxford University. His father was Rector of Appleton, and he (the speaker) used often to go there to ring with those whose names had been mentioned. At that time they were at a disadvantage in Oxford. There was no peal of eight, and what bells there were they could seldom get the opportunity of ringing. Those who were ardently enthusiastic used to go to Appleton, where they met with a very kindly welcome. The refreshing draughts of old ale which they used to get at the Rectory he would never forget if he lived to be a hundred (laughter). Alderman Pritchett added that he was the senior member of that society present; he was in his 78th year, and was glad to be able to be there to represent the older generation. The society had been in existence for 60 years. It had been a fluctuating existence, but there had always been a little life in it. At the present time it was more flourishing than it had ever been (applause), and he trusted it would become more and more vigorous as the years passed, and that the youth who came to Oxford for education would in increasing numbers seek that physical and mental culture which they could get by becoming change ringers (hear, hear). They were greatly indebted to Mr. Barrett for having arranged that jubilee celebration and giving them the opportunity of meeting old friends. He was very glad they had been able to come there that day, and rejoiced in the continued existence of their society. He trusted that many similar functions might be arranged at which they would have the pleasure of being present (applause).

THE 'RIVAL' SOCIETY.

Canon Coleridge proposed the toast of 'Cambridge University Guild.' He recalled that at the Oxford Diocesan Guild jubilee last July there was some good-natured 'scrapping' between himself and the president of the Central Council, who was a Cambridge University man, as to the rival merits of the two University ringing societies. Then, about two months ago at Cambridge, on the occasion of the Stedman Tercentenary, Mr. Lewis presented him with a souvenir tied with an immense bow of light blue ribbon, which he still had on his table. Of course, they all stuck up for their own, but he would tell them this, and they knew it quite well, that in the matter of peal ringing Cambridge University Guild had gone far ahead of anything the Oxford University Society had done. Cambridge took the lead in that way, but Oxford had done a good deal in the way of founding different county and diocesan societies, and that was a great privilege (hear, hear). He believed there were only four older surviving members of the Oxford University Society than himself. In the Cambridge University Guild they had the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, who had been president for over fifty years, a fact which had a vast influence on the fortunes of that Guild. If only Mr. Barrett had started 50 years ago as secretary of the Oxford University Society, they might have rung as many peals as Cambridge (laughter and hear, hear). Canon Coleridge referred to many of his friends among the members of Cambridge University Guild, and expressed deep regret at the news of the death of one of its most distinguished members, the Rev. H. L. James. The Cambridge University Guild, he added, had been held together in a most marvellous way, and they could only wish the Oxford University Society could have been held together throughout its existence in a similar manner.

Mr. A. G. G. Thurlow, who responded to the toast, emphasised what Canon Coleridge had said with regard to all Mr. Boughey had done for the Cambridge University Guild. They could not, he said, imagine the Guild existing without him. He was sorry to say Mr. Boughey was giving up his rooms in Trinity College this year, and the Guild, which had had its quarters there for so long, would have to migrate elsewhere. Referring to incidents which had happened in the history of his Guild, and particularly the one where a curate who, while a Guild peal was in progress, was about to hold a service, pushed up the trap door of the ringing chamber with his head to ask the ringers to cease, only to have the tenorman jump off the box on to the trap door, Mr. Thurlow spoke of the importance of all parsons knowing something about bells and ringing, and as most parsons came from the universities there was no better means of gaining that knowledge than by joining the University societies while they were undergraduates.

THE SOCIETY'S INFLUENCE.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith submitted the toast of 'The Oxford University Society,' and congratulated the members upon having reached their diamond jubilee. The society, founded in 1872, was not launched, he said, with any flourish of trumpets, or with the metaphorical booming of guns or wagging of flags. It appeared to have been started quite unostentatiously by men who had a serious purpose before them. He had searched the files of 'Church Bells,' then the only paper that dealt with ringing matters, for any record of the founding of the society, but nothing was said about it until April 26th, 1873, when a 720 'in the Grandsire method' was rung at Iffley by the Rev. E. Bengough, R. Troyte, A. du B. Hill, F. Bampfylde, J. E. Troyte (conductor) and W. Poole. It was added that there were 22 members, and that there were two handbell and two steeple practices each week, with occasional visits to towers outside the city. That showed that the society made an excellent start. He had listened a week ago to an address to ringers in which it was stated that a large measure of the belfry reform which had taken place in the last half century was attributable to the Oxford Movement. How far the Oxford Movement influenced the founding of the Oxford University Society he could not say, but it was quite certain that the origin of

a number of the leading county and diocesan Guilds could be traced to the members of the Oxford University Society. These modern associations gave ringers a new conception of their duties, and church authorities a new idea of their responsibilities regarding their bells. The Devon, the Gloucester and Bristol, the Essex, the Winchester and the Salisbury Guilds were all founded by members of the Oxford University Society, and many of the associations which came afterwards were inspired by these earlier organisations, so that it was fairly safe to say that the Oxford University Society was, in fact, largely responsible for the ringing associations as we knew them today. Although the society had not had an unbroken life of activity, it was a very happy augury that at that diamond jubilee it was at one of the most flourishing periods of its history, and he wished the society continued and increased prosperity (applause).

PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

The Master, who responded, spoke of the gratification which was felt that the society should now be in such a flourishing condition—more flourishing than it had been for a large number of years. It was not as easy to keep together a society like theirs as it was a band at a church, because most of them went away after a few years. They, therefore, had some reason to be proud of their present position (hear, hear). They had been fortunate in attracting several members of the right sort—men who would stick at it until they did succeed (applause). They had been fortunate in having Mr. Miles as a permanent member. They had his assistance both for the handbell and Saturday afternoon practices, and his help was tremendous (applause). He conducted their peal of Triples at Drayton, and everyone agreed they would not have rung it without his help. The Rev. W. C. Barrett became their secretary about three years ago, and their present prosperity was due in a large measure to Mr. Barrett's efficient secretaryship (hear, hear). Finally, they had as their president Bishop Shaw, who had filled the office for ten years (applause). By his able chairmanship he had greatly helped them in their business meetings each term, and on behalf of the society he had to present to him a framed photograph of the members of the society taken in New College Cloisters at the last annual gathering (applause).

The President, who accepted the gift amid applause, said the little he had been able to do was not deserving such recognition. It had been a great pleasure and interest to him to do what he could in a small way, but the prosperity of the society had really depended upon other people, and especially on Mr. Barrett, as the Master had said. The University Society was a peculiar body; the members come and go, and sometimes he did not even find out their surnames. He added that he thought it was very important that young men who were going to be ordained should, when they came to Oxford, be introduced to and join the Guild. He always used his best endeavours to get them to do so. When he first became president there was some difficulty, but as the society had developed and shown its ability there had been a better response, and he hoped the response would continue (hear, hear). In conclusion, Bishop Shaw said he would like to add his testimony to what had been done by Mr. Miles (applause).

This concluded the proceedings, and the party were afterwards photographed together in the cloisters of New College.

Later, many of the members visited Kidlington, where touches in the four standard methods were rung, with the help of Mr. Frank Simmons, of the Oxford city ringers. On Sunday an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made by members of the society at Clanfield, but failed after just over two hours' ringing owing to a shift course. The striking on the whole was very good indeed. The following were the ringers: J. B. Howes (Keble) 1, W. Thomas (Lincoln) 2, W. G. W. Warren (Oriel) 3, Rev. E. V. Cox (Keble) 4, S. H. Taylor (Merton) 5, C. E. Wigg (Keble) 6, H. Miles (St. Cath's) (conductor) 7, J. W. Ryder (Hertford) 8.

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NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 44th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 27th, 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) 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.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING at CROYDON on Saturday, April 2nd, by invitation of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, Ltd. Further details later.

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, should be paid in before the 29th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, 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 Elstow on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All welcome.—T. C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, February 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting after the service. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Institute.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland, St. James', on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service in church 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5.15. Will members please make a special effort to attend? Subscriptions for the current year are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells of the Parish Church available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in St. Lawrence Church Room, Normandy Street 5. Business meeting follows.—C. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Blackwell on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at a moderate charge.—J. W. England, Welwyn, South Normanton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 13th. Service at Parish Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea 1s. 3d. per head. Bells (8) available from 3. Visitors kindly inform H. Morgan, 40, Hawthorn Avenue, Gainsborough.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society). — Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields (8), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge (10), 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; St. Clement Danes' (10), 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. Service St. Clement's 4.45. Tea at Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, Strand, 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in Parish Hall, 6.30 p.m.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard, on Saturday, February 13th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Institute at 5 p.m.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service in church at 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify me for tea. — R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Wymondham, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. These bells know Surprise Minor.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, February 13th. Six bells. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.30.

SCARNING, NORFOLK.—The rehung and augmented ring of six, by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, February 14th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers will be welcome and will be entertained to tea. Will those intending to be present write to the Rev. W. Eugène Périn, Scarning Rectory, East Dereham?

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Heene on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m Service 4 30. Tea at the Parish Rooms at 5. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than February 15th?—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Rd., Worthing.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — A meeting will be held at Sandridge on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from St. Albans. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by the unveiling of a peal tablet by the Rev. Canon Elsee. Tea served in the Schoolroom afterwards. Notify me for tea before Wednesday, February 17th. All ringers welcome.—Jas. W. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIACIATION.—Western Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Ripple, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells (6) ready 2.45. Service 4 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, February 17th.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec., Duddage, Twyning, near Tewkesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester and Bolton Branches.— A joint meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by a social at Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club, Old Hall Street. As these are licensed premises it is essential that names be sent to 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, not later than February 17th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. —Donald Brown, Peter Crook, Hon. Secs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Allesley (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge. Frequent bus service from Coventry and Birmingham. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch. — Monthly meeting at Warmley on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome. Please notify me for tea not later than Wednesday, Feb. 17th. — F. Skidmore, Branch Hon. Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 20th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, February 16th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Reports ready. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcomed. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Oadby on Saturday, Feb. 20th (Whetstone bells being unavailable). Bells of Oadby (6) ready at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Lancashire Café. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. Please turn up and make it a good meeting.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Great Longstone on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Church of St. Giles (6 bells, tenor 8 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at the White Lion 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. E. F. Blackwell, Sunny Bank, Great Longstone, by Feb. 17th. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcome. — J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Beamwood, Dore.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea in the Parish Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, February 16th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

STEVENTON, BERKS.—Ring of six, rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, February 20th. Service 3 p.m. Visiting ringers will be entertained to tea afterwards; names to be sent to the Rev. A. Robinson, Steventon Vicarage, Didcot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Sat., February 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) and meeting at 4.15. A good attendance is hoped for.—A E. Rowley, Dis. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — A monthly meeting will be held at Rodbourne Cheney (Swindon) on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., for those who notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 17th. All ringers welcome. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at New Romney on Feb. 20th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Please roll up in good numbers.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, with handbell accompaniment to hymns, by ladies. Numbers for tea by Feb. 16th, please. — S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 6 p.m.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church House. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 23rd. — H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Feb. 27th, when a service, tea and meeting will be arranged. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. — J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 19th. Nominations for general officers to be made in writing by March 5th. Further details later.—Chas H. Kippin, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ST. MARY'S ASSOCIATION, PUTNEY. — Will friends and intending visitors please note that, owing to mid-week services, practice has been suspended during Lent. A resumption will be made on March 30th at 7.30. —C. E. G. Moody, Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. —Annual Committee Meeting.—Will members of committee please note that the annual committee meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 2nd? Particulars later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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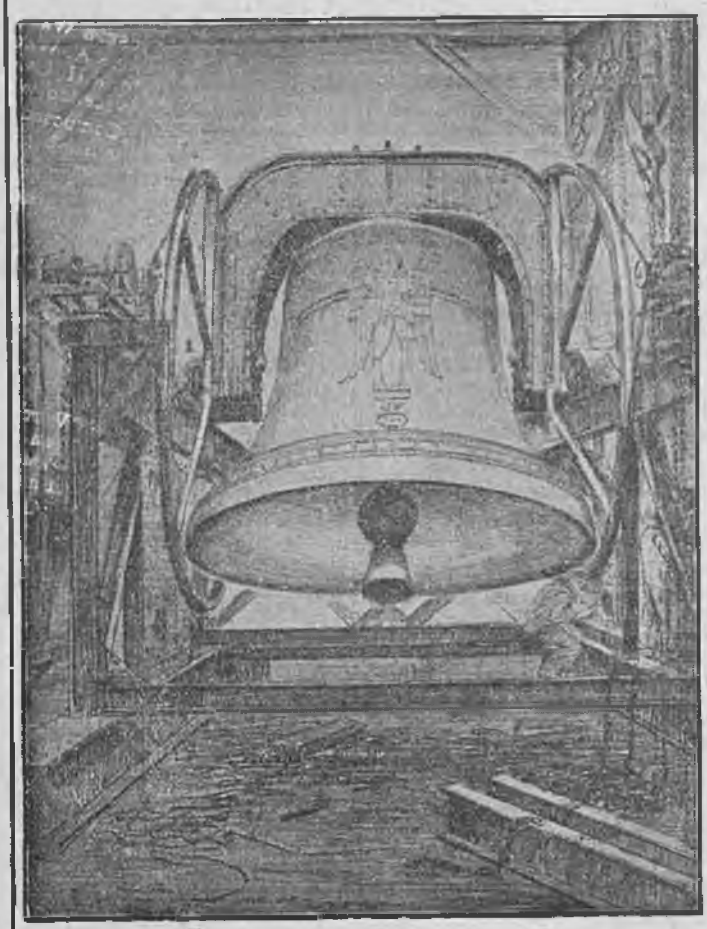

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DISTRICT MEETINGS.

It would be interesting, if it were possible, to compile statistics showing what percentage of the members of the different associations attend the district meetings arranged for their benefit. We believe that, taken as a whole, the number of individual ringers who support these gatherings would prove to be comparatively small; for is it not the experience in almost every association that the members who attend the meetings are, for the most part, the same handful or two of stalwarts? A few fresh faces are to be found each time; but, generally speaking, it is the little band of 'regulars' in each district that makes for whatever success there is in these gatherings. We wonder whether, taking the year through, unless there are some special circumstances, any district gets fifty per cent. of its personnel to its meetings. Statistics might prove otherwise, but we doubt it. Yet it is these meetings which offer the best return for membership of an association. It is at district meetings that the indifferent ringer can get the best help and the aspiring ringer usually finds his most encouraging opportunities. There is seldom reason to grumble, from the instructional point of view, when a meeting is a comparatively small one, because small numbers mean more individual practice, but what association officials really complain of is that those who might most benefit from such opportunities do not avail themselves of them sufficiently often.

There are many ringers who belong to no association, because they think they will get nothing out of it. To begin with, that is the wrong spirit in which to approach the subject. As has been so often said, the object should be to see how much one can put into it, not in money, but in interest and effort and support. These will always bring their reward—not unmixed with disappointments, perhaps; but, nevertheless, providing the satisfaction which comes from making an effort for the common good. The mistake which is made by those who remain outside an association is that they do not know how much real interest and pleasure they can get out of sharing in its activities. It is the same with those who are members but who never attend the meetings. Their apathy and indifference robs them of a great deal of the interest which they would otherwise derive from their membership, as well as making it all the harder for the society's officials to carry on their work. Every member cannot, of course, attend every meeting in his district, but every well-conducted district brings at least one meeting, if not more, a year within reasonable reach of every member, and it ought to be considered a matter of duty, as well as being a pleasure, to every ringer to support his asso-

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ciation when the facilities for doing so are brought close to his own door. It is poor recompense for those who spend much time and labour in organising meetings for others' benefit to find their efforts scantily responded to by those whose interest and advancement in the art of ringing they are endeavouring to promote. District secretaries and other officials would be immensely encouraged if at the end of this year they could say that every one of their members had attended at least one district meeting in the course of the twelve months.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

LEWIS SNELL	...*Treble*	C. BERT CHESTER	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	2	JOHN WALDEN	8
GEORGE FLINTHAM	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	9
CHARLES McGUINESS	4	HAROLD MARCON...	10
H. LESLIE PASK	5	RUPERT RICHARDSON	11
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	6	HAROLD WALKER...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Rev. H. Law James, who for 33 years was Ringing Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5301 CHANGES;

HARRY PHELPS	...*Treble*	GEORGE ORCHARD	7
THOMAS BALDWYN	2	WILLIAM STAITE	8
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	ALFRED HANNIS	9
JOHN AUSTIN	4	J. D. G. HARRIS	10
THOMAS PRICE	5	JOHN BALLINGER	11
ALBERT WRIGHT	6	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN	...*Treble*	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ...	2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	8
ROBERT W. GREEN	3	ERNEST BRETT	9
THOMAS LANGDON	4	CHARLES S. BORDEN	10
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ...	5	HERBERT LANGDON	11
PERCY E. CLARK	6	ALBERT A. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. S. E. Andrews, R. T. Hibbert, H. R. Newton and A. B. Peck, and the coming of age of Miss Mary Northover, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Northover, of Bridport.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

BENJAMIN THORP	...*Treble*	SAMUEL HOLT	7
*VERNON SYKES	2	ARTHUR RIDYARD	8
*JAMES LEES	3	*ROBERT GREENWOOD ...	9
DONALD BROWN	4	F. RALPH WILLIAMS ...	10
*CHARLES H. MARSLAND ...	5	HERBERT BARLOW	
*WILLIAM H. SHUKER ...	6	*ALFRED WAITES...	*Tenor*

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to ex-P.C. Richard Newton, late of the Manchester City Police, and now residing at Boston, U.S.A. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in 1922.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

Fathers		Sons	
ROBERT HARRISON ...	*Treble*	COLIN HARRISON	6
R. HENRY BARTRAM	2	ERNEST BARTRAM	7
JOSEPH B. FENTON	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	8
JOSIAH MORRIS	4	ERNEST MORRIS	9
ARTHUR KNIGHTS...	5	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

This is the first time five fathers and five sons have rung a peal of Royal. 'Qualis pater, talis filius.' Ringer of treble from Sheffield, 6th Loughborough, 2nd and 7th Melton Mowbray, 3rd and 8th Rugby, 4th and 9th Leicester, 5th Chesterfield, tenor Sheffield.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	*Treble*	*THOMAS E. SONE	6
EDWIN H. LEWIS...	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	3	CHARLES J. MORRIS	8
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN.	4	KENNETH PATTENDEN ...	9
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	5	*STAFFORD H. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

* Called bobs. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Rev. H. Law James, the news of whose death was learned with deep regret.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	*Treble*	CYRIL TANSELL	6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	DENIS R. MORRIS	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	HAROLD F. MARTIN	8
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	CHARLES CAMM	9
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	5	WILLIAM RANFORD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

EDWARD JENKINS ...	*Treble*	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	6
*HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	2	TITUS BARLOW	7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ...	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	8
JAMES H. RIDING	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	9
WILLIAM HORAN	5	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Peglar.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE	*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH	6
WILLIAM PYE	2	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ...	7
*ERNEST W. PYE	3	ERNEST E. HOLMAN	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	FRED C. MAYNARD	9
ALFRED PRIOR	5	GEORGE A. HUGHES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTLE ...	*Treble*	GEORGE W. ABLITT	5
SHELFORD SPARROW	2	ERIC G. BENNETT	6
LAWRENCE POULSON	3	HARRY D. LISTER	7
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*JOHN BRASSINGTON ...	*Treble*	THOMAS HURD	5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ...	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	6
HARRY PARKER	3	*ARTHUR ALLMAN	7
EDWARD V. RODENBURST	4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

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

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*FRANK WILLIAMS ...	*Treble*	THOMAS W. CATTELL ...	5
HARRY GOODMAN	2	THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ...	6
*NORMAN H. WILLIAMS ...	3	JOHN GOODMAN	7
HARRY HILL	4	†HAROLD GRIFFITHS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. Hughes, secretary and tower-keeper of the above church, to Miss Baker, of Tipton, and was also the quarterly peal for the Guild.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,
(GOSTCOTE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

*AUDREY I. MANSFIELD ...	*Treble*	*HARRY ILIFFE	5
ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD ...	2	HARRY LEWIN	6
THOMAS H. PAYNE	3	ERNEST F. PAYNE	7
GEORGE T. H. WALKER ...	4	HERBERT H. HUMPHREYS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. MANSFIELD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The ringers of the 2nd and treble are father and daughter. All the band are local Sunday service ringers.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*STANLEY NOBLES ...	*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	5
WILLIAM GAYES	2	†JACK TIPPER	6
*JAMES MILNER	3	JOHN WORTH	7
*THOMAS POTTS	4	†JACK WADMSLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. C. E. SIMPSON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in a new iron frame and ball bearings. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, of Gawsworth, on their golden wedding day.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY	*Treble*	*LIONEL J. CULLUM	5
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ...	2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	6
ALFRED G. HILL	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by F. J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	*Treble*	JOHN BURLES	5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	2	FREDERICK DIGBY	6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3	WILLIAM MADGWICK	7
PERCY E. CLARK	4	ERNEST BRETT	*Tenor*

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

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	5
KEITH HART...	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
GEORGE OLLIVER	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER ...	*Treble*	*WILLIAM FLATT...	5
*GEORGE HOWLETT	2	CHARLES LOOME	6
*STANLEY COPLING	3	*RUSSELL RICHES	7
CECIL BARRETT	4	FREDERICK BORRETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First in method.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE MARRINER ...	*Treble*	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ...	5
JOHN BEAMS	2	SYDNEY ELTON	6
WILLIAM J. WHITING... ...	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
W. CYRIL SMITH	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ...	*Treble*	FRANK G. RINGE	5
PERCY GREEN	2	WALTER ARNOLD...	6
DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ...	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4	GEORGE GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

Rung to celebrate the 76th birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard, who kindly entertained the band at the conclusion of the peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WALTER PEARCE ...	*Treble*	JOHN RANCE	5
EDGAR WHITTINGHAM ...	2	WILLIAM J. BROOKS	6
*ARTHUR J. RANCE	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7
FRANK LUSH	4	WILLIAM BAGLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Canon B. Long, Rector and Rural Dean.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HECTOR G. BIRD ...	*Treble*	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	5
*FRANK E. HAYNES	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	FRANK E. PERVIN	7
GEORGE F. SWANN	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon F. S. Swindell, M.A., Vicar of Erdington.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBY ...	*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
ERNEST BRETT	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the Rev. H. Law James.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*CHARLES H. MOORE ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	5
NOLAN GOLDEN...	2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	6
GEORGE HOWCHIN	3	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ...	7
GEORGE MAYERS	4	FRANK H. DAVEY... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK H. DAVEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, February 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

CHARLES HENRY WEBB	*Treble*	ALBERT E. LOCK	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ...	2	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN	6
COLIN HARRISON	3	JOHN OLDHAM	7
MAURICE SMITH	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

First peal of Major on the bells.

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, February 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THORSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	5
GORDON WOOTTON	2	SIDNEY ELTON	6
HENRY HUTTON	3	GEORGE E. CLODE	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	BASIL H. G. WHITBOURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, February 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THORSTANS'. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN DENNER	*Treble*	MATTHEW BERRY	5
MISS ANNIE POTTER	2	JAMES BOLTON	6
BENJAMIN WELSBY	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JAMES DENNER	4	ARTHUR BORTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. James Bolton, who were leaving for U.S.A. on February 13th.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

GEORGE WILSON	*Treble*	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
ALFRED KEBBLE	2	JAMES G. RUMSEY	6
CHARLES F. BAILEY	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	7
REGINALD C. KERSEY	4	FREDERICK J. SMITH	*Tenor*

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

COSELEY, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

HAROLD L. FLAVELL	*Treble*	HERBERT T. PIPER	5
LEONARD HOLDEN	2	SAMUEL BAKER	6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
FREDERICK HOLDEN	4	JAMES SHAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
CHARLES E. BASSETT	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	7
HENRY JENNINGS	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARGARET.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOHN COOK	*Treble*	WALTER CHARMAN	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	WILLIAM STANFORD	6
THOMAS ADAMS	3	JACK BRANCH	7
WILLIAM HOOKER	4	C. ERNEST SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy with Peter Charman, one of the local ringers, on the recent death of his wife.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)
On Thursday, November 19 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 21 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

*K. PILGRIM	*Treble*	*H. RICHARDSON	3
*MISS GRANT IVES	2	G. G. MANSFIELD	
		A. W. MANSFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. W. MANSFIELD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.)

CHARLES WILKINSON	*Treble*	HORACE M. DAY	4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY	3	JAMES H. MOSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

This was Miss F. Humphrey's first attempt for a peal on an 'inside' bell. She is 15 years old, and only learnt to handle a bell 12 months ago. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church with the exception of the 4th ringer.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN MALVAN	*Treble*	THOMAS J. HALL	4
†ARTHUR DAY	2	BEN JARMAN	5
*FRANCIS KIRK	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 25th peal together. † First peal on six. First peal in three methods on the bells.

PORLOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES R. HUISH	*Treble*	†HENRY W. LLOYD	4
SIDNEY WYBORN	2	ISAAC FARMER	5
WILLIAM HOYLE	3	ALBERT J. CHUBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

RIPPLE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, January 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE	*Treble*	WILLIAM HALFORD	4
*SAM HEALEY	2	CHARLES CAMM	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	FRED HAWKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal of Minor.

LEWISHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 17th, for a special mission service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): H. Warnott, jun., 1, H. James 2, J. Bennett 3, H. Barton (Ventnor, I.O.W.) (conductor) 4, C. Moulton 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, J. Duffors 7, H. E. Goodwin 8.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON ...	...*Treble*	*ARTHUR ALFORD	4
JOHN J. WEBB	2	WILLIAM POSTON	5
*GLYN SHAW	3	HARVEY H. WINNEY...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Stedman.

FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, February 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM HENLEY ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	4
MISS STELLA DAVIS	2	EDWARD S. T. FARR	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	GEORGE GILBERT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal in eight methods by all.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Double Court, two of Cambridge, one each of Oxford Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

RONALD H. DOVE ...	...*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	4
ROYDON DAVIES	2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	5
DANIEL COOPER	3	TONY PRICE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, differently called.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	4
*FRANK E. WISEMAN	2	*EDWIN C. SIMPSON	5
*JAMES E. POTTER	3	†CHARLES CLARK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. G. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First as conductor in three methods.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

ROBERT W. HYNER ...	...*Treble*	*T. ARTHUR PALMER	4
*GEORGE JERRAM	2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	5
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	3	*WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. W. M. Greenaway was proposed a life member of the Salisbury Guild before starting the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norwich, Norfolk, Primrose, London, York, Ipswich and Cambridge.

JAMES WAGBORN	...*Treble*	ALBERT RELFE	4
ANDREW MARSHALL	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	5
JAMES BASSETT	3	BERTRAM LUCK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM LUCK.

A birthday peal for the Misses Paine, of Canterbury, and the conductor. The 50th peal on the bells by A. Relfe.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

*C. HENRY WEBB	...*Treble*	†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	4
*ALFRED BALLARD	2	‡WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
*CECIL E. CARR	3	*ERNEST CHESTERTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. R. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman Doubles on tower bells, also as conductor. ‡ First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. Whitehead has now rung peals of Stedman Doubles to Cinques, 'in hand' and on tower bells.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Single Court and Single Oxford.
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.)

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	*Treble*	ROGER W. DANIELS	4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ...	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
ALBERT SCOTT	3	CHARLES WILKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. H. Law James.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, forty different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES G. ALDERMAN	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. FRENCH	4
J. EDWARD WHITLOCK ...	2	ALEXANDER COLBY	5
*HERBERT JUSTICE	3	ARCHIE LATHALL... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. E. WHITLOCK.

* First peal of Stedman. All but the ringers of the third are Sunday service ringers. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary at the fourth attempt. This peal was rung in six parts, the bells starting off in a different way on each occasion.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, February 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT 23, GREEK STREET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor size 20 in E.

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

Composed by J. RODGERS. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, North Wales.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, February 11, 1932, in One Hour and Forty-One Minutes,
AT 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's.

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

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Wednesday evening, January 20th, with the bells half-muffled, Shipway's 546 Grandsire Triples was rung to the memory of the late Capt. R. R. Henderson, M.C., M.P. for South Oxon, whose funeral took place earlier in the day: J. Cook 1, W. Wicks 2, C. Sheppard 3, G. Cleave, jun., 4, G. Cleave, sen. (conductor) 5, J. Hiscock 6, O. W. Porter, jun., 7, R. Allum, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

AN 'INSULT' AT BRISTOL.

At the annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, held at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, reference was made to the recent opening of the new peal of bells at the Church of the Holy Nativity at Knowle. There was an attendance of between 50 and 60 members, and the matter was brought up by the branch chairman (Mr. F. Skidmore). In reviewing the past year's work in the branch, he reported the rehanging and opening of Stapleton bells (six), and added that it was through the energies of the Bristol Branch that the Westerleigh, Glos, bells (six) had been reported on and were now in the hands of the bell hanger. It was hoped they would soon be reopened. Inquiries had also been set on foot at Doynton, Glos, with a view to getting the five bells rehung and made into a peal of six. All this was very encouraging for the future, and showed that the officials had been alive to their responsibilities. He regretted one very important matter which had recently happened in the opening of the new peal of bells at Holy Nativity, Knowle, Bristol. He personally had done all in his power to make that function a Gloucester and Bristol opening, but unfortunately those at Holy Nativity on whom the responsibility for the arrangements rested decided otherwise. In the name of the Gloucester and Bristol Association he considered it the biggest insult that could be given to any organisation of church bell-ringers. He added that he could not let the occasion pass without referring to the remarks made at the Bristol United Ringing Guild's dinner by Mr. Braven. To say that the officials were making their guilds and associations like trades unions was quite out of the question, and entirely wrong. It was a good job that the majority of ringers to-day looked on ringing as a voluntary service in the work of the church, and not part of their living. It was the duty of all members of an association to see that all their fellow-ringers were members of their particular organisations.

The branch secretary (Mr. H. Bennett) read his report and balance sheet, which were adopted.

Sixteen new members were elected. The chairman and secretary resigned, and were thanked for their services. After considerable persuasion, Mr. W. H. Thomas was elected branch chairman, Mr. F. Skidmore was elected branch secretary, and Mr. J. G. Jefferies was re-elected to the management committee, all the elections being carried with applause.

Mr. Skidmore proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to the organist and choir for leading the singing, and to the ladies for waiting on them at tea. Rev. M. E. Thorold suitably responded.

RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS AT GAYTON, NORTHANTS.

The re-dedication of the bells at Gayton Church, Northants, took place on Saturday, January 30th, by the Rev. Canon Bartlett, Rural Dean and Rector of Helmdon.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. F. Stokes, M.A., and the sermon was preached by the Rural Dean, Canon Bartlett. Other robed clergy included the Rev. Canon Frend, Rural Dean and Rector of Collingtree, the Rev. C. K. Gimson, Rector of Bradden, and the Rev. R. Howes, Rector of Cold Higham and secretary of the Towcester District. There was a crowded congregation.

The bells were rung during the service by Messrs. F. Wilford, W. Sharpe, A. Mansfield, G. Mansfield, J. Green, and E. C. Lambert.

A large company of ringers was present from Northampton, Bradden, Croft, Wicken, Stoney Stratford, Cosgrove, Greensnorton, Towcester, Lois Weedon, etc.

Various touches were rung during the afternoon and evening, everyone being pleased with the restoration work, which has been admirably carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were represented at the opening by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

The restoration included the recasting of the 4th bell, which was cracked, an entirely new frame and new fittings, ball bearings, etc., and the famous firm have completed another splendid job.

Tea was provided at the village inn, and the party were entertained with handbell ringing by the Wicken company, assisted by Mr. C. H. Webb, of Croft, Leicestershire. The whole of the arrangements were splendidly carried out by the secretary, the Rev. R. Howes. In the evening, further ringing was done on the tower bells.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

1.—In Dei Laudem et Georgii Regis Honorem ex Dono Thomæ Samwel Baronetti, A.D. 1727.
2.—Glory be to God on High, 1726.
3.—Peace and Good Neighbovrhood, 1726.
4.—Prosperity to the Chvrch of England, 1726. Recast 1931. W. F. Stokes, M.A., Rector; J. M. Major Lucas, W. A. Ratledge, C. Wardens, 1931.
5.—Wm. Ball, Ch-Warden, 1726.
6.—The Gift of the Revd. M. Gibbs, Rector, 1726. Recast by Voluntary Subscription 1821. G. Butler, D.D., Rector; J. Bush, Curate; J. Payne and J. George, C. Wardens; R. Taylor and Sons, Founders.

The founder of the treble is not definitely known, but the 2nd, 3rd and 5th are by Rudhall. The 4th and tenor bells were also by Rudhall prior to being recast. The 4th bell, which Messrs. Taylor and Co. recast, bears the founder's shield. The approximate weight of tenor is 13½ cwt.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal was rung at Bollington, Cheshire, on February 6th, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, of Gawsworth. Mr. Johnson has been a ringer at Gawsworth between 60 and 70 years, and is now conductor of the tower.

Mr. John Goodchild has been reappointed steward of the belfry at Yeovil, Mr. J. E. Baker as conductor, and Mr. T. Setter as steeple-keeper. Yeovil bells, it will be remembered, have recently been restored, at a cost of about £500, and are now one of the finest rings of ten in the country.

At the annual meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, on Saturday week, Rev. G. W. Saunders (Vicar of Martock) was re-elected president, Mr. F. Farrant (Martock) hon. secretary, Mr. J. E. Baker (Yeovil) Ringing Master, and Mr. E. T. Griffin (Yeovil) representative on the committee of the diocesan association.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bolton, of Walkden, Lancs, left England on Saturday for the United States. A farewell peal was rung on the preceding Thursday, in which Mr. Bolton took part, and afterwards the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Bolton, who were thanked for their hospitality. Good wishes were expressed for their success in their new home.

Mr. R. H. Dove, of 22, Heath Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, would be glad to hear from any ringers who are altar servers, with a view to arranging a servers' peal during the summer.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett writes pointing out a little inaccuracy in our report of his remarks at the Oxford University Society's diamond jubilee. The Rector of Appleton in his time was Mr. Butler, formerly Fellow of Magdalen College. Mr. Robinson was his son-in-law, and at that time acted as his curate; hence it followed that he had access to the Rector's cellar.

Mr. Pritchett left a pair of dark grey kid gloves on the stone seat in New College cloisters after the photograph of the members was taken. If any ringing friend has found them will he kindly send them to Hill Top, King's Norton?

Fifteen members were elected at the meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent Association at Christ Church, Erith, and the Vicar (Rev. W. E. Bott) suggested that Erith should be considered when deciding the place of the annual meeting of the association due to be held in the Lewisham District.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' RINGING WEEK.

CHARABANC TOURS.

Chairman, Mr. H. Burt. August, 1932.

Monday, 8th: Stroud, Painswick, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Gloucester.

Tuesday, 9th: Portishead, Clevedon and Wrington.

Wednesday, 10th: Bath, Bradford, Westbury (Wilts) and Frome.

Thursday, 11th: Burrington Coombe ('Rock of Ages'), Cheddar Caves and Gorge, Glastonbury Abbey and Wells Cathedral.

Friday, 12th: Weston-super-Mare and Burnham-on-Sea.

Saturday, 13th: Wotton-under-Edge, Dursley and Berkeley.

The fare for the whole of the tours is one pound five shillings (£1 5s.). There will be no extras, no tips.

Ringing will be arranged at most interesting places, but will be short in duration unless time otherwise permits.

The B.U.R.G. will hold at least two receptions during the week, and full details will be announced as soon as sufficient requests for the trips have been made.

Accommodation lists forwarded to those requesting same.

Note.—The above tours cover about 355 miles, and a member of the B.U.R.G. will accompany each trip to ensure the interest and enjoyment of the party.

EDGAR GUISE,
Hon. Secretary.

48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

'BELL BALLADS.'

A new edition of 'Bell Ballads,' by 'Cascable,' dedicated to the 'Exercise' in general and the 'College Youths' in particular, has been published. It is elegantly produced on buff paper, tied with tri-coloured cord in imitation of a sally. The verses specially appeal to ringers, for they lightly touch the subject of bells and ringing with a deft hand that catches the spirit of the country belfry. The last of the poems is 'St. Paul's—Sunday,' a picturesque description of the service ringing. 'Bell Ballads' is published at 7½d. post free, and is to be obtained from the printers, Messrs. William Barlow and Son, Park Road, West Hartlepool.

FALSE COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me by Mr. Holifield, of Appleton, that a composition of 5,021 Grandsire Caters by me has one false lead in it. As this has recently been rung at both Appleton and Banbury, I most sincerely apologise to the bands who rang it, and especially to the conductor, on this unfortunate error. This composition occurs in the M.C.A. report for 1914, so will those possessing a copy please cancel figures to avoid them being rung again?—Yours regretfully,

ERNEST MORRIS.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having in past years given some study to Osborn's manuscripts, I was much interested in Mr. Trollope's account of the College Youths and other London ringing societies, which appeared in your columns last autumn, and the excellent diagram with which he concluded them. I see no reason to accuse Osborn of jealousy or partiality. I consider him a straightforward narrator, and accept what he says about the happenings in 1788, which I stated in 'The Bell News' years ago.

But this does not affect the wonderful continuity of the College Youths. It is a mere incident in their history, and it would be pedantic and not really true, in my opinion, to rate it any higher. The College Youths of to-day I consider to be the legitimate descendants of those of 1637.

I agree with what Mr. Trollope says in the paragraphs he has numbered 1, 2 and 3 in his letter appearing in your issue of November 20th last. But, nevertheless, I do not think the traditional origin of the College Youths' name, as I understand it, to be impossible; it seems to me quite likely to be true. Of course it remains a matter of opinion on which each man will use his own judgment. But there are, I think, some considerations connected with it to which our attention has been insufficiently or not at all directed, and about this I propose, with your permission, to say something next week.

But at present I am constrained to dissent from Mr. Trollope's statement that 'the words College Youths mean literally schoolboys.' It presents to me the difficulty of anachronism. I believe that in the language of the seventeenth century the word 'College' did *not* mean 'school,' and so would not suggest a fancy name meaning schoolboys. The word college implies the constitution of a corporate body, and has nothing more to do with education than anything else. The practice of applying it to schools for boys (and girls) to which we are now accustomed is quite of modern growth. In the seventeenth century schools were 'schools' and not 'colleges.'

Of course, I am open to authoritative correction, supplied by Mr. Trollope or anyone else; but till I get it I think he is mistaken, and that we cannot safely accept the meaning he gives to 'College Youths.'

R. A. DANIELL.

THE FORTHCOMING ALL-ENGLAND MEETING

A GREAT DAY FOR RINGERS.

Arrangements for the 'All England' gathering of ringers at Croydon on Saturday, April 2nd, are being pushed rapidly forward, and there is a great and interesting day before those who decide to avail themselves of the invitation of Messrs Gillett and Johnston.

Four years ago, when a similar gathering was held, nearly 2,500 ringers and their friends visited Croydon—it was by far the greatest meeting of ringers that had ever been held anywhere or at any time, and among many of the visitors the hope was expressed that at some future day a similar opportunity for a reunion might be possible. That opportunity is now before the Exercise.

One of the greatest carillons in the world, intended for Chicago University, is approaching completion. It has 72 bells, the bass bell weighing 17½ tons, and will form the centre of attraction, as it hangs in the three sections of its massive frame and is played from a central clavier. Numerous other exhibits of interest to ringers will also be on view. Visitors are to be entertained to tea, and in the evening there will be music and dancing, as well as ringing.

Nearly a dozen peals of bells will be available for the use of visiting ringers during the day in London, the southern suburbs and Croydon, and special cheap railway facilities from all parts of the country are being arranged. April 2nd is going to be another landmark in the history of the Exercise.

Full details will shortly be issued to all towers by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and in the meantime ringers should reserve the date.

HIGH WYCOMBE BELFRY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the members of the All Saints' Belfry Society, High Wycombe, was held in the tower on February 8th. The Rev. W. L. P. Float, M.A., LL.B. (Vicar) presided. The financial statement was presented and adopted. The secretary's report showed that 1,345 attendances had been made at service and practice ringing, this being considered a good average. The methods rung for services were: Stedman Cinques 34, Stedman Caters 25, Grandsire Caters 3, Bob Royal 5, Bob Major 15, Stedman Triples 12, Kent Minor 1, Bob Minor 4. It was a source of satisfaction that the tenor was now 'going' better. In the early part of the year this bell was silent for many Sundays. The conductors of the touches rung were: F. Hayes 50, J. W. Wilkins 27, G. Twitchen 13, R. Coles 9, G. White 4, E. R. Coles 1.—The report was adopted.

The officers 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, and the annual outing was fixed to take place on Whit Monday.—Hearty thanks were accorded to the Vicar for presiding and for his practical and generous interest in the ringers.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

RULES TO BE REVISED.

The annual business meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at the Bishop's Library on Saturday, February 6th. Mr. W. H. Southeard (vice-president) was in the chair, owing to the unavoidable absence of the president, Dr. J. Symons, through illness. Each affiliated tower has a right to send one elected ringing representative to this meeting to vote, and there were about thirty present, including the Sub-Dean of the Cathedral (Canon H. W. Sedgwick), Rev. Gerwyn Rhys (Veryan), and Rev. M. May (St. Newlyn East).

The Ringing Master (Major C. F. Jerram) in his report stated that he had attended all the district meetings during the year, except one, and found things particularly encouraging. He found, however, that there was a need in some places for new ringers, and remarked that the only way to get an efficient band was to go on trying to build up. It was no good to teach ninety-nine ringers and then to stop because they all turned out failures. It was invariably the hundredth that turned out a valuable, keen and good member.

The Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (diocesan secretary) reported that five peals had been rung during the year—one of Grandsire Caters, three of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Minor. He referred to the broadcasting of St. Hilary's bells and also the splendid work done in the East Cornwall Branch by the district secretary, Mr. H. J. Clarke.

The Ringing Master and diocesan secretary were re-elected, but a message was brought from Dr. Symons by Mr. W. Wood (Gulval) saying he could no longer carry on the duties of treasurer, and the Ringing Master agreed to do the work.

Mr. W. Wallis (St. Gluvias) and Miss E. J. C. Angwin (Truro) were added to the committee.

The revision of the rules caused a lengthy discussion, and the Ringing Master referred to the rule, 'That every ringer should attend throughout any service for which he rang.' He could not agree with this, and although ringers should be good churchman, it was bound to be broken at times, even by the most sincere. At the same time he referred to many notices often seen in the belfries: 'Hats off, please,' 'Please do not spit,' 'Silence,' etc. This sort of thing was not good enough for the present day, and he resented it. The choir and sidesmen did not have such things pinned to their seats, and why should ringers be treated in that manner?

A QUESTION OF HONOUR.

'If I did not want anyone to look at a notice on my back, I should not put one on my chest asking them not to look at my back,' declared the sub-Dean, in agreeing with what Major Jerram had said. He added that whether or not such a rule was printed, it would make very little difference, and suggested it should be omitted.

The Rev. M. May said it was a question of honour, and he impressed on his ringers the duty of churchmanship—to be baptised, confirmed, and to make their communions as frequently as possible. Attendance at services would then grow. His ringers were not perfect in this respect, but much better, and he had told them he was going to 'tickle them' for all he was worth until they were perfect.

The Ringing Master, secretary and Mr. A. S. Roberts were then appointed to go into the rules.

It was decided to hold the annual festival at Truro on July 16th.

Mr. A. S. Roberts mentioned the proposed visit to Truro on Whit Monday of members of the Central Council, and that provisional permission had been granted for a peal on the Cathedral bells. It was left in the hands of the Cathedral band, as a committee, to make arrangements to entertain the visitors. It was decided to send the full number of representatives to the Central Council meeting at Plymouth, the Guild having sufficient members to send four. Dr. J. Symons, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Mr. W. H. Southeard and Mr. H. J. Clarke were elected.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the president (Dr. J. Symons) for carrying out the treasurership for so many years, and hoped he would soon be able to resume his activities in the belfry.

After tea, the Cathedral (10) and Kenwyn (8) bells were available, and ringing was enjoyed throughout the evening.

NEW TREBLE BELL FOR WONSTON.

DEDICATION OF BARRON BELL TRUST GIFT.

On Sunday, February 7th, prior to morning service, the Rector, Rev. J. H. K. Percy, dedicated a new treble bell, given to Wonston Church by the Barron Bell Trust, to complete the peal of six. The Rector and choir assembled under the tower, where the Rector read the dedication prayers, after which the new bell was rung up, and the following rang rounds on the bells, while the Rector and choir proceeded to the chancel: R. Smith 1, J. Morgon 2, F. J. Stagg 3, A. Bowers 4, R. Dolton 5, W. Marks 6. The bell hymn, 'The Sacred Bells of England,' was then sung, and the morning service proceeded with. After evening service, Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung by ringing friends from Winchester.

Inscribed on the new bell, which was cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., is: 'To the Glory of God. This Bell was Added to Complete the Peal of Six, the Gift of the Barron Bell Trust, 1932. Emma Barron, Founder. F. Hopkins, C. M. Walroud, H. W. Eldred, Trustees.' Great thanks are due to the trustees for this gift.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES.

A year of considerable activity was revealed in the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the annual district meeting held last Saturday. About 30 members attended from Leatherhead, Ashtead, Dorking, Ewell, Epsom and Cobham, and visitors from London, Croydon, Benhilton, Guildford, West Clandon and Woking. The Rector (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge) conducted the Guild's form of service, and gave a brief but much appreciated address.

The business meeting followed tea at the Institute, the Rector presiding, supported by Mr. A. Harman (District Ringing Master) and Mr. A. H. Smith (hon. district secretary). The balance sheet showed that 72 ringing members and five honorary members paid subscriptions for the past year, and that the balance in hand, after paying £3 18s. 6d. to the general fund, had been increased from £2 2s. 11d. to £4 3s.

The Hon. Secretary, in presenting the report for the year, said there had been an average attendance of 24 at the district meetings. Members had responded to the appeal for more support, and a great deal of good was resulting. The course of instruction given at Dorking had been well worth while, and through that and the reopening of Christ Church, Epsom, bells, the number of ringing members had risen to 72. Eighteen peals, an advance of eight, had been rung during the year. These were Grandsire Triples 2, Bob Major 3, Bob Royal 1, Treble Bob Major 4, Double Norwich 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1, Cambridge Major 2, Superlative Surprise 2, Kent Surprise 1, Ipswich Surprise 1. Both the last-named were the first in the method for the Guild and the whole of the ringers. Eight ringers rang their first peal and 36 their first in a new method, which went to disprove the statement that it was always the same men that took part in the peal ringing. The committee hoped during this year to arrange a peal at each tower in the district in turn to help on the most forward members of each band, and asked for the continued support of the members of the district, young or old, whatever their capabilities.

The balance sheet and report were adopted, and the District Ringing Master and hon. secretary re-elected.

The ballot for two ringing members on the executive committee resulted in the election of Messrs. G. Marriner and A. R. Pink. The Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge was re-elected as the hon. members' representative.

It was decided to hold district meetings during the year at Cobham, Ockley, Ranmore (joint with the Surrey Association), Ashtead, Christ Church, Epsom, and Leatherhead (annual).

The present general officers of the Guild were renominated for election at the annual general meeting.

Some discussion took place on the rule which provides that a lapsed member should pay a fee of 2s., in addition to the current year's subscription, on readmission, and notice was given of an amendment to give the executive committee discretion in the matter.

It was decided to give a further course of instruction at Dorking.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Chertsey on Saturday, February 6th, and was attended by about twenty ringers. The district has not shown a great deal of life during the past year, the efforts of the officers having been poorly supported by the members. More interest was, however, shown in the annual meeting, at which the future of the district was discussed and measures suggested for securing greater support in the future.

The Vicar of Chertsey (Rev. C. L. Wanstall), who presided, was elected an hon. member of the Guild, as was also Mr. A. R. J. Broderick (churchwarden of Horsell). Three members from Egham were also elected, and the district officers re-elected.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for presiding. During the afternoon and evening the standard methods were rung on the bells of the Parish Church.

COMMEMORATIVE RINGING AT TRURO CATHEDRAL.

For evening service at St. Mary's Cathedral, Truro, Cornwall, on Sunday, January 24th, being the eve of the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins.: Miss E. Robinson (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. Southcard 2, Miss L. Willoughby 3, Miss E. J. C. Angwin (conductor) 4, H. Williams 5, A. S. Roberts 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, P. Webb 8. Specially rung to commemorate the opening of a new wing, which has been added to Trewinnard Court, the Cathedral School boarding house, which has been most generously provided by Mrs. J. E. Hawkins, who also gave the upper stages and spires of the two western towers of the Cathedral and the tenor bell, which weighs 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. This was Miss Angwin's first quarter-peal as conductor, called at the first attempt, and is the longest length conducted by a lady in Cornwall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS CAUSE A LOSS.

The third general quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, January 30th, at Ilkeston, Derbyshire. The fine ring of eight bells were kept going from about 2 p.m. throughout the afternoon to various standard and Surprise methods by a large gathering who assembled. The committee met and carried through their routine and other business. Tea was served in the old wine vaults, and about 50 members and friends from Ashby, Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Dore, Loughborough, Leicester, Nottingham, Staveley, Uttoxeter and elsewhere sat down to a good spread.

The general meeting immediately followed, the chair being taken by the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, supported by the new Vicar of Ilkeston (the Rev. Linsan Graves, M.A.), the two churchwardens, the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. E. White), and the general hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris).

The president gave a most interesting review of the past quarter's work, and noted that 24 peals had been rung on tower and two on handbells. He regretted the loss the association had sustained by the passing away of several old and valued members, viz., Messrs. H. Argyle (Nuneaton), W. Flinders (Nottingham), H. Haigh (Worksop), J. E. Groves (Birmingham), J. Ward (Long Eaton). The most interesting event was, of course, the Stedman Tercentenary celebration at Cambridge in December last, and he was pleased to see the M.C.A. well represented at this historic gathering. The general hon. secretary, E. Morris, rang in the 120 Stedman Doubles by six secretaries. Mr. Taylor went on to give a most vivid and interesting review of the history and inscriptions of the bells, their founders, etc., and noted many remarkable features of the art that existed in Stedman's day.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed, and in reading over the names of members elected since that meeting remarked on the energy displayed by the Derby local secretary, Mr. Geo. Freebrey, in obtaining no less than 20 new hon. members, including the three M.P.'s in Derby divisions, the Mayor, the Archdeacon, and several aldermen and councillors. The Leicester secretary, Mr. E. H. Bagworth, had obtained nine new hon. members also, and the Peak District had added three, making a total of 32. New ringing members were 14, rejoins five, and life member one.

The members were informed that the committee had agreed to the printing of the 1931 annual report, which would be issued free to fully-paid members, the subscription now being 1s. 6d. to cover same. The hon. treasurer stressed the point of members in arrears, and appealed to each and all to give loyal support to the association. Actually the year's working was a loss, but if all arrears were paid up this adverse balance would have been obviated.

Messrs. Colin Harrison and J. H. Dean were appointed to audit the accounts and balance sheet.

At this juncture the Vicar had to leave, but before doing so gave the visitors a most hearty welcome to Ilkeston. Although he had only been inducted Vicar two days previously, he was, he said, no stranger to them, having been an hon. member for many years while at Newhall in the Burton district. He thanked the president for his most interesting and educative speech, and he trusted all would enjoy their afternoon's ringing. He hoped to see them again in the near future at Ilkeston.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

The President announced that a special committee had been chosen to deal with the matter of the coming jubilee meeting of the association at Derby on Easter Monday. A number of items had already been discussed by the general committee, and he asked members for any helpful suggestions. These were varied, and consisted of special service at the Cathedral or St. Andrew's Church; special preacher to be Bishop of Derby, if possible; specially selected band to ring for that service; souvenir to be published with photos of past presidents, and a short survey of the history and activities of the association's 50 years. The Mayor and hon. members to be invited to service and a dinner, with a social gathering following, etc. All these (and other) items were noted, and the selected committee, which includes the Derby local committee and general officers, will meet at once to decide and carry out final and fitting arrangements.

The Hon. Treasurer then proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the local committee and all responsible for the very good meeting, to which Mr. E. C. Gobey suitably replied.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A fine spring-like day attracted a good gathering of ringers to the pretty village of Newton Hall, near Corbridge, for the pre-Lent meeting of this association. The bells, a musical ring of six, were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and an excellent tea in the Church Institute contributed largely to the success of the meeting.

Mr. Thomas Newton, of Stockton, an original member of the association, who at the age of 76 still rings twice every Sunday, sent greetings, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Newton Hall (the Rev. H. Nixon) for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their cheery assistance in making the necessary arrangements.

RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS AT BADBY.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RING AUGMENTED.

The dedication of a new treble, and the re-dedication of the old five bells, with an entirely new frame and fittings, at Badby Church, took place on Sunday, February 7th, the ceremony being performed by Bishop Lang, Assistant Bishop of the diocese. There was a crowded congregation, and, despite the addition of chairs, many had to stand.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. A. Cornish, and the address was given by Bishop Lang, D.D.

The bells were rung during the service by Messrs. F. Wilford, A. Moore, H. Shimmell, F. Hancock, H. Blundell and S. Foskett.

The bells are a fine peal of six, and some very good touches were rung on them after service and during the evening after tea. Visiting ringers were present from Banbury, C. Clarke and others from Bedford, C. H. Webb from Croft, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, of the firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The whole of the work is of the highest order, and the 'go' of the bells reflects very great credit on the Loughborough firm, who have carried out the restoration work.

Tea was provided for the visitors in the Parish Room.

The 2nd, 3rd and 5th bells of the peal were cast by Hugh Watts, of the Leicester Foundry. The inscriptions are as follows:—

1.—For the Glory and Service of God. Given in Thankful Memory of Ellen and Farrer, the Widow and Son of Major Sam Pallin, 1931.

2.—Colorvm Christe Platiat Tibi Rex Sonvs Iste, 1623.

3.—IH'S : Nazarenvs Rex : Ivdeorvm Fili : Dei Miserere : Mei, 1623.

4.—Samuell Goodman, John Kibbell, Churchwardens. Matthew Bagley made mee, 1754.

5.—Rychard Hyne, Vickar of Badby, gave this Bell, 1623.

6.—Taylor & Sons, Founders, Oxford and St. Neots, Augt. 22, 1822.

The approximate weight of the tenor is 14 cwt. The treble bears the shield of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guilsborough District was held at East Haddon on Saturday, when members and visitors were present from Ravensthorpe, Watford, Welford, Husbands Bosworth, Harlestone, Willoughby, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted and an admirable address given from the text, 'Here am I, send me,' by the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Pitter).

Tea was partaken of at the Swan Hotel, and a short business meeting was held, presided over by the president of the branch (the Rev. T. W. Long, Vicar of Ravensthorpe), supported by the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford).

The report and balance sheet for 1931 were presented by the secretary, Mr. R. Adams. There was a balance on the year's working of about 13s., which was very satisfactory.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Adams for the very able way he had carried out his duties.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Welford on Saturday, April 9th.

The Master said it was with very deep feelings of regret that he read in 'The Ringing World' of the death of the Rev. H. Law James, one of his greatest and most respected friends in the Exercise, one whom he would very greatly miss. He was a very valuable member of the Exercise, and an out-county member of their own Guild for a great many years.—The members stood in silence as a mark of deepest respect.

WARWICKSHIRE RINGERS' SOCIAL EVENING.

A happy social event was arranged on Thursday, February 4th, by the Chilvers Coton band of ringers, who invited the Nuneaton ringers to a social evening. The tower bells were rung in various methods (including Cambridge and London Surprise Major) from 7 to 9 p.m., when a move was made to the schoolroom. A splendid repast was enjoyed, the Vicar (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.) and the two curates (Rev. F. G. Warman and Rev. R. H. Baines) joining the ringers. The Vicar welcomed the visiting ringers, particularly the recruits, saying that he hoped they would always show the same keenness as at present, and find as much enjoyment in the art of change ringing as did the older ones. He congratulated Mr. George Veasey (one of the Coton band) on the birth of a son that day—another ringer of a few years hence.—Mr. Ernest Stone replied for the Nuneaton band, saying that the invitation was a happy thought on the part of their hosts, and fostered unity between the neighbouring parishes. He hoped it would be an annual affair, next year to be held at Nuneaton.

After the tables had been cleared, there was handbell ringing, including a course of Grandsire Caters by Mrs. D. E. Beamish 1-2, A. H. Beamish 3-4, D. H. Argyle 5-6, T. W. Chapman 7-8, E. Stone 9-10. The two former belong to the Coton band, the remaining three to Nuneaton. Mr. and Mrs. Beamish then rang tunes on the handbells, following which there were games and songs interspersed, until 'Auld Lang Syne' brought a pleasant evening to a close about midnight.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT CHANGE DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeing of the Canterbury District was held at Canterbury on Saturday, February 6th. The meeting was well attended, there being some 76 members present, who represented the following towers: Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege, Sturry, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', Thanet, Lyminge, Wingham, Littlebourne, Wickhambreaux, Ramsgate, Dover, Deal, Elham, Ashford, Tunstall, Willesborough, Sevenoaks, Gravesend, Egerton and Wye.

A number of ringers previously attended the Cathedral service at three o'clock, and afterwards met at Gaywood's Rooms for tea, which was provided by the association.

At the business meeting which followed, Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore took the chair, and was supported by Rev. C. A. Manley, Vicar of Littlebourne, and Mr. Fred Mitchell, the general secretary. The district secretary read his report for the year, which was duly adopted. All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. Percy Smith, district secretary; Messrs. F. Brett and H. Smith, district representatives; and Mr. Fred Brett, Ringing Master.

The next business was a resolution by Mr. Cobbold that the annual meeting of the district should be held in October and not as now, in February, thus giving the district its rightful opportunity of confirming the balance sheet and secretary's report before being passed to the general committee meeting which is held in November. Mr. Mitchell spoke in favour of the resolution, saying that he hoped in the near future to bring all the county districts into line with their annual meetings.—The resolution, which embodied the rescinding of a minute concerning the annual meeting, made in 1922, was eventually passed without dissent.

Fifteen new members were accepted, including the whole band of Teynham, Rev. W. C. B. Purser, Vicar of Teynham, and Mr. Percy French becoming honorary members.

A proposition made by the district secretary and passed by the meeting provided for the annual meeting to be held permanently at Canterbury, this meeting to take place in October.—Quex Park, Birchington, was ultimately elected against five other places for the summer meeting, and the next by-meeting is to be held at Teynham.

At the conclusion of the district's business, Mr. Mitchell spoke of the great appreciation shown by some recipients of grants from the Benevolent Fund, and he asked the district to support the fund whenever possible. A spontaneous proposal to make a collection for this fund found general approval, and the collection realised £1 8s.

Subsequently the ringers adjourned to the Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's, where the bells were available for ringing.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE WALKER.

A WELL-KNOWN BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

The death took place at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, on Sunday evening, January 31st, of Mr. George Walker, after a very brief illness, which terminated with bronchial pneumonia. His death came as a shock to his many friends, some of whom had seen him out not many days before.

The funeral took place at Yardley Wood Church in the family grave on Thursday, February 4th. In addition to the widow, son and daughter-in-law and relatives, there were present several Masonic brethren, including the Worshipful Master and the Immediate Past Master of the Forward Lodge, to which he belonged for 29 years. St. Martin's Guild was represented by Messrs. A. Walker (Ringing Master) and W. C. Dowding, and the Birmingham Small Arms Co., Ltd., sent a representative. The Vicar of Yardley Wood officiated in church and at the graveside.

Great sympathy is extended to the family, especially to the widow, who unfortunately does not enjoy the best of health.

Mr. George Walker was closely identified in business with Nottingham and district, but had spent many years in Birmingham, first at the Royal Small Arms Factory, transferring later to the Birmingham Small Arms Co., Ltd., where he held responsible positions. He was retired in 1921, and would have been 66 years of age in March next.

As a ringer, Mr. G. Walker was better known in the nineties, when a member of the late Mr. John Carter's band at St. Philip's Church, Birmingham, with whom he rang many peals on eight and ten bells until ringing was stopped owing to St. Philip's tower being unsafe. A complete list of his peals is not available, but they range from Triples to Cinques. He was a most unassuming man, and will be greatly missed by his many friends. May he rest in peace.

A. W.

'IDLE' BELLS RUNG.

The bells at Ashby Folville have been idle for two years, but on February 3rd they were rung to 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, by: C. Saddington 1, H. Cook 2, R. Looker 3, H. Alcy 4, W. Bell (conductor) 5, E. Littlewood 6, C. Littlewood 7, G. Randell 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 6th. Favoured by good weather, the attendance was gratifying, some sixty members and friends being present.

Ringing at All Saints' Church during the afternoon included Cambridge Royal. Ringing was also indulged in during the afternoon on six bells in the tower of St. Lawrence's Church, Brentford.

The service was held in All Saints' Church, and the address given by the Rector, Rev. P. W. Shepherd Smith. Reference was made by the Rector to the death of the Rev. H. L. James, and a special prayer and the hymn, 'Let saints on earth,' were introduced for the occasion. A vice-president of the association, Mr. J. A. Trollope, read the lesson.

At the conclusion of the service the company adjourned to the Church Hall, where a sumptuous tea was served. The president of the association, Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, M.A., R.D., was present at the tea, but to the regret of all was unable to stay after the meal had finished. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the kind friends who prepared and served the tea.

At the outset of the business meeting Mr. Trollope paid a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. H. L. James, who was buried at Surfleet the same day. The company rose and stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The secretary, Mr. W. H. Hollier, presented his report, which showed progress being made in several towers. The balance sheet was presented and adopted, together with the report. The general fund showed a balance of £9 10s., and the belfry fund a balance of £6.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Ringing Master, H. H. Chandler (Heston); Deputy Ringing Master, F. Corke (Uxbridge); hon. treasurer, C. S. Bird (Heston); hon. secretary, F. W. Goodfellow (Hillingdon); assistant hon. secretary, W. G. Wilson (Christ Church, Ealing); central committee, Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett (St. Mary's, Ealing), E. A. Morris (Twickenham) and J. Collins (Ruislip).

The retirement of Mr. W. H. Hollier from the office of hon. secretary, after eleven years' faithful service, evoked tributes from many members. Mr. Hollier, be it noted, has not missed a meeting of the district during the whole term of his office. The very many labours he has performed were, perhaps, overshadowed by the efforts he made to get the two new treble bells installed at Isleworth. It must have been a happy day for him when the bells were dedicated last year. He hands over his duties to another, with the knowledge that he has performed his duty well, and retires with the grateful thanks of the whole association.

It was agreed, after discussion, that the next annual meeting be held at Isleworth as hitherto.

One new member was elected, viz., Mr. R. Dowman Owen, of Staines.

A tribute was paid to the memory of Tom Beadle, who passed to his rest last year. Sympathy was expressed with Mr. W. Welling and his family, who have all been ill.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Isleworth for the use of his bells and for conducting the service, and, together with Messrs. Edgley and Bridges, for the splendid welcome extended to the visitors. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the Vicar of St. Lawrence's, Brentford, for allowing his bells to be rung, and to the local ringers of both churches for their kindly co-operation.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued to a late hour.

Will members please note the new hon. secretary's address, 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Uxbridge, Middlesex?

DEATH OF AN OLD SUSSEX RINGER.

MR. JAMES LIVERMORE PASSES AWAY AT IPSWICH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. James Livermore on January 30th, at his residence, 19, Kitchener Road, Ipswich, where he had lived since his retirement 14 months ago. Mr. Livermore, who was 75 years of age, had been in failing health for some time, and it was with regret he had to give up bellringing.

Mr. Livermore was well known as a ringer in Sussex, being one of the oldest members of the Sussex County Association, having served on the committee of the Eastern Division. He became a ringer at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, in 1890, when the bells (then a ring of six) were first hung in the tower by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

For forty years he continued his faithful services to the church as a regular Sunday service ringer and sidesman, and was for 20 years leader of the band. His peals totalled 25.

During Mr. Livermore's time many improvements were made in the tower, and the belfry and bells were his special care.

The funeral took place on Thursday, February 4th, at Ipswich Cemetery, the first part of the service being held at All Saints' Church. The bells of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, were rung muffled as a last mark of esteem, most of those who took part having been taught by Mr. Livermore.

He leaves a widow, one son and daughter, his elder son ('Jimmy') having been killed in France in May, 1915.

J. D.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELLOE DEANERIES MEET UNDER SHADOW OF GREAT LOSS.

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which had been arranged to take place at Spalding on February 6th, was held in the evening after the funeral at Surfleet of the Master of the Guild (the Rev. H. Law James).

The president of the branch (Rev. G. H. Clark) referred to the exceptional circumstances under which they were meeting owing to the loss of their Ringing Master. After referring to the excellent qualities of Mr. James, he suggested that a resolution of condolence to the Rev. E. B. James and his sister be passed, and the meeting adjourned until some Saturday in April. He also suggested that every tower in the deanery should attempt a muffled peal in the late Mr. James' memory.

The Rev. Canon Nicholas, in moving the vote of condolence, paid a tribute to the many fine qualities of their late Ringing Master, and spoke of a conversation he had with him which showed that Mr. James did not agree with ringing bells muffled on Sunday, which was a festival of the Church.

About 35 members attended the meeting, after attending the funeral at Surfleet, and during the evening many touches were rung on the Spalding ring of eight with the bells muffled.

The Vicar of Spalding offered the use of the bells for the adjourned meeting.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln District was held at Branston on Saturday, February 6th, when the following towers were represented: Lincoln Cathedral, St. Mary Le Wigford, St. Peter at Gowts, Blankney, Metheringham, Dunholme, Bardney and the local band. The ring of six bells was rung half-muffled throughout the afternoon and evening as a last tribute to the Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Guild, who was interred at Surfleet on the same day. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Rector of Branston, the Rev. J. J. R. Pells, who, before addressing the members, made reference to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the Ringing Master.—At the close of the service the Dead March was played by the organist.

An excellent tea was served in the Rectory by the wives of the local band, 25 members sitting down.

At the business meeting, which followed, in the absence of the president, Mr. Geo. Chester, the Rector of Branston was voted to the chair. Before commencing the business all present stood for a few seconds as a mark of respect to the Rev. H. Law James.

The election of officers for 1932 resulted as follows: President, Mr. F. W. Stokes; secretary, Mr. H. Marcon; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Waldon. Places and dates of meetings for the year were chosen as follows: Nettleham, April 2nd; Nocton, June 11th; Leadenham, September 3rd; Bardney, November 5th; annual meeting, Washingborough, January 14th, 1933, subject to the approval of the incumbents. Four new members were elected, viz., one from St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln, and three from Welton.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to those who had in any way helped to make the meeting a success.

The majority of the ringers returned to the tower for ringing until 9 p.m., whilst a few remained for handbell ringing. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge and Carlisle Surprise.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED PILGRIMAGE TO LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

A most successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Mary's, Walton, on Saturday. Here is a handy ring of six which, in the past, have been put to good use. Surprise Minor was the old order, which culminated in a peal of seven Surprise methods rung 'silent' by the local band.

About thirty-five members were present at the meeting, and enjoyed a variety of methods, including Grandsire Doubles for a 'novice,' and Cambridge, Beverley, York and London Surprise for others.

The usual form of Guild service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. Canon W. O. Hunter-Rodwell, who gave a most inspiring address based on the 150th Psalm. 'Praise and glory to God.' In his address he recognised the assistance of the ringers in the service of the church.

After the service the Rector and wardens invited all present to partake of a bountiful tea in the Church Room adjoining.

A short meeting was held, in the course of which the Rector suggested that it might be possible to arrange a pilgrimage of ringers from the whole diocese to the Liverpool Cathedral, and promised to give his assistance to such a project.

Reference was made to the loss sustained by the whole Exercise by the death of the Rev. H. Law James. A vote of condolence was passed, the members standing in silence. The branch secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of the ringers to the late Mr. James' brother.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and wardens for their kindness in making the meeting such a success.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Northern Division of the Essex Association held a meeting on February 6th, when 35 members, representing 14 parishes, visited Felsted. The ringing ranged from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major. At the service, which was held at the church at 4.15, Mr. Howard, Master of the Association, read the lesson. The Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Stocks), in his excellent address, gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, and said the work which the ringers' association did for the church was of very great importance and much appreciated to-day. A sumptuous tea was provided at the Old School, where it is interesting to note four sons of Oliver Cromwell were educated.

At the business meeting the Vicar was unanimously elected an hon. member amid loud applause. Five ringing members and two probationers were also elected.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Stisted on April 16th.

Mr. Howard thanked the Vicar for his helpful address. They were very much indebted to the Vicar and those responsible for the excellent tea and allowing the use of the historical room. Mr. Howard also thanked the organist, choir, the ladies, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

The Vicar, in reply, said the people of Felsted were most generous, and when any deserving body came along they were made quite welcome.

Some of the members apologised for having to leave early, but everyone agreed the meeting had been a great success, and the Vicar's kind words would long be remembered.

RINGER'S REMARKABLE RIFLE SHOOTING.

Some remarkable shooting was witnessed on the celebrated Bisley ranges on February 6th, when members of the North London R.C. shot for the chairman's prize. Conditions were ten shots per man at 300 and 600 yards, and Mr. C. Bunch scored a 'possible' of ten consecutive bulls at 300 yards, and only dropped one point at 600 yards—an aggregate score of 99 out of 100, or 19 bulls with 20 shots.

Mr. C. Bunch is a regular ringer at Yateley (Hants) Parish Church, and only took up shooting at Bisley last year, winning many prizes during 'Bisley week,' and obtaining a place in the King's Hundred, finishing in 15th place, and afterwards attending a ringing meeting of the Basingstoke District, which was being held at Yateley the same day.

It would be interesting to know if any other ringer has found a place in the King's Hundred. Ringing evidently seems to be a good training for rifle shooting, and it is hoped that a member of the Exercise will yet win the King's Prize. S. J. R.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who is a rifleman well known on Bisley ranges, as well as being equally well known as a ringer, informs us that among ringers who have figured in the final stage of the 'Queen's' and 'King's' at Bisley have been the late Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham; Mr. Tippins, of Mistley, Essex: Mr. Manfield, of Godalming, Surrey; Mr. Congreave-Pridgeon, of Kensington; and Mr. W. B. Fulford, of Exeter. In 1892, Mr. Dawe tells us, a Stedman Caters party shot for the coveted prize.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETTER ATTENDANCES AT SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association at Horley was well attended, about 40 ringers being present from Burstow, Buckland, Croydon, Charlwood, Godstone, Limpsfield Chart, Merstham, Redhill, Reigate and Turner's Hill.

The Secretary reported an improvement in the attendance at the meetings, the average in 1931 being 33, against 26 in the previous year.

The following officers were elected: Master, W. Claydon; treasurer, M. A. Northover; auditor, A. Gear; secretary, A. J. Bull; committee, A. Willett, R. Tuffin, and L. A. Tidy. The meetings for the year are to be held at Kingswood, Buckland, Godstone, Oxted and Merstham, with the annual meeting at Betchworth. A quarterly peal is to be attempted at Merstham.

Ten ringing members were elected: Messrs. C. Howard, F. Bodmin, A. Lowings, A. Everest, C. Mumford, G. Evans, C. Nicholes, F. Wood, of Old Limpsfield, Mr. A. Rowe, of Limpsfield Chart, and Mr. Wm. Wells, of Reigate. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (Rev. H. T. Lewis) for the welcome given, for his hospitality in providing half the expense for the tea, for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting. Votes of thanks were also accorded Mr. Hy. Bashford (organist) and Mr. Dean (blower). Good practice in methods from Grandsire Triples to Superlative Surprise Major was obtained during the afternoon and evening.

MUFFLED RINGING FOR M2 VICTIMS.

At Pentre Rhondda, on Thursday, January 28th, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, and on the following Sunday, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples and touches of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of those who lost their lives in the submarine M2, the local (Hwynypid) colliery explosion, and the late Canon Lewis (a former Vicar), also of Wm. Horner, an old member of the band, who passed away the previous week.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sunday, February 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. E. Philbrick 1, H. Keeley 2, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 3, G. Whitemore 4, C. Powell 5, F. Price 6, F. Blackmore 7, W. Sartin 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by all except F. Price and the conductor, and is the first quarter-peal of Triples ever rung in this tower by a local band.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, February 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): L. W. Houghton 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, T. R. Scott 4, H. W. Else 5, J. Hare 6, D. C. Mears (conductor) 7, L. Tidler 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 7th, before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Braintree Delight and 720 Ipswich Surprise, and before evensong 720 Double Court and 720 Norwich Surprise. Ringers: L. Camp, G. Camp, J. Sitch, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright and A. Bradley. Ipswich conducted by E. Sitch, rest by A. Bradley.

TEWKESBURY.—At the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service on February 7th, in memory of Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who died February 5th, 1931: W. Titcombe 1, W. Woodward 2, A. Devereux 3, J. Austin (conductor) 4, H. Devereux 5, Rev. E. Geoffrey Benson 6, Insp. G. W. Hastings 7, H. Fellowes 8.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, January 10th, 1,440 Bob Doubles: W. Moon (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Fear (first quarter-peal) 2, Geo. Comer 3, W. A. Young 4, G. M. Hasell (conductor) 5, F. S. Short (first quarter-peal) 6.

SILVER WEDDING AT ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. AND MRS. PENNINGTON BICKFORD.

We are pleased to add our congratulations to the many received by Mr. and Mrs. Pennington Bickford on Tuesday, February 2nd, when they held a reception attended by over 600 guests, at Australia House, Strand, London. The large hall of the Commonwealth building, which is situated in the parish, and is opposite St. Clement's Church, was at times almost full to overflowing with the parishioners and the many distinguished and other guests.

The Rev. W. Pennington Bickford and Mrs. Louie Pennington Bickford were married at St. Clement's in 1907, the bride being the daughter of the then Rector, the Rev. Septimus Pennington. The latter, as older ringers will remember, was always a friend to the Exercise, a tradition which the present Rector and his wife have more than maintained. Indeed, the church is the home of the London County Association, of which the Rector is honorary chaplain.

The honoured couple were the recipients of a cheque for 200 guineas, and also a beautifully bound album engrossed with the subscribers' names. The formal presentation was made by the Marchioness of Exeter, who was accompanied by the Marquis, and during the evening many references were made to the numerous works and activities of both Mr. and Mrs. Bickford.

A picturesque interlude was the mounting of the platform by two of London's flower 'girls' to give Mrs. Bickford a floral tribute of their love and esteem, a reminder that they had formed part of a guard of honour at her wedding 25 years before.

The parish orchestra and others entertained the company during the evening, and a feature was a 'touch' on handbells (Stedman Triples) by Messrs. Roughton, Roberts, Winney and Young. Unfortunately, a peal on the tower bells opposite failed through a clapper mishap after an hour's ringing. It was, however, successfully achieved on the following Saturday, as appears elsewhere.

Amongst other ringers present were the Rev. Ll. Edwards and Misses Bryant and Swingler, and Messrs. J. Hawkins, H. Passmore, T. Langdon, F. E. Dawe, Keighley and F. W. H. Sergison.

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NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 44th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 27th, 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) 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.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. — ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING at CROYDON on Saturday, April 2nd, by invitation of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, Ltd. Further details later.

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, should be paid in before the 29th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Heene on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Parish Rooms at 5.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — A meeting will be held at Sandridge on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from St. Albans. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by the unveiling of a peal tablet by the Rev. Canon Elsee. Tea served in the Schoolroom afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Jas. W. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester and Bolton Branches. — A joint meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by a social at Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club, Old Hall Street. —Donald Brown, Peter Crook, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea in the Parish Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Great Longstone on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Church of St. Giles (6 bells, tenor 8 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at the White Lion 5 p.m. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Allesley (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge. Frequent bus service from Coventry and Birmingham. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 20th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Reports ready. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcomed. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

STEVENTON, BERKS.—Ring of six, rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, February 20th. Service 3 p.m. Visiting ringers will be entertained to tea afterwards; names to be sent to the Rev. A. Robinson, Steventon Vicarage, Didcot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Sat., February 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) and meeting at 4.15. A good attendance is hoped for.—A. E. Rowley, Dis. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Please roll up in good numbers.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The annual Langford-Beams Memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock. Notification for tea to C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church House. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 23rd. — H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Feb. 27th, when a service, tea and meeting will be arranged. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. — J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Over on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Kindly notify Mr. A. J. Ginn, Over, Cambridge, by Feb. 24th. Please look up Double Oxford Bob Major.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—The annual meeting of Ledbury District will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. — Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Buses from Leeds (Aire Street) pass the church. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me not later than Feb. 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Battle on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Tower open at 3. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m.; also Woodbridge after 6 p.m. Tea, in St. Mary's Hall, 4.30, free for all sending word by Feb. 24th. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, February 27th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Clapton on Saturday, March 5th. Full particulars next week.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, to all who notify Mr. C. Clarke, 338, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, not later than Wednesday, March 2nd. The Ribble buses on the Preston to Blackburn Old Road route pass the church every half hour each way. Three miles Preston, 8 Blackburn. —Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at Johnston's Institute. Please notify Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, by March 2nd. Gentlemen cordially invited. — Mrs. G. H. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

APPLETON, BERKS. — The 114th anniversary of these bells will be held Saturday, March 5th. Tower open for ringing all day. Dinner at 4 p.m. Will those who intend coming to dinner please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks, not later than March 1st?

ST. MARY, WHICKHAM, near Gateshead. — Ring of 6. Dedication of 3 recast trebles by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, Saturday, March 12th, 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead. Tea, after the service, in the Rectory Hall, for those who notify the Rev. M. H. Huthwaite, Whickham Rectory, Newcastle-on-Tyne, not later than March 9th. Visiting ringers welcome.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 19th. Nominations for general officers to be made in writing by March 5th. Further details later.—Chas H. Kippin, Hon. Gen. Sec

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual general meeting will be held at Tenterden on Easter Monday next. Bells available at 10 a.m. Service at noon. Lunch, presided over by His Worship the Mayor (Col. W. A. V. Findlater), followed by annual meeting. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. —Annual Committee Meeting.—Will members of committee please note that the annual committee meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 2nd? Particulars later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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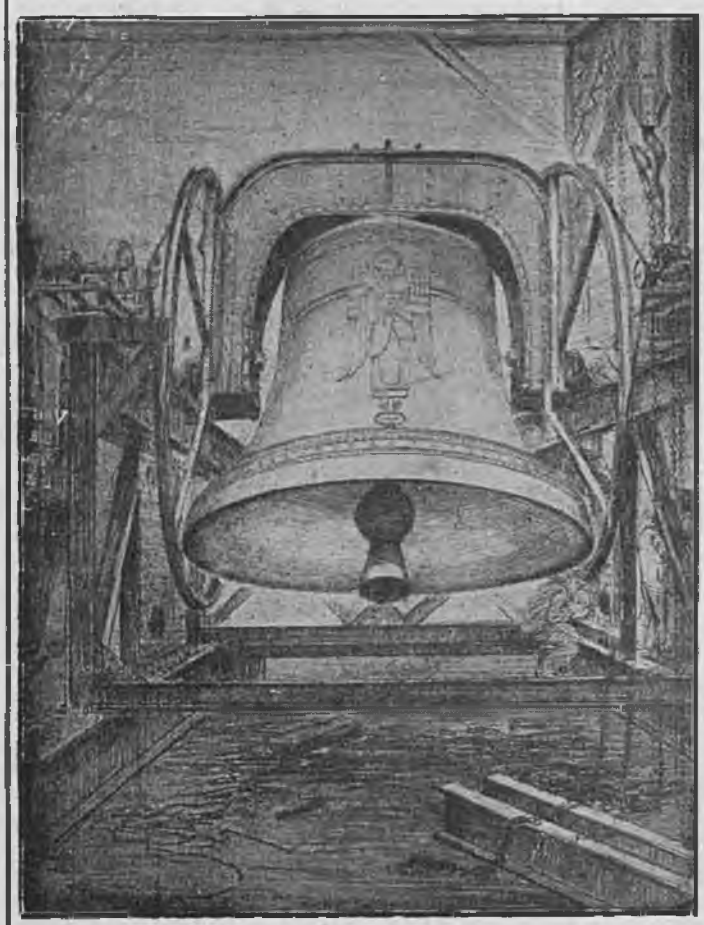

THE 18½ TON RINGING BELL,
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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

An article which appeared a few days ago in the 'Birmingham Evening Despatch' was headed 'Bell Ringing a Dying Hobby.' It related principally to bell ringing in the city of Gloucester, where, from various causes, few of the rings of bells are now regularly rung. Regrettable as it may seem, it is true that ringing in Gloucester is but a shadow of its former self; it may be largely lack of ringers, and the difficulty of interesting recruits, but it is also in some measure, we think, due to the restrictions imposed by the church authorities, which are a distinct discouragement to those who would be willing to do something to improve the position of the art in the city. Time was when Gloucester was a great centre of ringing progress, inspired by the enthusiasm of the brothers James and backed by the interest and ability of men whose names became familiar throughout the Exercise. It is, however, almost beyond reasonable expectation to think that ringers will continue indefinitely an uphill struggle against dual forces of discouragement—the absence of willing learners and the indirect repression of church officials. Some day, we hope, the pendulum will swing to the other side, and Gloucester will once more become a city of example to the Exercise. Conditions are constantly changing. There have been many examples within living memory of companies which have become, for a space, centres of great activity, which have radiated enthusiasm and inspired interest, only to fade out of view again after, perhaps, a few years' success. Some have regained their former position, after an interval; others are still 'beneath the cloud.'

In the sister city of Bristol, where church bells are probably more numerous than in any other place of the same size in the world, there is not the same lack either of ringers or of facilities. It is true that every church possessing a ring has not got a company to man the bells, but this is not from any discouragement in official quarters; nor is it from want of enthusiasm among the ringers of the city. Bristol has many ringing guilds, and for the most part they unite in the common interests of their craft, but no one who follows the events of the day can have failed to notice a serious rift in the lute, which must be having an unfortunate effect both upon the interests of the art in Bristol and the affairs of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. And the breach appears to be widening. We do not desire to assign reasons, or apportion blame, but for quite a few years there has been an undercurrent of feeling, which now appears to be breaking out into open hostility. Even in a city of the size of Bristol, where ringing can be had

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almost without stint, there is no room for animosities which may retard the progress of the art. Before the breach grows any wider we would express the fervent hope that all concerned should come together in a 'round table conference'; and talk over their differences, most of which could probably be settled with the exercise of a little tact and good intent. But if some real grievance still existed, let the hatchet be buried, the past forgotten and a new determination made to go forward as a really united body. Who will take the first step to bring this about?

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT	...*Treble*	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	... 7
*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	... 8
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	... 3	HERBERT SHAMMING	... 9
HARRY R. ROPER	... 4	FREDERICK J. TILLETT	... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	... 5	*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	... 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS	... 6	*WILLIAM TILLETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* Have now completed the 'circle' of this steeple. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of esteem to the memory of the Rev. H. Law James, of Surfleet, Lincs. The composition has not a bell fixed in second's place, and is the first peal of this kind rung in this tower.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 21¼ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER	...*Treble*	C. FERGUSON HOWITT	... 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN	... 2	PERCY L. HARRISON	... 7
EPHRAIM W. RANDS	... 3	FREDERICK E. WILSON	... 8
ERNEST MORRIS	... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE	... 9
ALAN W. RANDS	... 5	THOMAS TAYLOR	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mrs. Alice Bardsley, the beloved and devoted wife of Cyril, Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Leicester.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	...*Treble*	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER	... 6
CHARLES T. COLES	... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS	... 7
GEORGE R. PYE	... 3	CHARLES F. W. HUNT	... 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	... 4	ARTHUR HARDING	... 9
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER	... 5	FRANK COKER	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Hollier, joint hon. secretary of the above association. Mr. Hollier kindly entertained the band after the peal.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 22¼ cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON	...Treble	†KENNETH A. NICHOLSON	6
WILLIAM H. BARBER	2	RICHARD A. GOFTON	7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	3	HAROLD G. FRAMPTON	8
ROBERT S. ANDERSON	4	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD	9
*MURRAY D. OUBRIDGE	5	ADAM DEAS	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ADAM DEAS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25¾ cwt.

FRED HODGSON	...Treble	J. WILLIAM CUNDALL	6
JAMES COTTERELL	2	MRS. JAMES COTTERELL	7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	3	*GEORGE AMBLER	8
WILLIAM BARTON	4	JOSEPH BROADLEY	9
FREDERICK N. DIXON	5	PERCY J. JOHNSON	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-FART. Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE N. HAINES	...Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY	5
HARRY HOSKINS	2	WILLIAM SEELEY	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE	3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN	7
PERCY L. PARSLOW	4	WILLIAM CROSS	...Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. LAKE	...Treble	*WILLIAM A. HOLMES	5
JAMES OSBORN	2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES	6
*JOHN MACHIN	3	*GEORGE MILLS	7
ARTHUR H. PALMER	4	HORACE M. DAY	...Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in the method and first peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deepest respect to the Rev. H. Law James, Ringing Master of the Guild.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13⅛ cwt.

*GEO. DETHEREDGE, JUN.	Treble	WALTER FARLEY	5
JOHN BASS	2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	6
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE	3	†RALPH PARTON	7
CHARLES WM. COOPER	4	ALBERT TAYLOR	Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Messrs. Greenfield, Taylor and Detheredge belong to the local band, J. Bass is from Wollaston, the rest from Stourbridge. Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. Farley, the much esteemed leader of the Stourbridge company, who has now rung 172 peals in 101 different towers for 21 associations.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE	...Treble	ROYDON DAVIES	5
HERBERT J. SKELT	2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	6
TONY PRICE	3	EDWARD G. TALBOT	7
H. STANLEY ROBINSON	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	...Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

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

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

SYDNEY G. THOMPSON	...Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
WILLIAM SHORT	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
HECTOR C. BIRD	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
THOMAS HEMMING	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	...Tenor

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

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*EDWARD BROWN	...Treble	THOMAS METCALFE	5
GEORGE KEMBALL	2	JOHN REED	6
†GEORGE WORTHY	3	ARTHUR SPURDLE	7
HENRY R. JACKSON	4	WILLIAM WATSON	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN REED.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM CROSS	...Treble	HARRY PAGE	5
WILFRED PALMER	2	*WILLIAM PAGE	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	FREDERICK LASBURY	7
JOSEPH LOVETT	4	TOM PAGE	...Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. G. Popnell, of Bedwellty. Also a birthday compliment to the tower secretary, Mr. T. J. Hamlin, on his 70th birthday. He has been tower secretary for 30 years.

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND	...Treble	ROLAND BIGGS	5
FREDERICK BIGGS	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD	7
FRANK WEST	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	...Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

This 'attempt' was arranged by Mr. Harry Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, by kind permission of the Vicar of Hughendon, but illness prevented his standing in.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Wednesday, February 17th, in 45 mins., for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. Potter 1, Miss A. Potter 2, B. Welsby 3, Jas. Denner 4, M. Berry 5, A. Potter, jun., 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, R. Denner 8.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9⅝ cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM FLATT	5
WALTER MOBBS	2	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...	7
CHARLES F. SAYER	3	RUSSELL RICHES	6
STANLEY COPLING	4	EDWIN R. GOATE... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(DUNSTER DUNNERY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

SIDNEY WYBURN	...*Treble*	WALTER DIBBLE	5
HENRY W. LLOYD	2	ISAAC FARMER	6
SAMUEL GRABHAM	3	ALBERT J. STEVENS	7
NORMAN CHURLY...	4	WILFRED OWEN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

First peal of Triples for ringers of treble and 3rd. First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal to the Vicar, Preb. Bell, who was 79 on Thursday, February 11th, and has been Vicar of Timberscombe for 31 years.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

STEPHEN PARRY	...*Treble*	*JOHN NASH	5
HAROLD HAMER	2	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	6
JAMES INGHAM	3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY	7
FRANK FIELDEN	4	WILLIAM HORAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. John Mitton, of Todmorden, who entertained the ringers after the peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*C. JAMES SUMMERFIELD	*Treble*	MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	5
FREDERICK J. FLOWERS ...	2	SYDNEY G. FLOWERS	6
JOHN W. WOOD	3	ERNEST A. FLOWERS	7
JOSEPH W. FLOWERS ...	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. H. Law James. All the above belong to the local band.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD H. WRIGHT...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. SIMPSON	5
STEPHEN MADDISON	2	SYDNEY E. ANDREW	6
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ...	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
GEORGE W. MILLS	4	ARTHUR J. FARR	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ARTHUR J. FARR.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. H. Law James.

PAIGNTON.—On Sunday, February 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 47 mins.: B. Cooper 1, H. G. Lewis 2, C. R. Walker 3, H. Huxley 4, C. F. Austin 5, S. W. Ward (R.N.) (first quarter as conductor) 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. Boyce 8.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, February 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 15. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	JAMES GEORGE	5
MAURICE SWINFIELD	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	WALLACE BURTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung on the 43rd anniversary of Mr. James George's first peal.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*ARTHUR HINGLEY ...	...*Treble*	*DAVID HINGLEY...	5
HERBERT T. PIPER	2	HARRY BOSWELL	6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	3	BERT HORTON	7
†CHARLES F. COTTRILL ...	4	*JACK GIBBONS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*LIONEL J. CULLUM ...	.. *Treble*	*E. CHARLES PATTEN... ...	5
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS ...	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE ...	...*Treble*	*SIDNEY ELTON	5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	ROYDON DAVIES...	6
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	3	DANIEL COOPER...	7
TONY PRICE	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	5
FREDERICK DIGBY	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	7
JACK M. CRIPPS	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. BUTLER	5
JOHN G. NASH	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
THOMAS LINCOLN	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
FRANK G. RINGE...	4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
ALEC RICHARDSON	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	FREDERICK WHITE	7
HERBERT MARKWELL	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Norfolk on the bells. A birthday peal for F. G. Lambert, also for the son of Alec. Richardson and the daughter of R. T. Lambert. This is the 50th peal Messrs. White and Markwell have rung together.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

THOMAS ATTWELL	*Treble*	GORDON WOOTTON	5
*GEORGE LOFF	2	MAURICE SMITHER	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	4	HARRY MULLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Master John Farnfield, grandson of the tenor ringer, also to G. Wootton and A. J. Bartlett.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS	*Treble*	CHARLIE BATES	5
ROBERT HARRISON, SEN.	2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	6
MRS. ELSIE E. BERRIDGE	3	THOMAS E. LEE	7
FREDERICK A. ADAMS	4	WILLIAM BIGGIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. BIGGIN.

The conductor's 200th peal. The band wish to thank the Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Pegg for their kind hospitality after the peal.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	*HENRY EVERS	5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	2	*RICHARD W. STANNARD	6
*GEORGE M. LASHBROOK	3	*WILLIAM DENT	7
*WILLIAM CHALK	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal in a Surprise method. This is the first peal of Surprise Major ever rung by a band all resident in the north-eastern division of this association. The ringers are all members of the Sunday service band of St. Peter's, Colchester.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	6
GEORGE MAYERS	3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	7
EDWIN R. GOATE	4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells and by four of the band. This composition, the 48 course-ends with the 6th the extent home and all combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, produced without the use of singles retaining the bells in 5-6, is now rung for the first time

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WAPPENHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

*J. W. WILSON	*Treble*	H. HAYNES	3
*A. J. BEARMAN	2	*W. F. DONKLEY	4
P. SUMMERS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by P. SUMMERS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal ever rung at Wappenham. All ringers belong to Wappenham belfry and are regular Sunday service ringers.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	HAROLD F. MARTIN	5
CYRIL TANSELL	3	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(WESTERN DIVISION.)
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*A. V. AYLMORE	*Treble*	W. CHEAL	4
†W. AYLMORE	2	J. NETLEY	5
H. HUNT	3	J. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. NETLEY.

* First attempt. † First peal 'inside.' First peal by present local band.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

GEORGE W. CLARKE	*Treble*	CHARLES M. WHITNEY	3
ERNEST E. WHITMORE	2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	4
BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, February 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	FRANK P. HARWOOD	4
WILLIAM WILKINSON	2	FRANK DEWEY	5
FREDERICK LEGGOTT	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deepest respect to the late Rev. H. Law James.

LAUNTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb.

FREDERICK SHARPE	*Treble*	RICHARD A. POST	4
SYDNEY TAYLOR	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM SIMMONDS	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLO

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1932, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN C. ROYNON	...*Treble*	RICHMOND ROBERTS	4
G. EDWARD SHALLISH... ...	2	GEORGE GILLING	5
EDWARD G. NORTON	3	EDWARD J. AVERY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

First peal in two methods by all except the conductor. First peal in two methods as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the conductor's grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Avery, of Court Farm, Churchill, on the eve of her 80th birthday.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM YOUNG	...*Treble*	ARTHUR YOUNG	4
JOHN R. KEMP	2	GEORGE A. COLEMAN	5
JOHN R. YOUNG	3	GEORGE COLEMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE COLEMAN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Guild. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th are sons of the treble ringer, and the ringer of the 5th the son of conductor. All have learned their change ringing at this tower.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*THOMAS ROBINSON	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM ROBINSON	4
HERBERT LUDEIN	2	†JOHN ROBINSON	5
†JOHN GARDNER	3	JAMES GARDNER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. GARDNER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal on the bells by a local band.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Court and six 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK DEWEY	...*Treble*	*ROBERT WARRINGTON ...	4
*FRANK A. BULLOCK	2	FRANK P. HARWOOD	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ...	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt and first extent of Single Court. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deepest respect to the late Rev. H. Law James.

CODICOTE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 10½ cwt.

JEFFREY WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	*FRANK TURNER	4
SIDNEY CARTER	2	*THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ...	5
BARNARD PATMORE	3	JOHN WELCH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

* First peal in seven methods.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, January 30th, 720 Double Court: J. A. Green 1, E. Lambert 2, J. Higgins 3, T. Tompkins 4, E. Yates 5, A. J. Green 6. The first 720 on the newly-restored bells.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 24lb. in F.

HERBERT G. CLAY	...*Treble*	†FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY...	4
*ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
WALTER LYCETT	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † 70th peal.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED L. TIDY ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD H. THORPE ...	4
JAMES W. KNIGHT	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
H. BERNARD WELLS	3	LEONARD A. TIDY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

First peal in seven methods for ringer of treble (age 15), also ringer of 5th. Quarterly peal of the association.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ROCKWELL GREEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, six callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED ...	...*Treble*	HENRY CHURCHILL	4
*WALTER H. POOLE	2	*JACK ROY	5
ALFRED J. WYATT	3	JAMES HUNT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HUNT.

* First peal on an even number of bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN	1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE	3-4	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ...	7-8

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal on handbells by Dr. Spencer Phillips. The conductor's 650th peal.

ST. ALBANS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT 48, KING'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

JOHN MALYAN	1-2	FRANCIS KIRK	5-6
WALTER AYRE	3-4	CHARLES JEFFS	7-8

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

First peal as conductor 'in hand.'

STEDMAN TERCENTENARY SOUVENIRS.

There are still a few oak ash trays available for those who wish to have a useful souvenir of the Stedman Tercentenary. They can be obtained, post free, from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

The souvenir booklets, containing illustrated details of the commemoration scheme, a specially written article on Fabian Stedman, the history of St. Benedict's Church and its bells, and a list of the subscribers to the tercentenary fund, can be obtained (8d. post free) from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH ADVANCE.

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bradpole on Saturday last, and was attended by upwards of thirty ringers from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Loders, Evershot and Lyme Regis, including Mr. Shute from Kington Magna and Mr. Griffin, of Yeovil.

The bells were in use at Loders and Bradpole towers during the afternoon, service being held at the latter church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. W. d'Ombrain, and the address given by the Rev. L. Bartlett, Rector of Bridport, and Rural Dean.

At the meeting which followed tea in the Forster Institute, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Whitchurch Canonicorum on April 9th, also to arrange an evening meeting at Chideock at an early date.

The Chairman (Rev. C. Carew Cox) expressed the pleasure it always gave the members to come to Bradpole, honoured as it was by the memory of the work of the two pioneers of change ringing in West Dorset, viz., the Rev. C. F. Langford and Mr. T. Hervey Beams.

Hearty thanks were accorded the Rector of Bradpole for his welcome, the Rev. L. Bartlett for his practical address, the organist, and the ladies who were responsible for the lavish catering.

A special urge was given to those present to attend the jubilee gathering of the Guild in Salisbury on May 7th.

Further ringing took place afterwards at Bradpole, the methods rung showing a distinct advance on all previous meetings, comprising as they did Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Stedman Doubles and Triples and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Warminster on Saturday, February 6th. After ringing during the afternoon, the members assembled in the Minster for the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. R. Bellars, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. M. W. Willson, Mr. Simonson being at the organ. Tea followed at the Magnet Cafe, when 32, including the Vicar, sat down. The business meeting followed. Mr. C. D. Heginbothom, branch chairman, who presided, paid a tribute to the late Mr. Thomas Ricketts, of Swindon, who, he said, was a great worker for the branch in its early days, having conducted the first peals for most of the older members. He asked those present to stand in silence for a few moments as a tribute to his memory.

The chairman went on to congratulate the members of St. James' tower, Trowbridge, on having rung a peal of Stedman Caters, this

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WESTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association took place at Heene on Saturday, more than 25 members being present from Brighton, Billingshurst, Hove, Heene, Lindfield, Steyning, Shoreham, Washington, Warnham and West Grinstead.

A short service was conducted by the Rector of Heene, the Rev. E. A. Haviland.

Tea was served at the Parish Rooms, and the short business meeting that followed was presided over by the Rector, who was elected an honorary member. The following new members were also elected: Edward Chandler (Heene), John Standford (Warnham), P. F. G. Duncton (Kirdford), G. Nickoby, A. Nickoby, J. Laker, S. Gill and J. Brown (Rudgwick), and Mr. H. Mullard (non-resident member).

Mr. A. W. Groves was again elected district secretary, and Messrs. Chandler, Adams and Norris as representatives of the division on the general committee. Messrs. Greenfield, Burdfield and Lindup were appointed as members of the Committee of Advice.

Mr. A. D. Stone, the general secretary, read the notice inviting members to attend the coming all-England ringers' meeting, to be held at Croydon on April 2nd.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for granting the use of the bells and for presiding.

Ringing in a variety of methods took place during the afternoon and evening.

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being the first by an entirely local band, also the first by resident members of the Guild, and showed what good work was being put in at that tower.

The following new members were elected: J. Giddings (North Bradby), O. Wrintmore (Westbury), and B. Cooper (Seend), while Sidney Francis, of Trowbridge, was re-elected.

It was suggested that the next lecture on ringing, which will be given by Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge, should take place at Westbury (if it can be arranged) on February 22nd, which will enable members in the southern part of the branch to attend.

The usual votes of thanks having been passed, the members returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8.30, the following methods being rung: Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Doubles, and Bob Minor, with rounds for those who wished them. Representatives attended from the following towers: Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, Westbury, North Bradley, Heytesbury, Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, Urchfont, Corsley, Warminster, Melksham, Trowbridge, and visitors from Mere, Zeals, Frome, and Bath.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is a curious coincidence that the longest peal of Doubles and the record length of Minor were rung on February 27th. The former, consisting of '10,080 changes or 84 peals,' was performed at Whaplode Church, Lincolnshire, in 1775, by Wm. Jackson, Richd. Harwood, Wm. Money, Stepn. Davis & Richd. Pottenger, who 'raised & settled the Bells in 7 hours and 25 mins.'

The longest peal of Minor was the famous 15,120 in 21 methods at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, in 1816.

To-morrow's gathering at Birmingham is a reminder that Henry Johnson, one of the most famous of nineteenth-century ringers, was born on February 28th, 1809.

'Many happy returns' to the veteran Mr. John Jagger, who was born at Oxford on March 3rd, 1861,

On Shrove Tuesday (March 3rd), 1778, a peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters 'was rung upon the deep, melodious peal of ten bells at St. Mary's Church in Nottingham, being the first and only attempt ever made for the same.' The peal, adds the old record, was performed by eleven men of the old Nottingham Society, 'the tenor as customary with bells that weight was rung by two men and the other nine singlehanded. St. Mary's bells are the heaviest peal of ten bells within one hundred miles of the place, York Minster excepted.'

Mr. C. N. Burdock, of Guildford, who has been twelve weeks in the Surrey County Hospital, where he has been twice operated on, is, we are pleased to say, making good progress towards recovery, and is now home. He tenders his heartfelt thanks to many ringing friends for their kind inquiries and good wishes. Mr. Burdock has been associated for a long period with the Cathedral Society at Guildford.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have just completed the rehanging of the peals at Little Missenden (5), Chirton, Wilts (5), Marden, Wilts (5), Nocton, Lincs (6), Ardeley, Herts (6), and St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), are casting the three trebles of a future peal of eight to be hung for ringing at Barkingside.

In recognition of his 25 years' service as captain of the ringers at St. James' Church, Poole, Mr. F. W. Townsend, this year's Ringing Master of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, has been presented with an illuminated address, signed by past and present ringers at Poole, and a handsome armchair. Change ringing was instituted at Poole by Mr. Townsend, who has also given valuable help to visiting ringers from other towers.

THE BRISTOL 'INSULT.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think that Mr. Skidmore has achieved something like notoriety, especially considering his membership of the G. and B. Association only dates from 1928. Since August last he has complained to me about the actions and words of no less than four of our members, and now I am added to the list, to make it a 'nap hand.' The most serious of these complaints concerned the hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, about the opening of the bells at Yate on December 22nd last. Why did he not mention this at St. Philip's? I should like to ask him, through you, sir, 'Did he not go off the "deep end" when he read in the Bristol Press that the bells at Yate would be opened by a band of the B.U.R.G.? Did he not get me to promise to write a letter on the subject? Did he not refuse to ring at the opening? Was he not upset because all the correspondence was written on B.U.R.G. notepaper?' The letter from the hon. secretary to the Vicar of Knowle, asking for official recognition at the opening, both for the association and the B.U.R.G., was also written on B.U.R.G. notepaper.

The ringing for the opening of the bells at Holy Nativity was performed by the G. and B. Association all right, and had the band rung a peal it would have been a G. and B. peal; the twopences would have been paid, and the peal entered in the peal book. Not only was it a G. and B. band, but a worthy and honourable band, and, what is more to the point, an efficient band, a band whose membership of the association averaged 30½ years.

Passing on to Mr. Braven's 'offence,' I should like to associate myself with Mr. Amos' approval of the speech. Trades unions must do a good work among their members or they would not flourish, but those outside only hear of their strikes, lock-outs, picketing, boycotting, and of forcing unwilling persons into membership. If Mr. Skidmore wishes, and you, sir, consent, I will give particulars and dates of each of these being practised by the Bristol Branch of the G. and B. Association, under the guise of the B.U.R.G.

If you think, Mr. Editor, that it would be as well for me to give the reason I did not advise an official invitation being sent to the association, I will give it. I can assure you, though, that nothing Mr. Skidmore did or did not do had anything whatever to do with it. I must tell him, however, that my promise to assist him as much as possible in the event of his taking over the secretaryship of the Gloucester and Bristol Association from Mr. Guise is absolutely withdrawn.—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME.

BY R. A. DANIELL.

If it were necessary to the possibility of the traditional origin of the College Youths' name that Whittington's College should still have been in existence in 1637, of course the tradition cannot be supported. But I do not accept that necessity. It is not the accuracy, but the persistence of a name that seems to me the material point.

To illustrate my meaning, let us suppose the existence of a ringing society founded in 1637, having the name 'Abbey Youths,' of the origin of which name we had no certain knowledge, but a tradition that it arose from some connection with Westminster Abbey. Should we say, 'That tradition cannot possibly be true, because in 1637 there was no Abbey at Westminster'? Surely, we should not say so. Yet there was no Abbey at Westminster then any more than there is now. The Abbey had been dissolved in the sixteenth century; the community was then dispersed, and its buildings suffered some destruction and some adaptation to new uses. Some, including the church, remained, and those who had known the place when it was an Abbey and had witnessed its dissolution did not alter the name by which they had been used to call it; their younger contemporaries spoke of it as did their elders, and overlapping generations have done so ever since. Who of us speaks of it as 'The Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Westminster,' which has been its correct name since Queen Elizabeth's time?

This persistency of the names of dissolved communities and their buildings, common throughout the country, has left many traces in London. The dissolution did not involve the entire disappearance of buildings from the face of the earth. It was nothing like the clearance of an area for a railway terminus or a housing scheme; there was always something left, and so the old names continued. Whitefriars, Blackfriars, St. Martin's-le-Grand, the Minories and others still belong to the old sites, and in the seventeenth century there were existing building remains of them all. Even to-day we can see some at St. Bartholomew's Priory, Smithfield, at Austinfriars and at the Charterhouse.

In the same way, Whittington's College at St. Michael's in Royal Street would have been called a College till its dissolution. That was its proper name. In the same way, too, its name would be perpetuated after its dissolution. The City of London was not a mass of offices and warehouses where few people lived; it was not only a city of business but also a city of homes, in which persons of all classes resided, where, in short, traditional names lingered. Of Whittington's foundation, the almshouses remained in the seventeenth century, and, in particular, the church. The accommodation for the priests may have disappeared, but it is much more likely to have remained in a more or less altered condition to suit requirements of residence or trade. There was certainly enough of the old buildings to keep alive the old name. We learn from Stow, our authority for the condition of the city in the early seventeenth century, that the Tower Royal, after which Royal Street was named, had by his time lost all connection with royalty, and was let out in tenements, and evidently the tradition of the College waxed at its expense, culminating in the name College Hill superseding Royal Street. 'Hill' is the name of several thoroughfares, two of them in the immediate neighbourhood of College Hill, rising from Thames Street to the higher ground, and it is probable that the ultimate change of name only recognised a popular use. At any rate, in 1637, there was, unless we are to suppose that for some unknown reason Londoners had deviated from their usual practice in this particular instance, ample College tradition remaining. Men ringing at St. Michael's would be ringing in the tower of the College in the same sense in which we still say men ring in the tower of Westminster Abbey. And here, surely, is a ready suggestion for a name of a society. There can be no good reason why a fancy name should not be a place name. The 'Scholars of Cheapside' had already adopted one.

I hope to conclude next week.

R. A. DANIELL.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE ANALYSIS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—For the sake of the accuracy of their report, I wish to draw the attention of the Analysis Committee to the fact that the peal rung at North Lopham, Norfolk, on February 15th, 1931, under the name of Double Little Bob Major, will be printed in the Norwich Diocesan Association Report for 1931 as Erith Little Bob Major, and the peal rung at the same tower and recorded as St. Clement's Bob Triples, should have been described as St. Simon's Triples, and will appear under this title in the aforementioned report.

Incidentally, those who were interested in the peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Wymondham on August 1st, 1931, should note that two bobs in a lead of a peal of Superlative, or any other method, cannot in any sense be termed a 'spliced' peal, and that the composition in question did not and could not exist as a true peal until the first course had been produced.

I regret these corrections have not appeared before. I had anticipated them from another quarter, although they were conducted by yours faithfully, NOLAN GOLDEN.

'DISTRICT MEETINGS.'

'STALWARTS' WHO DO NOT ASSIST.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—I was more than interested in your leading article of last week, February 19th, and feel that it calls for a certain amount of comment. Without reference to any particular association or guild, I should like to say that I have attended many of these meetings and found the same handful of 'stalwarts' referred to, who should, but do not, assist their less fortunate brethren. This, I think, is the reason why such a small percentage attend. How often it happens that six or seven people (all of whom have rung peals of London, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol, etc.) will attempt and fail to ring a course and still attempt again, and yet, if asked to stand in for a touch of Grandsire Triples or Bob Major to assist another one on to the bottom step of the ladder, will at once advise putting in all of those who want to attempt it at once, and, in addition, when the first inglorious smash comes (as come it must), they immediately look around for another course of 'Surprise' (that wonderful word).

I have in mind whilst writing a meeting that took place in a tower where call changes were rung and STRUCK. The band of 'stalwarts,' which included some of the officers of the association, were anxious to make it into a change-ringing tower, and at the meeting they had three or four attempts (murderous attempts) to ring a course of LONDON (capitals, please). The tower is still a stoney tower. One could tolerate it a little better if these stalwarts would only get themselves out of bed early enough to ring for Sunday morning services, but they don't. They are always grousing about not being able to get youngsters to take up ringing, but they themselves are the cause of those who have started getting disgusted with it all. Scathing, but true.

No youngster wants to go to a meeting to sit down in the tower and watch these 'so called' expert ringers constantly attempting course after course of 224 changes each. One oftimes wonders how it is that their names appear so often in 'The Ringing World' as having rung peals in the methods. Perhaps an umpire on the job would leave more space in the peal columns for articles of this nature. I am not ashamed to sign my name, and sincerely hope I have not used up too much of your valuable space. If I was a secretary (the people to whom I raise my hat) I should always be more proud to put in my report for 'The Ringing World' 'six or seven rang their first touch of Plain Bob and Grandsire and some their first of rounds on eight,' in preference to 'London, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, etc., etc., etc., were rung.'—Yours faithfully, GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

BRANCH SECRETARIES' ENDORSEMENT.

Dear Sir,—As a branch secretary, I would like to thank you for your 'leading article' in the issue of February 19th.

I wonder how many readers scan the front page, breathe a comment, and pass on without further thought. Yet the first column invariably contains a well-thought-out expression of opinion, naturally not always agreeable to everyone, but always worthy of real consideration.

The value of the various associations has been amply proved during the last half-century, and in order to continue the good work support must be given to local meetings.

I would like to urge all readers of this letter to refer back to this article and study it again. There will be some who, with a little reminder, can stimulate the interest of several others in their attendance at branch meetings.

If this end is attained, your work will be invaluable.—Yours faithfully,

CLAUDE I. DAVIES,
Branch Secretary,
Liverpool Branch, Lancashire Association.

Dear Sir,—As a branch secretary for twenty-one years, I can endorse every word of your leading article. I can assure you I get very disheartened at times at the poor attendances at meetings.—Yours faithfully,

F. J. LEWIS.

Cirencester.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday, February 8th, at St. Peter's Church, Belgrave, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. by: F. Graham 1, Ernest Morris (conductor) 2, E. R. Whitehead 3, R. Barrow 4, G. Tillson 5, E. H. Bagworth 6, W. A. Skinner 7, K. Lawson 8. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Rose, the beloved wife of Fred Sharman, one of the local band, who was interred this day.

On Sunday evening, February 14th, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, 1,313 Grandsire Caters in 58 mins. by: E. E. Tanser 1, S. Harrison 2, G. Humphreys 3, T. Bent 4, L. Whitehead 5, Ernest Morris (composer and conductor) 6, L. Johnson 7, J. Morris 8, G. S. Morris 9, E. Cattell 10. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Alice, the beloved and devoted wife of the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Leicester.

BOW BELLS.

We understand that the restoration of the famous ring of bells at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London, which have for so long been silent, is shortly to be taken in hand.

A NORFOLK PEAL RESTORED.

REDEDICATION OF BELLS AT SCARNING.

The bells of the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Scarning, Norfolk, were rededicated by the Bishop of Norwich on Sunday afternoon, February 14th, when they were rung for the first time for nearly a quarter of a century. The five bells have been rehung in the old frame with new fittings and cast-iron headstocks instead of the old wooden ones, and, among other modern innovations, have been fitted with ball bearings at a cost of £285. They have also been tuned on a modern tuning machine to ensure accurate tone, and a new treble bell has been added, tuned on a five-tone harmonic principle.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Limited, Croydon, who have been entrusted with the work, said, as old peals go, it was one of the best that had been through his hands.

Note.	Inscriptions.	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble, C sharp.	Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1931.	5	2	9
2nd, B.	The Jesus Bell. Charles Newman Made Mee, 1697.	5	2	12
3rd, A.	Charles Newman Made Mee, 1697.	6	1	2
4th, G sharp.	Charles Newman Made Mee, 1697.	9	0	2
5th, F sharp.	Charles Newman Made Mee, 1697. Benjamin Lane, John Wilkinsno, C.W.	10	1	19
Tenor, E.	Charles Newman Made Mee, 1703. Robeart Clark, Ham Rvdd, C.W.	14	2	18

The peal thus has a total weight of 51 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

The Rector (Rev. W. Eugene Perkyn) conducted the service at which the dedication took place. The lesson was read by the Rural Dean, the Rev. E. H. Townsend, Vicar of North Elmham. After the prayer of St. Chrysostom and the Grace, the verger and churchwardens (Messrs. David Milk and Arthur Wright), with the Rector and visiting clergy, conducted the Bishop to the tower, where the churchwardens, taking the ropes of the bells, asked the Bishop to dedicate the restored bells to the glory of God and the use of his church. The Bishop, receiving the ropes, said, 'I solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses these bells now dedicated to the glory of God for the benefit of His Holy Church.' The Bishop then prayed for those who answer the call to worship, for the negligent, for wedded folk, and for the dying.

As the Rector, verger and churchwardens conducted the Bishop to the pulpit, a representative company of ringers of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a plain course of Bob Minor.

The Bishop preached an appropriate sermon, and a collection was taken for church expenses.

The dedication service was attended by a large congregation, and the ringers present from East Dereham, Gressenhall, Fakenham, Reepham, North Elmham, Norwich and Saxlingham included Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, general secretary and treasurer of the association, and Mr. W. B. Duncan, hon. secretary of the North Norfolk Branch. As the congregation were dispersing, touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung until tea time, when the ringers were kindly entertained by the Rector to tea at the Village Hall, about 40 ringers being present.

After tea, the ringers adjourned to the belfry and rang touches in various Minor methods until late in the evening, much to the delight and enjoyment of the inhabitants of Scarning, after the long silence of their Parish Church bells.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the year was held at Tuxford on Saturday, February 6th, when a large number of members were present from Collingham, East Markham, Edwinstow, Gamston, Ordsall, Mansfield Woodhouse, Sutton-on-Trent, Treeton, Warsop, and a few local ringers. During the afternoon and evening the ringers enjoyed the wonderful 'go' of the peal of six bells, which have recently been recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The methods ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

The business meeting was held in the belfry after tea at a local cafe. The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson presided over the meeting, and first remarked upon the loss sustained by the association by the death of the treasurer, the late Mr. Herbert Haigh. He said that he would never be forgotten by the association members. He asked them to stand for a minute as a token of respect to their departed friend.

Mr. Wilson, of Worksop, was proposed as a performing member, while Sutton-on-Trent added four performing members to the list, these being Mr. S. Hutchinson, Mr. M. Moxon and Mr. F. Carrot. All these were duly elected.

The place of the next meeting was left over for the general committee to decide. This and other committees will meet on Saturday, February 27th, at Ordsall.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson thanked the churchwardens for granting permission for the use of the bells, and hoped the time was not far off when Tuxford would have a Vicar appointed.

LANCASHIRE RINGERS' SOCIAL.

POLICE HELP IN BIG BOLTON GATHERING.

The annual winter social of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association this year was extended in the way of a joint meeting of the Manchester and Bolton Branches. On Saturday last the bells of Holy Trinity, Bolton, were open for ringing during the afternoon, and they were kept going in various methods until 6 p.m. Then, on an invitation from the Bolton Borough Police, an adjournment was made to their recreation room, where a billiards match had been arranged, but, owing to the large attendance, billiards was impossible, so the 'free and easy' got going before 7 p.m., and was kept up until 10.45 p.m.

The helm was taken by the vice-president, Sergt. P. Crook, and, with artistes galore, the 150 who attended felt more than satisfied that it had been well worth the long journey many had made.

Holy Trinity Church handbell ringers gave several selections on their four-octave set of bells, and 'touches' were also rung 'in hand' by others. Songs were rendered by Miss A. Potter, Miss Yates, Miss Birchby, Mr. Dootson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Norman Brown and Mr. Gash; duets by Miss Potter and Mr. Brown, and Mr. Gash and Mr. Brown. Miss H. Sandiford, A.L.C.M., elocutionist, also entertained. Mr. Grime gave selections on his dulcimer, and Mr. C. Sandiford a violin solo. The humour was supplied by Mr. Gash. Community singing was also indulged in, 'community sheets' being supplied to all present.

Mr. J. Potter moved a vote of thanks to the Bolton Police for their kind invitation. He said it was a valuable asset to the branch to be able to have such a room at their disposal. He also thanked the artistes for their entertainment. Everyone, he was sure, would agree with him when he said this was the best social that had been held.—The vote was seconded by Mr. R. Fiddes, and carried by acclamation.

The Chairman said he did not know on which side to speak. He was one of the 'inviters' and one of the 'invited,' but he supported the thanks to the artistes for the way they had come forward. He also said that what had been in his mind during the evening was, if the numbers increased each year as they were doing, he would have to find a larger room. The police were having new premises built, and he hoped that next year they would have the pleasure of being accommodated with everything up to date. On behalf of the police, Sergt. Crook extended a hearty invitation to the ringers to the bowling green and athletic ground on August 6th next.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on Saturday, February 6th.

During the afternoon, rounds for the beginners and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung on the bells of St. Mary's, St. Laurence's, and St. Giles' Churches. A well-attended service followed at St. Giles', conducted by the Rev. C. F. Band, who gave an appropriate address. Fifty-seven members from the branch towers, including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Guild), Canon Coleridge, Mr. W. S. Pearton, Mr. L. Joyce (branch chairman), Mr. F. W. Hopgood (branch treasurer and secretary), and visitors from Fairford, Bushey, Maidenhead, Newbury, Slough, Oxford, Cookham and Datchet then attended the excellent tea at the Central Girls' Club Hall, Chain Street.

The business meeting followed, at which the balance sheet was read and adopted. The secretary's report showed another successful year, with an increase of honorary and ordinary members, and an increased balance. Successful and enjoyable quarterly meetings had been held at Shiplake, Nettlebed and Mortimer. Mention was made of three members whom the branch had lost during the year by death.

All the officers were unanimously re-elected, namely: Chairman, Mr. L. Joyce; hon. 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. They were thanked for their services during the past year, and each suitably responded.

The quarterly meetings for 1932 were arranged for Shinfield, Checkendon and Henley. Apologies for absence were read by the chairman, who also welcomed the visitors, for whom Mr. T. J. Fowler responded.

Satisfactory tower reports were given from most of the branch towers. Good Sunday ringing had been maintained throughout the year.

The Master, in referring to general matters, asked the ringers to give more support to 'The Ringing World'; mentioned the Stedman Tercentenary fund for the restoration of the fine old Saxon tower at Cambridge; and spoke of the healthy state of the branch.—The meeting voted £2 2s. to the restoration fund.

Mr. Maurice Hibbert, of Bushey, was made a non-resident life member of the Guild.

The Chairman then expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar, organist, and choir of St. Giles' for the beautiful service which had been held.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NO NOMINATION FOR SUCCESSOR TO RETIRING SECRETARY.

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pontefract. By the courtesy of the respective clergy, the bells of All Saints' and St. Giles' Churches were available for ringing, and these two beautiful rings were used extensively during the day. The day being fine, a large and representative gathering was brought together, who much enjoyed the bells and exploring the nearby ancient castle grounds and ruins. The day's proceedings commenced with the audit, which was conducted in All Saints' Church Room by Messrs. Holder and Applegate. Service was held in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m., when the Rev. F. E. Hayward preached an interesting and forceful sermon in the unavoidable absence of the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, who was unable to be present through illness. An excellent tea was served in the Church Room, where some ninety members availed themselves of the facilities afforded them.

The business meeting followed, with the president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) in the chair. He was supported by the Rev. A. G. Shipley (Vicar of All Saints') and the principal officers of the association.

In presenting the report of the committee, the President called the special notice of members to the wide variety of methods in the peals rung during the year, and also to the balance in hand at the year-end of £3 14s. 3d. on the year's working, despite the fact that during this year all members who had joined the association prior to and including the year 1895 had been made life members of the association.

A special vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Barton for his compiling of the peals report.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for granting the use of the bells at All Saints' and St. Giles' was responded to by the Rev. A. G. Shipley (Vicar of All Saints'), who in turn received the greeting extended by the members to an old and honoured friend.

A vote of thanks to the local company was moved and seconded by Messrs. C. D. Potter and F. G. Sherwood respectively, and Mr. H. C. Walters replied on behalf of the local company.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. W. Pearson, seconded by Mr. H. Morley, to hold the next general meeting on May 21st, the place of the meeting to be left to the general committee to arrange.

No nominations having been received for the post of hon. general secretary, in place of Mr. P. J. Johnson, who is retiring, it was agreed that the general committee be empowered to make any necessary arrangements.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, moved by the Rev. A. G. Shipley, brought a pleasant and enjoyable meeting to a close.

Messrs. J. Ingham, V. Capley, V. C. Capley, E. Brooks, H. Broadhead, W. Dyson, R. Crosland, G. Cutt, C. E. Netherwood, F. Newton, J. E. Atkinson, J. Lindsay, H. Fordham and C. Cooper were elected as members of the association.

DEATH OF MR. F. EDWARDS, OF CIRENCESTER.

We regret to announce the death, suddenly, of Mr. F. Edwards, of Cirencester.

On Tuesday, February 16th, he was ringing as usual, and the following evening he attended a Masonic dinner. His death took place the next morning, Thursday, February 18th.

Mr. Edwards, who was a native of Tenterden, Kent, came to Cirencester about nine years ago, and soon identified himself with the social and business life of the town. He was chairman of the Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, a member of the Freemasons, a member of the Urban District Council, and an energetic member of the local branch of the British Legion.

He was not a great peal ringer, but was very fond of taking a party of ringers in his car to the various towers in the neighbourhood and testing the musical qualities of the bells, and, incidentally, helping the work of the association. The writer has had many pleasant trips with him.

The funeral took place at Tenterden on Monday.

A memorial service was held at Cirencester Parish Church on Sunday, when all the local ringers attended in a body, and there were also present the members of the Cirencester Urban District Council, the Cotteswold Lodge of Freemasons, and a large body of the British Legion. Amongst the various wreaths was one from the Cirencester ringers, and one from the officers and members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Mr. Edwards, a man of fine physique, was characterised by a friendly and genial demeanour. His friendship was worth having and keeping, and his untimely death will be deeply mourned by all who knew him.

On Sunday, after evening service, the bells were rung half-muffled. A short touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the minor eight (tenor 21 cwt. in E minor), of which he was very fond, by: F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. C. Bond 6, H. Lewis 7, J. Roberts 8, and was followed by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) on the back ten (tenor 29 cwt. in D): F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, H. Gassor 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, H. L. Cook 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. S. Parsons 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. J. Lewis, jun., 10.

F. J. L.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT TAKES A ROPE.

A pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday, ringers and friends turning up from Bakewell, Darley Dale, Dore, Great Longstone, Matlock, Norton-in-the-Moors and Tideswell. The bells, a pretty light peal of six, were rung with clappers half-muffled, owing to the death of a local resident, during the afternoon and evening, and some good ringing was accomplished in most of the standard methods. The district's new vice-president, the Rev. A. E. J. B. Barrow, the Vicar of Bakewell, was present during the whole of the ringing, in which he showed great interest, eventually being persuaded to take a rope under the guidance of the secretary, and, considering that it was his first attempt, performing in rounds very well indeed.

A very enjoyable tea was provided at the White Lion, presided over by the vice-president, and was followed by a short informal business meeting. A hearty welcome was accorded to the Rev. A. E. J. B. Barrow by the secretary, who assured him that his kindness in accepting the office and in promising to attend the meetings was greatly appreciated. To this the Vicar of Bakewell suitably responded.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Youlgreave on March 19th, if possible, where the fine peal of eight (tenor 27 cwt.) should be an attraction.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Longstone and the local company closed the proceedings.

JOINT MEETING IN THE NORTH.

TWO ASSOCIATIONS MEET AT DARLINGTON.

A joint meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and the Southern Division of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Darlington and proved a huge success. Some thirty members of the two associations attended, and the bells of the Parish Church were ringing soon after mid-day. During the afternoon a party was sent from the Parish Church to St. John's, and both peals were kept ringing merrily. A short visit was paid to St. Cuthbert's after the tea, but the gathering soon divided again, and the bells of Holy Trinity and St. John's were kept going till a late hour.

A feature of the meeting was the good ringing, touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative being obtained at the eight-bell towers, whilst Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, and London Minor were rung on the six bells of Holy Trinity.

Meetings of the two associations were held immediately after tea, and the Vicars and churchwardens of the three churches were thanked for the use of the bells, and the appreciation of the ringers was expressed to those in charge of the arrangements, which proved so successful.

The next meeting of the Southern Division of the Durham and Newcastle Association was arranged to be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, March 5th.

Altogether it was a good day; the weather was fine, the ringing was excellent, and the meal ample and good. What more can a ringer desire?

J. C. P.

YAXLEY CHURCH BELLS RESTORED.

The dedication of the restored ring of six at Yaxley, Peterborough, took place on Sunday, February 7th, the ceremony being performed by the Lord Bishop of Ely.

The original ring of four was installed in 1721, and two trebles were added in 1881, when the old 3rd was recast. These did service until four years ago, when No. 4 became cracked, and ringing was discontinued.

The cracked bell has now been recast, the remaining five tuned and quarter-turned, and the whole peal hung in a new teak frame with new fittings, including cast-iron headstocks and ball bearings.

Immediately after the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung by members of the local band, while touches in various methods were rung after the service by visitors, including Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, and ringers from St. Mary's and St. John's, Peterborough, Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, Buckden, Market Deeping, and Deeping St. James, Folkingham, All Saints', Stamford.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the smooth running of the bells and the excellent 'splice' of the new bell with the old five, which have been carefully tuned, testify to the splendid workmanship with which the contract has been carried out.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—For evening service, on Sunday, February 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Fricker 1, B. Ham 2, H. Moody 3, N. Knee 4, E. F. Marlow (conductor) 5, T. Snelgrove 6. The 4th and 5th ringers are from Warminster, the others are Corsley ringers. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2 and 6, and first 'inside' for N. Knee.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Hon. secretaries of affiliated societies are again reminded that subscriptions became due on January 1st.

The attention of members is drawn to rule 9, and in order to comply with this rule notices of motions must be sent to me forthwith.

It is proposed to apply for cheap travelling facilities for the Plymouth meeting, and it is desired to submit a complete schedule of the tickets required. Will all members and visitors, therefore, kindly send me a postcard with answers to the following questions:—

1. Name.
2. If cheap facilities are obtained, are you willing to travel by train?
3. Station of departure.
4. Date of departure.
5. Date of return.
6. Single fare from station of departure to Plymouth.
7. If necessary, are you willing to book in advance?

G. W. FLETCHER,
45, Walsingham Road, Enfield. Hon. Secretary.

BELLS FOR SHANGHAI.

The present trouble around Shanghai adds interest to the fact that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are shipping to that much harassed city a chiming peal of eight bells, which are to be erected at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Another peal for overseas is to be made at the Whitechapel Foundry. This is an octave with a tenor of 30 cwt., to be hung for ringing at Hamilton Cathedral, New Zealand.

AN OLD RINGER OF OLD WINDSOR.

FAREWELL TO A VETERAN.

Mr. Joseph Gutteridge, of Old Windsor, passed away on Wednesday, February 3rd, in the 83rd year of his age, much regretted by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers and the Brotherhood of Gardeners in the Berks and Bucks district.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church of St. Peter on Saturday, February 6th, the service being conducted by the Rev. J. Russell-Napier, M.A., who held a long friendship with the deceased before moving to Sussex. The family of two sons—both change ringers—and ten daughters (with one exception) were present, as well as a number of relations and friends, and some beautiful wreaths were placed round the grave.

Berks and Bucks ringers assembled at the tower, four on each side of the belfry, as the coffin was borne into the church, and afterwards rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples with muffled clappers as the cortege left the church for the burial ground.

Born at Mapledurham, Oxon, where he learnt to ring, the late Mr. Gutteridge's first migration was to Epsom, the next to Old Windsor, where he was employed by the Romain family for two generations at the Priory Gardens.

The deceased was an authority on the sweet pea and the English rose, and there were few flower shows in the district without his exhibits. He won outright the challenge bowl at Reading and many prizes elsewhere, and served on the committee of the Windsor Rose Society.

For 43 years he ably filled the office of parish clerk and verger, and many a dry anecdote can be related of him. On one occasion a strange clergyman, asking after his family, was informed by the verger that he had 'a L of a family.' It transpired that all the daughters' Christian names began with that letter. Once a visiting London ringer was inquiring of Mr. Gutteridge what they rang. He at once asked the questioner if he could ring 'London.' On being told, 'Yes,' replied, 'Ah! we can't.'

A presentation watch was given him by the parishioners in appreciation of his long service, and his employer, Mr. Colin Romain, gave him a pension and cottage for life.

As a change ringer, Mr. Gutteridge had rung about 50 peals, mostly in Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples. His first, on January 10th, 1891, the year after the octave was made, was conducted by Mr. J. W. Wilkins, in which the writer took part. His last peal was in 1924, with the young band of Welling's boys, and he remarked, when the bells came home, 'It's about time I gave up!'

In 1884, the six-bell team—speaking plainly—were sacked by the Vicar for not staying to the service. In January, 1885, a new team was raised by Mr. Gutteridge as foreman, and from that date many a pupil has raised a blister with Joe's help. He was always very proud of the prowess of one of his lads, Mr. Wm. Welling, who was unfortunately laid up (with his wife and family) and unable to attend the funeral ceremony.

A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted the following week, and was lost a few leads past the half-way Single. The following ringers took part in showing their respect to the passing of a faithful servant of the belfry: Messrs. H. G. and R. Owen, H. Cropley, T. S. Smith, W. H. Fussell, T. G. Leader, L. Stilwell, T. Farr, A. Bateman, R. Franklin and W. Tyndall (conductor).

W. H. F.

EXPULSION OR RETIREMENT ?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leader of February 5th shows that we are still at such cross purposes that I must write again, although I had hoped I had said my last word.

The Axioms which you published on February 5th are not (as you put it) in addition to the previous resolution, but in substitution thereof. The original resolution was passed in plenty of time to allow for criticism, which it certainly got; and now, as a result of this criticism, these Axioms have been evolved. They convey what we wanted to be conveyed before, but the previous resolution was so concise that it was not unreasonably misunderstood. These are the actual 'effective measures' which you ask us to tell the world at once. Of course they will not be effective in expelling any member from our Guild or any other body; but, as I have so often said, that never entered our heads, and has not even been mentioned among us. They should, however, be effective in telling members whether they ought to retire or not. In order to avoid further misunderstanding, I will hasten to add that I do not suppose there is a single member of any such body who would even think that he ought to retire. But the Painswick tablet has, quite unintentionally, of course, given the world to understand that there are such undesirable persons among ringers.

You, sir, would, I think, agree that anyone who would claim to have rung a certain number of changes when he had not done so ought not to be a member of any of our associations. I take it that your articles mean that it would be better in such a case (if the member would not listen to reason) that he should resign than that he should be expelled. If so, we are all agreed. Thus the question now is, Are these axioms a good basis to work on? Apparently you think they are all right as far as they go, but that they do not go far enough. If so, I am inclined to agree with you. Further, I am prepared to survey the whole field, either in your columns, under such limits as you may suggest, or under the direction of the Central Council, with the help of such others as may be appointed.

This is, however, hardly a job which a single Guild can tackle. All it can do is to deal with such matters as come within its purview, as we have done here.

Two criticisms of the Axioms have been made. One is that those who ring call changes do actually ring changes. This is not the case. The changes, such as they are, which are heard in call changes, are the result of the calls, not of the ringing. The performers simply do what they are told, and their skill is shown by the quickness with which they do this.

The other criticism is that we do not actually ring rows, but changes. Of course the exact opposite is the case. No one has ever rung, or could ring, a change, if one is to be strictly accurate. We ring rows, and the rows make the changes. To be more accurate still, we do not even ring rows. What we actually ring are bells; and the order of the bells, as we ring them, can be expressed by rows, and when these rows are different, changes result. There is, however, nothing wrong in saying either that we ring rows or that we ring changes, as long as we understand that the expression is a concise or elliptical one. Much of our colloquial language is contracted in this way.

HERBERT DRAKE.

AXIOMS THAT DO NOT BEAR INVESTIGATION.

Dear Sir,—You are right, Mr. Editor, in saying that it is high time we had more careful and accurate definitions, and as a start Mr. Drake's axioms, A, B, C and D, will no doubt meet with approval.

Axiom E, however, states that in the case of false ringing there are more rows than changes; and axiom F that 'a claim to have rung the same number of changes as rows is a false statement.'

These two axioms do not bear investigation:—

1st change	1234	
	2143	2nd change
3rd change	2413	
	4231	4th change
5th change	4321	
	3412	6th change
7th change	3142	
	1324	
	1234	8th change

8 changes, 8 rows. Same number of each. No repetition of rows. True.

1st change	1234	
	2143	2nd change
3rd change	2413	
	4231	4th change
5th change	2413	
	4231	6th change
7th change	4321	
	3412	8th change
9th change	3142	
	1324	
	1234	10th change

10 changes, 10 rows. Same number of each. Two repetitions of rows. False.

Axiom E might read: 'If, however, there is one or more repetitions of rows, the ringing is said to be false.'

It follows from the above examples that when ringing is false there are fewer **different** rows than changes, which is a mathematical fact that Mr. Drake has overlooked in framing his axioms E and F.—Yours faithfully,

C. G.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 44th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 27th, 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) 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.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.— ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING at CROYDON on Saturday, April 2nd, by invitation of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, Ltd. Further details later.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church House. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Feb. 27th, when a service, tea and meeting will be arranged. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. — J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Over on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Please look up Double Oxford Bob Major. —K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—The annual meeting of Ledbury District will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. — Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Buses from Leeds (Aire Street) pass the church. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Battle on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Tower open at 3. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m, Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m.; also Woodbridge after 6 p.m. Tea, in St. Mary's Hall, 4.30.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, February 27th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 3.30 p.m. —A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 3rd and 31st at 8 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th; St. Magnus' on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th at 7.30 p.m.; *the Coffee Pot on the 22nd at 8 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 Higher Walton on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, to all who notify Mr. C. Clarke, 338, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, not later than Wednesday, March 2nd. The Ribble buses on the Preston to Blackburn Old Road route pass the church every half hour each way. Three miles Preston, 8 Blackburn. —Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at Johnston's Institute. Please notify Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, by March 2nd. Gentlemen cordially invited. — Mrs. G. H. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

APPLETON, BERKS. — The 114th anniversary of these bells will be held Saturday, March 5th. Tower open for ringing all day. Dinner at 4 p.m. Will those who intend coming to dinner please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks, not later than March 1st?

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me, not later than March 3rd, to enable estimate to be given.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Boughton on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 1st, those who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.— C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, March 5th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, March 2nd?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be at Ashby on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at Radford's Café 1s. Those intending to be present kindly inform E. W. Beadsmoore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, not later than Friday, March 4th. All welcome. — A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on March 5th. Bells ready afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting for business after. All ringing friends will be made welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AND CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. —A joint meeting will be held at Kidsgrove on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service and unveiling of two peal tablets by the Archdeacon of Stoke at 3 p.m. Tea (4 p.m.) will be provided for all who notify Mr. J. A. Cook, 28, Fifth Avenue, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, before March 3rd at a charge of 1s. per head.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 2nd number requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Grappenhall.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Broughton (5) on Saturday, March 5th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday, March 1st, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. — H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District —A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at the Parish Church, Wye. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers are heartily welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.— Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, at usual terms. Kindly advise me. All members and friends welcomed. Special meeting at Finchley on Saturday, March 19th, to re-open bells.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Potterne on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea, in Parish Room, at 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—March 5th. Ashwell. This grand peal of 6 ready at 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea for all who will just send him a card. This is the last meeting of the ringing year 1931-32, and it would be a great help to me to get a few more subscriptions. All names for tea to the Rev. H. A. Griffiths, The Rectory, Ashwell, Herts. — Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Nuttall on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Ringers are requested to look up London, Cambridge and York for this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please turn up and put your backs into it.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, March 1st. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Meeting at 3 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will take place at Ranmoor Church on March 5th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s., followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

ST. MARY, WHICKHAM, near Gateshead. — Ring of 6. Dedication of 3 recast trebles by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, Saturday, March 12th, 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead. Tea, after the service, in the Rectory Hall, for those who notify the Rev. M. H. Huthwaite, Whickham Rectory, Newcastle-on-Tyne, not later than March 9th. Visiting ringers welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.— The annual meeting will be held at Northowram, Halifax, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 1.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. R. Noble, 29, Towngate, Northowram, Halifax.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helens, before Wednesday, March 9th. All welcome. Heaps of room.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, in Church House, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Please notify Mr. S. F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield, by Wednesday, the 9th, for same. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. The annual report is now available and subscriptions for 1932 due. — F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at Hanslope. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 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.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the City Restaurant, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, on Saturday, March 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, from the hon. sec., Mr. V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford, before March 12th.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—Ring of 8, recast and rehung in new frame, after the fire, by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Bedford on Saturday, March 19th. Service at 3. Visiting ringers welcomed. Tea provided for those who write to the Vicar of their wish to be present by Monday, March 14th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual general meeting will be held at Tenterden on Easter Monday next. Bells available at 10 a.m. Service at noon. Lunch, presided over by His Worship the Mayor (Col. W. A. V. Findlater), followed by annual meeting. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting will be held at Dursley, Glos., on Easter Monday, March 28th. Propositions re alteration, addition or deletion of rules, should be notified before March 1st. Nomination of officers may be sent in. Full details later.—Edgar Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual Committee Meeting.—Will members of committee please note that the annual committee meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 2nd? Particulars later.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, April 9th. Further particulars later.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The fourth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will take place on Saturday, April 16th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel at 6 p.m. prompt. Definite arrangements later.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

SURREY RINGER has vacancy for paying guests.—Apply Box E, 'Ringing World' Office, Woking.

DEATH.

BLACK.—On Feb. 16th, at a London hospital, Fannie, the beloved wife of George Black and mother of Robert G. Black, of Geddington, near Kettering, aged 66 years.

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A SELECTION of twelve old melodies and carols. Large book, with large type, suitable for five ringers to ring from. Post free, 3s. each, from S. J. Riddell, Yateley, Camberley.

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'AMONG THE BELLS.'—The Ringing Career of late Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., Vicar of Drayton, Berks, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Part I. to XX. may be had singly at 6d. net. Unbound numbers I. to XX. complete, 8s. 6d. Or the whole work bound in cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From Mrs. Robinson, Fair Home, Wokingham.

A RINGERS' 'STRIKE.'

According to a newspaper report, the ringers of Neston, Wirral, have gone 'on strike' because they were not invited to a party given by the Vicar to the choir, as they had been in former years.

Previously, it appears, the choir and ringers were entertained by the Vicar and churchwardens, but this year the churchwardens did not participate, and the Vicar himself entertained the choir.

The Neston Guild of ringers have a very old set of rules which provide that all disputes among the ringers should be referred to the Vicar.

DATE TOUCHES.

On Monday, February 15th, at Middleton, Lancs, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,932 changes) in 1 hour 6 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, W. Howard (longest length in the method) 3, J. Jacques 4, R. Johnson 5, T. A. Ogden 6, T. K. Driver 7, J. H. Bastow 8.

At Woking Parish Church, on Saturday, February 13th, in 1 hour 20 mins., a date touch of Plain Bob Triples (1,932 changes) was rung by the local band: D. Munday 1, Admiral T. P. Walker 2, Mrs. W. H. Edwards 3, A. P. Osborne 4, J. Brackley 5, W. H. Edwards 6, T. Strudwick 7, F. Foot 8. Arranged and conducted by J. Brackley.

On Friday, January 29th, at St. Peter's Church, Blaxhall, in 1 hr. 7 mins., a date touch of Minor, comprising 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, and 132 Plain Bob: C. Newson 1, A. Ling (conductor) 2, H. Puttock 3, W. Smith 4, A. E. Smith 5, R. Woodard 6.

A half-muffled 'date' touch (1,932 changes) was rung at Bromham, Bedfordshire, by: J. Freeman 1, G. White 2, F. C. Tysoe 3, E. Freeman (conductor) 4, P. C. Bonnett 5, S. Foskett 6, as a token of sympathy with Mr. P. Inskip, of Kempston, whose wife was buried on Thursday, January 7th. Mr. Inskip is a native of Bromham, and has rendered assistance to the local band.

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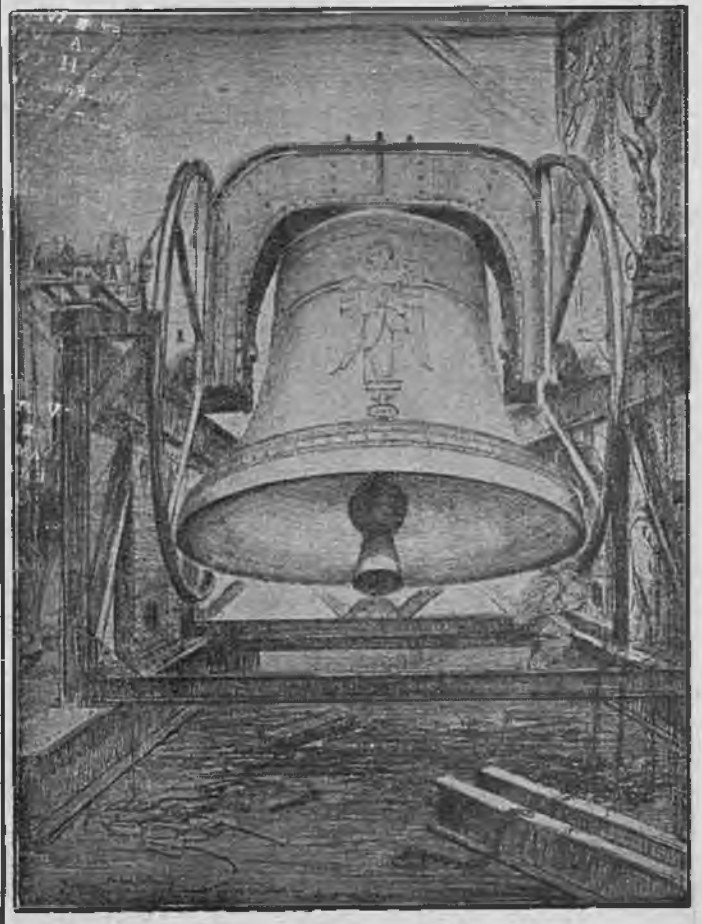

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The amount of ringing that is done is as great, if not greater than at any time in history. Service ringing is more regularly performed in more churches than ever before; peal ringing, which marks a definite stage in the advancement of a ringer's interest and ability, is increasing, and there is a steady flow of ringers into the ranks of those who reach this stage. Most of the associations can report an increase of membership, and where there is any falling off it is, for the most part, accounted for by the stress of circumstances among ringers affected by the present wave of unemployment. Look at such gatherings as that at Birmingham last Saturday, to which ringers came from many distant places and in considerable numbers. There is not much the matter with the spirit behind the art, when men will travel at their own expense from places as distant as York and Bristol, Liverpool and London, Bradford and South Wales, Manchester and Lincolnshire to spend an evening in each other's company at Birmingham. And for every one who was there, a hundred would have liked to join in the gathering, animated by the same motives and impelled by the same enthusiasm for an art which they all share and which is the single bond of unity between them.

We cannot expect the same keenness everywhere, but all these are signs indicating life and encouragement. An art like ringing can never die. It may fluctuate; it may have its periods of advance and decline, but it can never reach the point of extinction. At the present time ringing has more devotees than ever, it has reached the highest standard that it has ever attained, and it is followed by men of better standing than at any time in its history. Bell ringing is certainly not a dying art or hobby. All the indications point the other way and ringers, as a whole, only need to pull out a little more endeavour and apply a little more keenness to give it an impetus in the next few years which it has never known before.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	WALTER G. ROWE	6
WILLIAM T. TUCKER... ...	2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	3	WILFRED ANDREWS	8
*GEORGE PULLINGER	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ...	9
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	5	*JOHN L. DACOMBE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells since they were augmented from 8 to 10, and rung half-muffled as a last token of deepest respect to the Rev. Thomas Salmon, Rector of the parish since 1912, who passed away on February 19th, after only a few days' illness, and was interred on Tuesday, February 23rd, at North Stoneham, close by the tower where on December 20th, 1931, he dedicated the two new trebles.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	...*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD	2	LEONARD JOHNSON	7
PERCIVAL PRICE...	3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN...	8
ALBERT H. WARD	4	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ...	9
HARRY L. SMITH	5	†ERNEST F. PAYNE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* 100th peal on tower bells. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of Joseph S. Needham, for over 40 years respected steeplekeeper of St. Saviour's, Leicester.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART...	...*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	3	*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	8
KENNETH SNELLING	4	JOHN DEARLOVE...	9
JACK M. CRIPPS	5	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEBBLE ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ...	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	2	WALTER ARNOLD...	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	ERNEST BOWHILL... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

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On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*T. J. Lewry ... ...*Treble*		G. Lewry 5	
C. Starley... 2		T. Gasson 6	
*W. Harrison — 3		A. Absolom 7	
W. Wheeler 4		*F. Chapman ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by Thomas Gasson.

* First peal.

ORMESBY.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

John G. Hall ... ...*Treble*		Jack Reed 5	
Theodore Jackson 2		Arthur Spurdle 6	
Henry R. Jackson 3		Thomas Metcalfe 7	
Robert Jackson 4		*George Kitson ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Conducted by Jack Reed.

* First peal in any method, and first attempt for a peal. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm, who was Vicar of this parish from 1905 to 1929.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Benjamin A. Knights ...*Treble*		Fred Rigby 5	
*William Sharples 2		Fred Harwood 6	
†John Charnock... 3		John T. Millar 7	
E. Roger Martin 4		John H. Gartside ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by B. A. Knights.

* One hundredth peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rector of Chorley, Dr. P. J. Kirkby, and the Rev. H. Law James, both of whom were members of the association.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

Oliver Sippetts ... ...*Treble*		George Ellis 5	
*Alfred J. Bull 2		Robert Swift 6	
Keith Hart 3		Cecil Nice 7	
Kenneth Snelling 4		Wilfred Williams ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams

* First peal in the method. In this composition, now rung for the first time, the 2nd and tenor never work together either in front or behind throughout the peal.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*John T. Shipley ... ...*Treble*		‡Leonard Pierrepont ... 5	
Miss K. Burchnall... ... 2		†Harold Denman 6	
†Mrs. L. East 3		†Ernest A. Midwinter ... 7	
Miss G. Burchnall ... 4		†Robert W. Stockdale ...*Tenor*	

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by R. W. Stockdale

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since the addition of the two new trebles. A birthday compliment to Miss C. B. Eling and Mr. E. Midwinter, both members of the local band.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(East Berks & South Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Wilfred Edwards ... ...*Treble*		William H. Fussell ... 5	
Roland Biggs 2		Frederick Biggs 6	
George Martin 3		William Henley 7	
Dorothy R. Fletcher ... 4		Harry Wingrove ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by Harry Wingrove.

* First Surprise peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. George.
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Frederick J. Collum ...*Treble*		John H. Cheesman 5	
*Mrs. Geo. H. Cross ... 2		Edward J. Beer 6	
George H. Cross 3		Herbert E. Audsley ... 7	
Harry Hovers 4		Ronald H. Bullen ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed and Conducted by George H. Cross.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell and first attempt. R. H. Bullen's 100th peal.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*Miss M. Jagger ... ...*Treble*		*W. Noble 5	
W. Mounsey 2		†H. Chew 6	
†R. Noble 3		J. Greenwood 7	
†A. Hancock 4		A. Jagger ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by W. Sottanstall. Conducted by A. Jagger.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 22, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

Ernest Brett ... ...*Treble*		Edwin F. Pike 5	
Charles W. Roberts ... 2		William R. Madgwick ... 6	
William H. Hewett ... 3		James E. Davis 7	
Frederick Digby 4		Reuben Sanders ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by C. W. Roberts

This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate courses. This is the first peal in four methods by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd.

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On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

William Dowler ... . *Treble*		George Pigott 5	
*John F. Atkins 2		Ernest Boylin 6	
Ernest T. Allaway... ... 3		William B. Cartwright ... 7	
Wilfred Mumford 4		Theodore Russell ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by William B. Cartwright.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Rung on the occasion of the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner in Birmingham. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Sidney Freemantle, the verger, for having everything in readiness.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

ALBERT C. FEARNLEY	*Treble*	WALTER SWALLOW	5
HARRY BROWN	2	EDWARD RICKITT	6
JOHN FRYER	3	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
JOHN K. DOUGLAS	4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. COATES	*Treble*	J. W. DAWSON	5
*W. OLIVER	2	*J. T. TITT	6
†S. WOODHOUSE	3	†J. FAREY	7
*W. A. COATES	4	H. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by H. TAYLOR.

* First peal in method. † First peal.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED W. TURNER	*Treble*	CHARLES GEARY	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	HERBERT TURNER	6
WILLIAM THORNLEY	3	JOSEPH BAILEY	7
R. ALLEN HICKTON	4	W. RICHARD DRAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT	*Treble*	†WILLIAM FLATT	5
*SALEM GOODSWEN	2	WALTER MOBBS	6
GEORGE HOWLETT	3	GEORGE GOWER	7
STANLEY COPLING	4	TOWNSON ADCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by S. MARSH. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal. † First in method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON	*Treble*	HARRY HOVERD	5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	6
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*JOHN S. MORTON	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First attempt for Cambridge.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	JOHN T. KENTISH	5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
FREDERICK DIGBY	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY	*Treble*	ALBERT CRAWLEY	5
*JOHN BRASSINGTON	2	CHARLES SMITH	6
THOMAS HURD	3	ARTHUR ALLMAN	7
GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* 70th peal and first peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. The ringers of 2nd and 7th were elected members of the association prior to starting for the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Hurd.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN	*Treble*	HARRY BOSWELL	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	HAROLD F. MARTIN	6
ALBERT D. COLLINS	3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	7
*HERBERT T. PIPER	4	*JAMES SHAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. 75th peal as conductor, and his 50th peal of Stedman Triples. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the later Alderman John Lewis, Mayor of Wolverhampton.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS MILDRED HIGGINS	*Treble*	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	5
*MISS LUCY M. KELLY	2	FREDERICK CARDWELL	6
*JAMES KNOWLES	3	ARTHUR PASELEY	7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	FRED WATKINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

* First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*WILLIAM M. STONE	*Treble*	WILLIAM STANFORD	5
WALTER CHARMAN	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
THOMAS ADAMS	3	*C. ERNEST SMITH	7
JOHN COOK	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by W. CHARMAN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 43rd anniversary of the record length (13,440) of the method in the same tower, in which peal, also, W. Charman rang the 2nd.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12⅝ cwt.

*EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	*Treble*	MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	6
EDWARD J. BEER	3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	FREDERICK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* 50th peal of Cambridge Major. E. A. Barnett's first Surprise peal. He is only 13 years of age, and received hearty congratulations from all the band on the perfect manner in which he rang the method and struck his bell.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

RONALD H. DOVE ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	5
FRANK E. DARBY... ...	... 2	*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ...	6
H. STANLEY ROBINSON ...	3	ROYDON DAVIES	7
TONY PRICE	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

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

* 50th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Sidney Howard Cotton, late churchwarden and trustee of the Advowson of St. Olave's, Hart Street, who was buried this day.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ..	...*Treble*	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT...	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	GEORGE R. PYE	6
JOHN G. NASH	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
*HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. F. R. Hibbert. This peal contains 2,944 London, 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge, and 608 of Bristol; Superlative and Cambridge were rung in alternate courses.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*GEORGE LIMMER ...	...*Treble*	JAMES W. WILKINS	5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ...	2	J. HOWARD FREEBORN ...	6
FREDERICK BIGGS	3	PERCY J. DYKE	7
CHARLES SMITH	4	GEORGE GILBERT... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK HAYES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. TACK	4
WALTER MANSFIELD	2	HARRY HOWARD	5
CHARLES W. COOK	3	HAROLD J. HAZELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. HAZELL.

Rung as a compliment to Oliver Barnard on the anniversary of his wedding day. Owing to illness he was unable to take part.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's Plain Bob, each called differently.

*HERBERT STRINGER ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SAVAGE... ...	4
JAMES P. COBBOLD	2	HARRY BRAMBLE	5
PERCY W. SMITH	3	ALBERT JOHNSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT JOHNSON.

* First peal. First peal in the tower by a local band. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, parents of the ringer of 3rd, on the celebration of their golden wedding.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Saturday, January 23rd, after meeting short for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: G. Caudwell 1, H. J. Balcombe 2, K. Burt 3, Mrs A. E. Lock 4, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 5, J. Nobes 6, R. G. Rice 7, H. Brown 8.

ELMDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720 changes each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble, and 720 changes of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

*WILLIAM NEGUS ...	...*Treble*	ALEC WHITMORE	4
ROBERT HOWARD	2	*JOHN NEGUS	5
GRAHAM PRATT	3	*FRANK FOX	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal.

HORTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL...	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	4
EDWARD S. T. FARR	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	GEORGE GILBERT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOSEPH LAWRENCE ...	...*Treble*	FRED HAWKES	4
*WILLIAM HALFORD	2	FRANK LAWRENCE	5
*ALBERT HARTLAND	3	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ERNEST HAMMOND ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES E. FISHER	4
WILLIAM SMITH	2	ARTHUR E. SMITH	5
FRANK L. FISHER	3	ALDERMAN LING	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

First peal on the bells since they were overhauled by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, the 'go' being excellent.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE W. CLARKE ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	4
STANLEY G. ROBINSON ...	2	BURLEY P. MORRIS	5
*WALTER COPPERWHEAT ...	3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITMORE.

* First peal of Minor.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS ...	...*Treble*	*ALLAN ANDREWS	4
CHARLES HONEYWOOD ...	2	WALTER HONEYWOOD ...	5
WILLIAM STIFF	3	STANLEY G. MOSS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. W. MOSS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor, and is from Theringtoh.

OCKLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT HILLS	*1 treble*	GEORGE MARRINER	4
*W. CYRIL SMITH	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	5
*WILLIAM J. WHITING ...	3	*ALAN R. PINK	*...Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods 'inside.'

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (Treble Bob and Plain rung alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb.

*GEORGE LIMMER	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
†WILLIAM E. TAYLOR... ...	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE...	3	GEORGE GILBERT... ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor and first blow in Treble Bob. † First peal in more than three methods away from the treble.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PURGALL ...	*...Treble*	HARRY BOSWELL	4
RAYMOND F. BLACKWELL ...	2	JAMES SHAW	5
F. ALFRED BERRY	3	HERBERT E. BOOTH ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by F. ALFRED BERRY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. E. J. Watson (Vicar's warden at this church), who was interred at Bushbury on Tuesday, February 23rd; to the late Mrs. Smith (mother of Mr. A. Smith, who is a Sunday service ringer at this church), who was interred at Bushbury on this date; and to Mrs. Bert Horton, of Darlaston.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

ERNEST A. MARSH ...	*...Treble*	ARTHUR H. TAYLOR	4
*FRED BENFIELD...	2	JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE	5
ROGER D. St. J. SMITH ...	3	HENRY STAPLETON ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by H. STAPLETON.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 25, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT 23, GREEK STREET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5035 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

FREDERICK PAGE	1-2	ALFRED BARNES	7-8
ALLEN F. BAILEY...	3-4	ERNEST BENNETT...	9-10
HAROLD JACKSON	5-6	PETER LAFLIN	11-12

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

STEDMAN TERCENTENARY SOUVENIRS.

There are still a few oak ash trays available for those who wish to have a useful souvenir of the Stedman Tercentenary. They can be obtained, post free, from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

The souvenir booklets, containing illustrated details of the commemoration scheme, a specially written article on Fabian Stedman, the history of St. Benedict's Church and its bells, and a list of the subscribers to the tercentenary fund, can be obtained (8d. post free) from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'C. G.' (why does he not sign his name?) expresses in a comparatively short way the views of, I feel certain, a large number of practical ringers.

The letter from our friend George Gilbert is a most excellent one. I have written in the margin at the side of it, 'This might have been written of the last Bristol Branch meeting at St. Ambrose,' and this on the evidence of the chairman of the branch. But it is not the same everywhere. I have the most pleasant recollections of a meeting of one of the branches of the Middlesex Association, at which men whose names are famous were to be seen coaching young ringers after the tea and meeting.

The concluding part of your leader this week is sincerely re-echoed by me. An attempt was made a year ago, but a reply was received to the effect that I should save my olive branches, and, perhaps, I should, in time, have enough for a harvest festival. So you see the result of the first step to bring about harmony.

The next step will be taken at the annual meeting on Easter Monday, when, I hope, the reply will not be so flippant. I do most seriously consider that it would be greatly to the advantage of the Gloucester and Bristol Association to remove, for a time at any rate, the headquarters of its chief executive offices from Bristol to some other part or parts.

In writing thus I am not seeking any personal advantage, but purely the advantage of the association as a whole. I have, since early in 1929, kept out of the way of those who engineered the secession from the Central Council, but that has not in the slightest degree interfered with my ringing for the services of the church, practices or peals. But I do suggest with all seriousness that it is not to the advantage of the association that I should (as I do for the sake of peace) continue to stand aloof.

I have been informed from a reliable source that the Master is not seeking re-election, so I intend to put forward the name of one who should do much to restore some of the former prestige of the association; one who has promised to throw himself heart and soul into the work. I sincerely trust that all branches will be strongly represented at that meeting, and not leave the decision of vital matters to one.

In order that threats of resignation may not influence members as they did in 1929, it is hoped that candidates may be ready for the other offices of the association.—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

AND THAT'S THAT!

Dear Sir,—With your kind permission I should like to acknowledge Mr. W. A. Cave's letter in your issue of the 26th ult. The 'insult' mentioned by me in your issue of the 19th ult. cannot in any way be retrieved, so there is no good to be got by continuing the correspondence.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK SKIDMORE
(Late Bristol Branch Chairman,
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association)

ST. BENEDICT'S, CAMBRIDGE.

YOUNG BAND PROGRESSING.

The young band at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, is making steady progress. There is one lady and seven boys. Some of the boys go to Trumpington for practice, and seem very keen.

It is hoped that three or four of them will be able to ring rounds for service on Easter Day, with some experienced help on the heavy end.

The Cambridge University Guild have given valuable assistance and have lent their handbells, thereby giving the youngsters a chance to 'hunt.'

Tuesday is practice night at St. Benedict's, the clappers, of course, being lashed. The instruction is being given by Miss Willers, district secretary of the Ely Association, and Mr. Hibbins, and they receive valued help from Mr. Cook.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20th, the Western Branch held their spring meeting at Ripple by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. S. Wallis Frost. About thirty-five members were present, including visitors from Cradley, Kemerton and Tewkesbury.

The Vicar officiated at the service, assisted by the Rev. E. G. Benson, and gave a very interesting address.

An excellent tea, kindly given by the Vicar, was partaken of at the Railway Hotel.

At the business meeting, 11 new members were elected, and Sheisley Beauchamp was proposed as the place for the summer meeting.

At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar, who suitably replied, adding that he was greatly indebted to the association, as it was responsible for the great strides his local company had taken in the art during the last few years.

The bells were utilised during both the afternoon and evening. Rounds were rung for the beginners, and methods rung ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise, including 'Double Court.'

KENT DISTRICT SECRETARY'S LONG SERVICE.

MR. W. LATTER ELECTED FOR THE 38TH TIME.

For the thirty-eighth successive year Mr. W. Latter has been elected secretary of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association, and at the meeting, which was held at Tunbridge Wells, high tribute was paid to his services by several speakers. Ringers were present from Chiddingstone, Chislehurst, Edenbridge, East Peckham, East Grinstead, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Leigh, Penshurst, Plaxtol, Sevenoaks, Shipbourne, Staplehurst, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. Service was held at St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rev. F. L. Taylor, who gave an inspiring address.

After tea at the Parish Hall, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, general hon. secretary of the association.

The secretary's report for the year showed that there were 19 towers in union in the district, with 184 practising members; 22 practising members and four life members were added during the year. A new treble bell, the gift of Sir Robert Gower, of Tunbridge Wells, had been added to the tower at Leigh, making a useful peal of six bells. The death of Mr. R. B. Lambert, of Frant, was recorded.

The balance sheet showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, receipts having amounted to £25 7s. 6d. and the expenditure to £6 13s. 6d.; the balance of £18 14s. was remitted to the general secretary.—The report was adopted.

Mr. Edwards (Penshurst) presented a report on the meeting of the Central Committee, and the general secretary spoke on the work of the Benevolent Fund.

Mr. Latter was unanimously re-elected district secretary.

Mr. Edwards (Penshurst) and Mr. Markwell (Tunbridge Wells) were reappointed representatives on the Central Committee.

A number of new members were elected, and, following a suggestion from Mr. Mitchell, it was decided to hold future annual meetings in the autumn, and this year's meetings were fixed as follows: Leigh (spring), Hawkhurst (summer), Brenchley (autumn), and Sevenoaks (by-meeting).

Mr. S. Oaten, churchwarden of St. Peter's, on behalf of the Vicar and his fellow-warden, welcomed the company, especially Mr. Mitchell, the county secretary. He was pleased to see so many young members present, which was a guarantee that there would be others to follow on to take the place of those who were no longer young.

Mr. Stafford Green proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks, which included the Vicar and churchwardens, the Rev. F. L. Taylor, Mr. Archer and the choir, and the ladies who superintended the tea. Further names honoured were those of Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Latter.

A collection was taken on behalf of the Association's Benevolent Fund.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

Another very well attended meeting was held on Saturday last, when the society visited Drighlington, where, by the patience and perseverance of Mr. S. Barron, a new band of young ringers are learning in a tower which is large enough to accommodate some 40 ringers who were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bradford, Bramley, Burley, Holbeck, Headingley, St. Chad's, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tong, Edinburgh and Rotherham.

The bells were rung up in peal about 3.15 p.m., and except for a break for the business meeting were kept going in a variety of methods from Grandsire to Superlative until 9 o'clock. Two new members were elected—Miss H. Holmes, of Batley, and Mr. M. Brown, of Drighlington.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on March 19th at Armley. This meeting will be the annual nomination meeting. All officers will be eligible for re-election. All towers are requested to be represented at the next two meetings.

A vote of thanks, proposed by the president, was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens of Drighlington for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.

A quarterly meeting was held at Over on Saturday, when members were present from Cambridge, Chatteris, Dunmow, Exning, Fulbourne, St. Neots, Newton, Sawston, Stetchworth, Great Staughton, Trumpington and the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Weston, who gave an inspiring address, saying that ringers should always remember a church is not an ordinary place, not only a beautiful building but God's House, and His Presence is in the unseen belfry, too.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, the Vicar taking the chair for the business.

It was a great pleasure to elect Master Eric Hibbins, one of St. Benedict's band, as a member of the association.

It was decided to visit Bottisham on April 9th and Chippenham on April 23rd. It is hoped to hold a joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild in May, at Elvedon, if possible.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and to the ladies who had taken so much trouble in preparing and serving tea, and had the washing-up to do afterwards.

Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major, and included Double Oxford Bob Major, the method which had been chosen for special practice.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At Redditch Church, where the bells are to be open for ringing from 3 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, the peal has recently been rehung and the four trebles recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the hon. secretary of the College Youths, is, we are glad to say, continuing to make satisfactory recovery, and on the last two Sundays has been able to visit St. Paul's Cathedral.

The youngest ringer at the Johnson dinner on Saturday was Miss Gladys Davies, aged 11, who came with her parents from Liverpool. It is early years for a 'coming out,' but Gladys was quite at ease and perfectly at home in the large company. Indeed, she thoroughly enjoyed herself, but we believe she thought some of the speeches were too long, although, when interviewed afterwards, she was too polite to say so.

An accident to his 'dining room furniture' kept one of the Birmingham veterans from the dinner. Tom Miller broke his false teeth and, much to his regret, could not get them repaired in time for the great event. He was one of the party of 25 that attended the first Johnson dinner, held at the Dog and Partridge after a peal to celebrate Johnson's 73rd birthday on February 28th, 1882. He is nearly the last survivor of that little company, and Saturday's was only the second dinner he had missed in these 49 years. Tom was greatly annoyed.

Mr. Joseph J. Parker, the veteran ringer and composer, of Farnham Royal, will celebrate the 79th anniversary of his birthday on Monday next. There is to be a gathering of ringing friends at the tower in the evening to celebrate the event, and a much wider circle will join in offering him their congratulations and good wishes.

The death took place at Isham, Northants, on Wednesday week, of Mr. Walter Thomas Wilson, honorary treasurer of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Mr. Wilson was 59 years of age. The funeral took place at Isham on Monday.

Captain J. E. Acland, who was formerly Mr. J. E. Troyte, has died at Dorchester, within a few days of his 84th birthday. Capt. Acland was a member of the Devon family which did so much between fifty and sixty years ago to lay the foundations of the Devon Guild. He was one of the foundation members of the Oxford University Society.

Mr. R. A. Daniell's further contribution on 'The College Youths' is unavoidably held over, with other articles, on account of the pressure on our space.

ENTHUSIASM IN NEW ZEALAND.

YOUNG RINGERS TRAVEL 400 MILES FOR 720.

We recently chronicled a highly successful gathering of ringers in Christchurch, New Zealand, when members of the craft, scattered over the two islands, joined in celebrating the jubilee of the Cathedral in that city. The meeting has certainly inspired enthusiasm among some of the ringers in that distant spot, for last month two keen young members of the Christchurch Cathedral band, Messrs. S. Barnett and J. R. de Lambert, made the long journey to Dunedin specially to attempt 720 of Bob Minor on handbells, with the doyen of New Zealand ringers, Mr. J. S. Wilde.

On January 5th, at Mr. Wilde's residence, 9, Balmoral Street, Opoho, Dunedin, 720 Bob Minor was rung on handbells by C. Wilde (conductor) 1-2, J. S. Wilde 3-4, S. Barnett 5-6. On January 8th another 720 was rung by J. R. de Lambert 1-2, J. S. Wilde 3-4, J. Whipp 5-6. They were the first 720's on handbells rung by the visitors from Christchurch, and their keenness in making a journey of over 400 miles for such a purpose promises well for the future of ringing in their own city.

Incidentally, the ringing peal of eight for Hamilton Cathedral, which as announced in our last issue, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are supplying, will add to the present limited facilities for church bellringing in New Zealand. Hamilton is in the North Island about 100 miles south of Auckland, where Mr. Cornelius Charge now lives.

TEDDY III 'S ACHIEVEMENT,

AND A 13-YEAR-OLD PROMISE REDEEMED.

Edwin A. Barnett, of Crayford, otherwise 'Teddy III.,' has achieved another distinction. At the age of 13 he has rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise on an 'inside' bell, and, what is more, he rang it perfectly. We do not think anyone has rung a Surprise peal at an earlier age; at any rate, at not a much earlier age—we had better put this qualification, because the youngsters go so fast in these days that old men cannot keep count of all their doings. But Teddy the Third has certainly done something which no one else has done—rung a peal of Surprise at the age of 13 with his father and grandfather. Teddy II. and Teddy I. are probably even prouder than Teddy III.

The peal was conducted by Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, and thereby hangs a tale. In the days when Mr. Bennett lived in South-East London he did a great deal for ringing in that district, and was frequently at Crayford. Two hours after Edwin III. was born, Edwin II., proud father that he was, wrote to inform Mr. Bennett of the event, and asked him to reserve himself to go and call Edwin III.'s first peal of Cambridge. In his reply Mr. Bennett said he would be pleased to do so, and on Saturday, after 13 years, he redeemed the promise.

THE HENRY JOHNSON DINNER.

ANOTHER GREAT GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

The gathering at Birmingham for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner—the 44th of the series—on Saturday was once again an interesting and enjoyable reunion. There is little need to search for the reason. This function, organised by St. Martin's Guild, is popular because of the unexcelled welcome and hospitality extended to visitors, and to the complete and highly efficient manner in which their needs are catered for. Ringers from many parts of England converged on the famous church in the Bull Ring in the afternoon, where twelve-bell ringing was indulged in under the able direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker. Those who desired heavier manual labour found it at the rope ends at St. Philip's Cathedral, while the bells at Bishop Ryder's had attractions for many.

The dinner was served at the Imperial Hotel, and was presided over by Canon T. Guy Rogers, M.A., M.C., Rector of Birmingham. The company numbered over 150, and included Mrs. Rogers, Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master), Messrs. W. G. Robinson and W. R. Cusworth (churchwardens of St. Martin's), Canon S. Blofeld (Vicar of Edgbaston), Rev. H. McGowan (Vicar of Aston), Messrs. W. R. Heaton (Solihull), J. W. Tilley (Harborne), J. J. Kendall (late churchwarden of St. Martin's), A. Langdon Coburn, T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), A. Walker (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. A. Paddon-Smith, Messrs. J. George and J. H. Shepherd (vice-presidents), Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Wisbech), Mr. E. Alex. Young (London), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Coles (London), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Davies and Miss Gladys Davies (Liverpool), Mr. E. W. Elwell (Grappenhall, Cheshire), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker (Manchester), Mr. and Mrs. F. Pervin (Coventry), Messrs. T. Horner and F. Earnshaw (York), Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Palmer, Messrs. J. Holman and M. Wilson (Sheffield), Messrs. E. Guise, hon. secretary, P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer, Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mrs. Guise and Mrs. Williams, Messrs. W. H. Thomas (chairman), and F. Skidmore (hon. secretary of the Bristol Branch) and Mrs. Skidmore, Mr. H. Burt (chairman, Bristol United Guilds), Mr. and Mrs. Bullen, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Leaker, Messrs. U. Braven, W. Knight, J. G. Jeffries, C. Baker, C. Durbin, A. Durbin, W. Durbin, F. Saunders and W. Abraham (Bristol), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), J. Austin (Gloucester), T. King (Bath), J. H. White (Coventry), Harry Mason (Hagley), W. Short (Clent), T. J. Elton, Mr. and Miss D. E. Griffin (Walsall), Messrs. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), R. A. Post (Oxford), A. J. Hughes and E. Jenkins (Bradford), and ringers in large numbers from the towers in and around Birmingham. Mr. Joseph Johnson, a son of Henry Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson were also present. An excellent dinner was enjoyed.

After the loyal toast, proposed by the chairman, the Hon. Secretary said apologies had been received from the Bishop of Birmingham, the Lord Mayor, Canon Bridger (Vicar of Bishop Ryders), Canon Dunn (Vicar of King's Norton), Rev. R. Steer (Vicar of Selly Oak), Canon Roskell (of St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral), Messrs. W. W. Worthington (who was recovering from an illness), F. B. Yates (King's Norton), E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Colin Harrison (Loughborough), G. R. Newton (Liverpool), A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), J. S. Hawkins (Master of the College Youths), F. S. Wilson (Wincanton), and F. E. Dawe (London), while a message conveying good wishes was received from Mr. W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary of the College Youths.

In explaining the absence of the Bishop of Birmingham, the Hon. Secretary mentioned that it was unfortunately due to the fact that he was entertaining the Archbishop of York, and this 'unfortunate' event was frequently referred to in a humorous way during the evening.

DISESTABLISHMENT AND ITS EFFECTS.

Mr. W. R. Cusworth, who proposed the toast of 'Church and State,' said he was convinced it would be far better for the Church if it were disestablished, but he was by no means of the opinion that it would be better for the State. A State Church had a more sobering effect on the makers of our laws than a disestablished church could have. Among the advantages to the Church of disestablishment was that it would induce a spirit of greater generosity among its members. Coming, as he did, from a family of Wesleyans, he knew this to be a fact. He believed there would also be less discord. Almost the best thing they could say of the Church was that it was a disorganised mob. There was practically no unity, and still less authority. A bishop could do pretty much as he liked (laughter). In a disestablished church the appointment of the Bishop would be made by the clergy and laity. He thought that would be preferable to their own method. It had the drawback that, where there was a difference of opinion, there was usually a compromise, and consequently the best man was not appointed. The same thing could be said with regard to appointments made to livings. With disestablishment would come disendowment, but there was a lot of money in the Church to-day that was not really meant for that purpose. In bygone days, everything that was done by way of improvement was done by the Church, hence if a man wanted to leave anything to help forward a good work, it was left to the Church. He believed he was correct in saying even the roads were at one time in the care of the Church. He was convinced disestablishment would be better for the Church, but he was afraid the State would be the poorer for the loss of the Church's influence.

The Chairman, in responding, expressed regret that he would have to leave the gathering early, but he had to go to meet the Archbishop of York, who was visiting Birmingham to preach at the Parish Church the next day. Mrs. Rogers and Canon Blofeld would also be leaving with him, but he hoped they would forgive him. With regard to the toast and the remarks of Mr. Cusworth, there were one or two things that might be said in favour of the Established Church. He was not quite certain that Mr. Cusworth was absolutely correct. He seemed to be under the impression that a Rector in the Church of England could do exactly as he liked. The Rector of St. Martin's, at any rate, could not do everything he liked, but, fortunately, they were a tremendously happy family, and they generally tried to find something which would please them all. It was only the very stupid man in any denomination who insisted on always trying to do what he liked (hear, hear). Another point was that if the Church were disestablished it was just possible that great masses of the poorer people of this land would be left without spiritual aid. While he had great admiration and respect for his Nonconformist brethren, and one of the greatest desires of his heart was to seek reunion with them, he felt that in a disestablished church there was a tendency for the Church to live where there was money to support it. They found chapels cropping up in areas where religion was most needed, but when there were insufficient funds to continue, the church was closed. This did not happen in the case of the Established Church. If a neighbourhood became poorer and poorer, it was still possible under their system to provide for the ministry of religion. He quite frankly recognised many of the disadvantages of our present system, and he was prepared to admit that disestablishment might have advantages, if they could have guarantees of greater sympathy in providing for the religion of the masses. It might bring them, too, nearer to their Free Church brethren and provide a national church, not merely in name, but in reality. He was not certain that the appointment of clergy or bishops would be much better under disestablishment, because there might be a tendency, as Mr. Cusworth had said, to appoint some very moderate person who would not offend either side, whereas by the present system outstanding men who might give offence to a certain number of people, yet whose services in the Church were required in high places, were given their opportunity and their chance. In important questions of national policy—questions which concerned the welfare of the poor, housing, peace—a national church could bring to bear a greater influence upon the Government and the community than the other churches. In conclusion, the Rector expressed his thanks for the privilege of presiding over the proceedings, and congratulated the Guild and its secretary upon the successful gathering.

JOHNSON'S CONTRIBUTION TO RINGING.

Mr. J. Austin proposed the toast of 'The memory of the late Henry Johnson,' and in referring to the exceptional position which the old worthy attained, he reminded the company that in his days change ringing was very little advanced, and Henry Johnson must have had a difficult task. There were very few composers, and those that there were kept their information to themselves; they were jealous of one another. Johnson set himself out to improve compositions by getting more musical productions, and he believed it was the work which Johnson did which eventually led Sir Arthur Heywood to bring out his musical method—Duffield. At the same time they had men like John Carter, Charles Hattersley, Nathan Pitstow and Henry Dains trying to improve the standard of composition, and they laid the foundation of many of the improvements in peal composition which we enjoyed to-day. Continuing, Mr. Austin said that the first time he met Henry Johnson was after the 'silent' peal at Burton-on-Trent, and he met him on several subsequent occasions. Very few people could realise the amount of time and labour which Mr. Johnson spent in composition, and in proving other people's peals for them. In those days, ringers composed peals but could not prove them, and most of them would 'send the figures to Harry Johnson.' Johnson died on January 7th, 1890, and he (the speaker) had the privilege of taking part two days later in a muffled peal of Superlative in his memory. Afterwards the ringers each received a photograph of the veteran, and his copy remained one of his cherished possessions. He thought sometimes that the spirit of Henry Johnson still hovered over them at St. Martin's Church; there had always been someone to step into his place, and he hoped that state of affairs would long continue.

The toast was drunk in silence, and an excellent bobbed course of Stedman Cinques was then rung on handbells by Messrs. F. Pervin, F. Perrins, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, A. E. Norman and M. J. Morris.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

The Rector, having had by this time to leave, Alderman J. S. Pritchett took the chair and proposed the toast of 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild.' He first congratulated the officers upon the splendid arrangements made for that gathering, and said that among the changes which he noticed from year to year nothing gave him greater pleasure than the increasing number of ladies who graced the proceedings (hear, hear). They welcomed them and would welcome them in ever-increasing numbers. During the past year the Guild had sustained some losses which he grieved to men-

tion. Death had taken from them Mr. Percy Laflin, a genial and talented ringer, who had left them at an early age. They especially missed Mr. J. E. Groves, who was at one time Deputy Ringing Master of the Guild, and who discharged his functions admirably. With him their thoughts went naturally to Mrs. Groves, who was a constant attendant at their Guild meetings, was a "mother" to all the young ladies who began to take an interest in change ringing, and was herself heart and soul one with them. They had also to record the loss of Mr. George Walker, an old member of the Guild, who was always ready to assist in anything he was asked to take in hand. Last, but not least, they had lost his dear old friend Harry Argyle, of Nuneaton, who was in every respect a most lovable man, and with whom it was always a pleasure to ring. His kindness of heart and geniality endeared him to everyone who was acquainted with him. He (the speaker) specially missed him because he was a dear friend of his in another direction, having been for many years secretary of the Masonic Lodge at Nuneaton, and he was as greatly loved in that capacity as he was by members of St. Martin's.

Alderman Pritchett went on to speak with pleasure of the presence of a number of old friends that night, and briefly reviewed the work of the Guild during the past year. He was informed by the Ringing Master, he said, that the year had been very satisfactory. Practice nights and Sunday ringing at the various churches had been well attended, and good progress had been made by a number of young ringers, and especially by Miss Olive Sanders. He was pleased to see most of these young ringers present that night, and he congratulated them on their progress. At St. Martin's the practices had been well maintained, and the methods ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise, and, on the twelve, from Stedman to Cambridge. Six peals were rung at St. Martin's, and during the year the Guild had rung altogether 21 peals. These had included Erin Triples, Stedman Triples (2), Caters and Cinques (9), Grandsire Triples (3), Bob Minor and Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and New Cambridge Surprise Major. They had to thank Mr. G. F. Swann for his work at Erdington and Sutton Coldfield, and his ever-ready assistance at St. Martin's, Mr. C. Webb (King's Norton), Mr. J. Neal (Deritend) and Mr. J. George (Bishop Ryder's). The Guild had made changes in the titles of some of their officers. Mr. Albert Walker was now the Ringing Master. They had bestowed on him (the speaker) the title of Master of the Guild. He felt deeply conscious of the honour, and anything he could do for the benefit of the Guild he would be only too glad to do. In regard to bell restoration, Knowle bells had been rehung and increased to eight, the ten bells of Solihull had been recast on the previous day, and Selly Oak bells were to be reopened shortly.

TOWER AND BELLS FOR BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL?

Proceeding, Alderman Pritchett remarked that he was now chairman of the governors of King Edward School. It was proposed to remove the school from New Street to Edgbaston, and they were told that the four acres of land which they possessed in the centre of Birmingham was worth at least £500,000, and might fetch more. The total cost of the new school was estimated at £250,000, leaving them with £250,000. Out of that sum he thought they could well spare about £10,000 to erect a tower at the school and furnish it with eight bells (applause). He thought it would be a splendid thing for the school to give the boys the opportunity of improving their physical and mental powers which a ring of bells would provide. They would have ample opportunity and excuse for ringing. There were 24 governors, and they might possibly like to ring a peal for the birthday of each governor (laughter), and whenever one of them died they would be able to ring a muffled peal. Alderman Pritchett concluded by coupling with the toast the name of the hon. secretary, Mr. Thomas Reeves, and congratulated him and the officers on the magnificent success of the arrangements they had made for that gathering.

Mr. Reeves, in responding, said it was not only a pleasure but an honour to be the secretary of such a Guild as St. Martin's, and as long as he had the support of the members it would give him pleasure to do what he could to help forward the work of the Guild. They had practically every officer of the Guild present that evening, except their president, the Bishop, who was kept away by that 'unfortunate' visit of the Archbishop. He invited the Bishop to come and bring the Archbishop with him, but the meeting with the senior clergy of Birmingham, to which the Rector had been called, made that impossible. Mr. Reeves thanked the members of St. Martin's Quartette and the other artistes who contributed to the programme, and went on to say that, while he did not wish to introduce any controversial matter into his speech, he felt that they, as a Guild particularly interested in 12-bell ringing, were entitled to say something with regard to the record which had been erected in Painswick tower. He understood they were attempting the peal again on Easter Monday, and in all sincerity he wished them success on that occasion (hear, hear). If that peal eventuated, he hoped there would be no question that the other record would be wiped out (hear, hear). He felt sure that in time to come the ringers who took part in that performance would regret it if the peal board was left in the tower, and he hoped they would either remove it entirely or make it perfectly clear that the peal was not true (hear, hear). He certainly thought the Central Council ought to take some action in the matter (hear, hear).

(To be continued.)

THE 'ALL ENGLAND' MEETING.

DETAILS OF THE CROYDON PROGRAMME.

The latest news concerning the All-England meeting at Croydon on Saturday, April 2nd, shows that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are leaving no stone unturned to ensure the successful conclusion of their vast project for that day.

In addition to the extraordinarily exhaustive programme which is being organised for the entertainment of their visitors, details of which are given below, specially attractive arrangements have been concluded with the railway companies, whereby it will be possible to obtain, on presentation of a voucher from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, a return fare from any station in the United Kingdom at the price of a single rate for 24 hours. This facility will operate from midnight on April 1st to midnight on April 2nd. The ordinary week-end tickets will, of course, be available for all those who do not wish to avail themselves of the special terms.

Luncheon at reduced rates will be obtainable from the Cafe Royal, the Greyhound Hotel, Messrs. Grant's Restaurant and Messrs. Kennard's Restaurant. These restaurants are all within easy reach of the Foundry.

The illustration on the next page shows the towers where ringing is available during the day. The organisers have secured the use of two halls and several sets of bells for handbell ringing in the afternoon and evening, thus affording ringers every opportunity of exercising their art.

Visitors are invited to attend the Foundry at 2 p.m., when they will be given an opportunity of inspecting the works and several ringing peals—complete in their frames—and to hear a demonstration on the great carillon of 72 bells for the University of Chicago, the Bourdon of which weighs 17 tons and the total bell metal 90 tons. Five of the bass bells are hung for ringing and will be swung, and recitals will be given on one full carillon by famous carillonneurs.

At 5 p.m. an invitation tea will be served at the Baths Hall, Scarbrook Road, and adjacent halls.

For the convenience of visitors a special service of buses will ply—free of charge—between the Foundry and the local towers and tea halls from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. After tea, there will be a mass meeting at the Baths Hall, to be followed by a concert and dance.

The forms for distribution to towers by the general and district secretaries will be forwarded to them this week.

The towers open for ringing are as follows:—

Church.	No. of bells.	Weight of Tenor.	Times of ringing.
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square.	12	36	11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
St. James', Clerkenwell Green.	8	24	,,
St. Leonard's, Streatham.	8	14	,,
St. Stephen's, Clapham Park.	8	17	,,
St. Mary's, Beddington.	10	18	,,
Banstead Parish Church.	8	22	,,
Croydon Parish Church.	8	30	12 noon to 1 p.m. 3.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.
St. Peter's, South Croydon	10	30	6.45 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.

THE RESTORATION OF HARWELL BELLS.

COST TO BE MET BY BARRON TRUST.

The whole of the cost of rehanging the six bells at St. Matthew's Parish Church, Harwell, Berks (the oldest six in England), and augmenting the peal to eight, is to be defrayed by the 'Barron Trust.'

These bells have not been rung for nearly three years, and when the news of the promised restoration became known there was great thankfulness expressed throughout the village, the inhabitants having greatly missed their music during the last three winters. A special service of thanksgiving was held on Sunday week, when the Vicar, the Rev. J. Cecil Cohen, M.A., preached a most impressive sermon to a large congregation.

The work is to be put in hand at once, and one of the best rings of eight in the Oxford Diocese should be the result. The fund, which has been in the process of being raised during the last two years, amounts to about £225, and this is to be utilised in the thorough restoration of the tower inside, including a completely new staircase, the present one being in a sad state of disrepair. A well-known architect has been consulted, and his opinion is that the above-mentioned sum will be practically all required for this work. Any subscribers who are unwilling that their subscription should be so utilised are asked to notify the hon. secretary, R. G. Rice, Harwell, Didcot, Berkshire.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Sunday evening, February 21st, at St. Mary's, Sprotbrough, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. Gledstone 1, O. Greathead 2, E. Short 3, W. Athron 4, W. Dent 5, E. C. Stacey (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Henry Michael Harding, who was for over 30 years a regular ringer at Sprotbrough, and who passed away on February 17th.

'ALL ENGLAND' RINGERS' MEETING.

CHURCHES WHERE VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO RING.



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(1) St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. (2) St. James', Clerkenwell. (3) St. Leonard's, Streatham.
(4) St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. (5) St. Mary's, Beddington.
(6) Banstead Parish Church. (7) Croydon Parish Church. (8) St. Peter's, Croydon.

STEVENTON BELLS REOPENED.

RESTORATION OF A BERKSHIRE PEAL.

The bells of the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Steventon, Berkshire, were rededicated on Saturday afternoon, February 20th, by Bishop Sheddon, Vicar of Wantage, in the absence, through indisposition, of the Bishop of Oxford. Illness also prevented the attendance of the Archdeacon of Berkshire and the Rural Dean.

The six bells have been tuned and rehung in a new metal frame with new fittings. Their weights and inscriptions are as follow:—

Note.	Inscription.	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble.—D sharp.	Ellis and Henry Knight made mee.	4	0	12
2.—C sharp.	Henry Knight made this bell Ano 1617.	5	0	25
3. B.	Rev. W. Vincent, Vicar; R. Greenaway, J. Tyrrell, Churchwardens; W. Taylor, fecit 1849.	5	1	8
4. A sharp.	This bell was made 1613.	6	3	12
5. C sharp.	Rev. W. Vincent, Vicar; R. Greenaway, J. Tyrrell, Churchwardens; W. Taylor, fecit 1849.	8	3	12
Tenor.—F sharp.	This bell was made 1613.	11	2	7

The total weight is thus 41 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

The Vicar, the Rev. A. Robinson, conducted the service, and other clergy present included the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. J. Shotton (Milton, Berks), the Rev. J. C. Cohen (Vicar of Harwell), and the Rev. B. J. Littlewood (Vicar of Drayton). After the dedication, the Bishop preached an impressive sermon, and at the close of the service a touch of Treble Bob Minor was rung by members of the Oxford Guild.

There were numerous ringers among the large congregation, the towers represented including Abingdon, Bucklebury, Brightwell, Caversham, Cholsey, Cumnor, Croydon, East Hendred, Harwell, High Wycombe, Milton, Newbury, Oxford, Reading, etc.

The ringers were entertained to tea at the Railway House Hotel. Numerous touches were rung upon the bells, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The general opinion expressed was that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who carried out the restoration, are to be heartily congratulated on the excellence of their work.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD'S PROGRESS.

The annual general meeting of the East Grinstead Guild was held at Withyham on Saturday, February 20th, 30 members being present from Balcombe, Sevenoaks, Penshurst, Saleshurst, Rotherfield, Mayfield, Ucktield, Buxted, Turner's Hill, Withyham, Lamberhurst, and East Grinstead. Ringing was followed by a short service in the church, conducted by the Rev. H. W. Layng, president of the Guild, the organ being played by Miss Hawtin. A splendid tea was provided at the Rectory by the kindness of the Rev. and Mrs. Layng, whose hospitality was very much appreciated.

Mr. E. J. Oliver, chairman of the Guild, presided over the business meeting that followed, supported by the president.

Messrs. K. R. Butcher (Crowborough), C. Brazier (Rotherfield), A. Reife (Lamberhurst), G. Stevenson, E. Eade, A. Layfield and S. Longhurst (Buxted) were elected members.

The balance sheet and report were adopted, the balance sheet showing an increase in members' subscriptions and vice-presidents. The report stated 'that the twelve monthly meetings had been held, the attendance being exceptionally good, and, surveying the past early days of the formation of the Guild, Grandsire Triples being the only method rung, and compare them with the meetings of today, when Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Major being brought round, it is most gratifying to the original members who set out to improve the standard of change ringing in this district by forming this Guild.'

The president kindly consented to carry on once again, and the vice-presidents are again to be asked to stand.

The officers were unanimously re-elected, namely: Chairman, Mr. E. J. Oliver; treasurer, Mr. E. J. Ladd; and secretary, Mr. G. Lambert. The committee were elected as follows: Messrs. A. L. Ryman, R. D. Divall, J. D. Manley, B. Saunders, A. Laker and A. E. Edwards. The officers were thanked for their services during the past year, and the chairman, in responding, said it was the members who made the Guild so successful. No officers could carry on without their support, and he hoped the year 1932 would see still further improvement.

It was decided to extend the Guild radius from 10 to 15 miles of East Grinstead.

The next monthly meeting was arranged for Crawley on March 19th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. and Mrs. Layng for their kindness in entertaining the Guild to tea, and also to the Rev. Layng and the organist for the beautiful service.

During the afternoon and evening the ringing reached an exceptionally good standard, methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise being brought round.

A collection was made during the service, amounting to £1, in aid of rope guides to be fixed at Withyham.

DEATH OF AN ISLAND RINGER.

FIRST BREACH IN NEWPORT BAND.

Mr. William James Johnson, of St. Thomas' band, Newport, Isle of Wight, passed to his rest on Tuesday, February 16th, at the age of 60, after a long period of declining health, borne with his characteristic cheerfulness.

His passing makes the first gap in the band which revived change ringing in Newport nearly twenty years ago. It was a chance remark of Messrs. Warner's bellhanger (Mr. Frank Smith) which brought Wm. Johnson back to ringing in 1917, for he had, as a lad at Brading, his birthplace, been taught to handle a bell by the veteran, William Hewett, of Gosport.

His opportunities for peal ringing were very limited. A shoemaker by trade, Saturday was not his half-holiday. He had about a dozen peals to his credit, two or three of which were of particular interest. His first—Grandsire—was on the occasion of Princess Mary's wedding. He took part in the first peal on the restored ring of Carisbrooke, the first of Treble Bob at Carisbrooke and the only Cumberland peal rung in the Island (Stedman Triples), May 17th, 1924. He was proud of the invitation to take part in the peal at St. Mary's, Southampton, to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. E. Alex. Young, when he and the writer had the privilege of ringing with such worthies as Messrs. F. E. Dawe, Geo. Williams, Challis F. Winney, and T. H. Taffender, and probably he was equally proud of the fact that he was in the first peal of Stedman rung in the Island by Island ringers.

A splendid striker of a light bell, a regular attendant on Sundays and practices as long as health permitted, a genial companion, wise counsellor and friend, he will be remembered by many in distant towers, as well as by those whose privilege it was to be associated regularly with him. His wife predeceased him by three years.

He was laid to rest on Friday, February 19th, in Carisbrooke Cemetery. A course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside and 742 from Holt's Original, fully muffled after the ceremony at Newport, was the last service his sorrowing brother ringers rendered to his memory: A. Flower (Sandown) 1, A. R. Ward (Ryde) 2, W. Chambers (Newport) 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, A. D. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, H. Barton 7, W. Upton 8.

Beautiful floral tributes were sent by the Newport company, the Carisbrooke company, and the Island District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

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FUNERAL OF MR. F. EDWARDS, OF CIRENCESTER.

The funeral of the late Mr. Fred Edwards took place at Tenterden on Monday, February 22nd. The body was brought from Cirencester the previous evening, and rested in the church which he loved so well, and whose bells he made his especial care during his life previous to moving to Cirencester. The service was fully choral, and was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. M. L. Man, assisted by Rev. H. Lummis. The Vicar paid a glowing tribute to the deceased's many activities in this his native borough, as Mayor, captain of fire brigade, Volunteer, Freemason, charity trustee and a keen churchworker, and especially as a bellringer. He never failed to visit the belfry when at Tenterden.

The large number of wreaths and the large congregation bore testimony to the love and esteem in which he was held. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by C. Ballard, K. Pattenden, C. W. Player, and A. J. Battin. An attempt for a muffled peal of Stedman Triples unfortunately came to grief after 1 hour 25 minutes' good ringing by the following: W. Fright (Hythe), H. Humphrey (New Romney), A. J. Battin (Tenterden), W. Fidnall (Hythe), W. Tickner (Tenterden), C. W. Player (Stone), K. Pattenden (Stone) (conductor), and C. Ballard. C. Tribe very kindly gave up his rope at the last minute to H. Humphrey.

Among the wreaths was one from the Gloucester and Bristol Association, members of Cirencester Church bellringers, and Tenterden Church bellringers.

BICESTER RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred on Sunday, February 14th, in the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, of Mr. Ernest Albert Clifton, one of the Bicester ringers.

The deceased, who was 52 years of age, was a member of the Bicester Urban District Council from 1922 till 1925, and of the Bicester Fire Brigade from 1897 till 1899, and again from 1920 for ten years.

He was also secretary of the Bicester Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for over ten years.

The funeral took place at Bicester on Thursday, February 18th, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O'Reilly). Representatives of the fire brigade attended, members of which acted as bearers. Representatives of the bellringers also attended, and muffled peals were rung on the bells in the afternoon and evening. Wreaths and other floral tokens were sent by the Council, Fire Brigade, British Legion, Bicester Branch of the Oxford Guild, and also from the local band.

The deceased was a regular Sunday service ringer until his illness, and he had rung four peals. His death will be a sad loss to Bicester ringing.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting was held at Ufford on Saturday, the Rector of Saxmundham (the Rev. A. R. MacDougall) being in the chair. Twenty-nine sat down to tea, provided by Mrs. Drake. It is interesting to note that this is considered a good meeting. There are over a thousand members of the Suffolk Guild, which is thus one of the largest in the country. Meetings here are always so good that it is difficult to arrange for everyone to have a fair share of ringing, but this is a record number for Ufford.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Halesworth on Whit Monday, and a meeting at Sproughton and Bramford on April 9th, in connection with the ringers' whist drive that night. It was also decided to alter the date of the annual meeting at Sudbury to April 16th, as a number of members would be at the ringers gathering at Croydon on April 2nd.

The question of the instruction that was needed at Wattisfield and at Hadleigh was further discussed, and arrangements were made for the technical adviser (Mr. Haggar) to visit the towers at Saxmundham and Kelsale.

Before and after ringing on the tower bells, there was six and eight-bell ringing on handbells, and during the ringing in the tower there was twelve-bell ringing on another ring of handbells in St. Mary's Hall. Just as the ringers were about to begin ringing, news was brought that Mrs. Copeland, the widow of a former curate of Ufford, had died in a house near by. The rule that was made by the Central Council of Ringers, at its last meeting, for such cases, was thereupon brought into operation, and the bells were immediately half-muffled, and so rung all day. In the evening most members moved on to Woodbridge and rang at the tower there.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division, held at Northchurch on Saturday, was well attended, ringers being present from Apsley, Berkhamsted, Bromham, Hemel Hempstead, Watford, Tring, Tottenhoe, etc. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. Sunderland). The singing of the hymns was remarked upon by the organist, who wished he had such a choir always. The ringers were entertained to tea by the Rector at the Rectory. At the business meeting which followed, three new members were elected from Hemel Hempstead, where it is proposed to hold the next meeting in May. Mr. F. Reeves proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. L. Sunderland for his hospitality, to which the Rector responded.—Ringing on the tower bells took place during the afternoon and evening.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BASINGSTOKE.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, February 21st, for evening service, 1,280 Bob Major: C. Munday (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Balaam (conductor) 2, Miss M. R. Cross 3, E. Austin (first quarter-peal) 4, F. Wilson 5, J. Ballard 6, H. Wooding 7, J. Chesterman 8.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.—For evening service, at St. John's, on Feb. 7th, 720 Bob Minor: S. Bailey (first 720) 1, T. N. Bailey (first 720 'inside') 2, H. Hurdman 3, J. Hough 4, H. S. Brealey 5, H. L. Dawson (first 720 as conductor) 6.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, January 24th, at the Church of St. Mary's, 1,264 Bob Major: C. E. Lankester 1, T. J. Lock 2, G. M. Kilby 3, E. H. Kilby 4, J. T. Botham (first quarter Major) 5, A. Cutler 6, C. V. Ebberson 7, H. Kilby (conductor) 8.

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NOTICES.

ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING AT CROYDON ON APRIL 2nd.—Full details of special railway facilities: Ringing (tower and handbell): Local Transport: Restaurants for Lunch: and the Full Programme for the Day will be found on pages 154 and 155.

ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING AT CROYDON ON APRIL 2nd.—Will unattached members apply direct to Cyril F. Johnston, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, for invitations, marking the envelope 'Ringers' in the left hand top corner?

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 31st at 8 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th; St. Magnus' on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th at 7.30 p.m.; *the Coffee Pot on the 22nd at 8 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 Higher Walton on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. The Ribble buses on the Preston to Blackburn Old Road route pass the church every half hour each way. Three miles Preston, 8 Blackburn.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at Johnston's Institute. Gentlemen cordially invited. — Mrs. G. H. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be at Ashby on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at Radford's Café 1s. Those intending to be present kindly inform E. W. Beadsmoore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, not later than Friday, March 4th. All welcome. — A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on March 5th. Bells ready afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting for business after. All ringing friends will be made welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at the Parish Church, Wye. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers are heartily welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Nuttall on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Ringers are requested to look up London, Cambridge and York for this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please turn up and put your backs into it.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. — H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, at usual terms. Kindly advise me. All members and friends welcomed. Special meeting at Finchley on Saturday, March 19th, to re-open bells.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—March 5th. Ashwell. This grand peal of 6 ready at 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea for all who will just send him a card. This is the last meeting of the ringing year 1931-32, and it would be a great help to me to get a few more subscriptions. All names for tea to the Rev. H. A. Griffiths, The Rectory, Ashwell, Herts. — Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3. Service in church 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Meeting at 3 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will take place at Ranmoor Church on March 5th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s., followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—All ringing friends are invited to Farnham Royal on Monday, March 7th, at 7.30 p.m., to unite in wishing Mr. J. J. Parker a happy 79th anniversary.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

ST. MARY, WHICKHAM, near Gateshead. — Ring of 6. Dedication of 3 recast trebles by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, Saturday, March 12th, 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead. Tea, after the service, in the Rectory Hall, for those who notify the Rev. M. H. Huthwaite, Whickham Rectory, Newcastle-on-Tyne, not later than March 9th. Visiting ringers welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Northowram, Halifax, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 1.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. R. Noble, 29, Towngate, Northowram, Halifax.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8 bells) on Saturday, March 12th, by kind permission of Rev. R. Home. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow in Church Hall. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helens, before Wednesday, March 9th. All welcome. Heaps of room.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Great Horwood on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woodchurch (6 bells) on Saturday, March 12th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 6 p.m. Tower open at 3 o'clock. — H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Shelley on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. A. Goldthorpe, Red Hill, Shelley, near Huddersfield, by Tuesday, March 8th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at Hanslope. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 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.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Okeford Fitzpaine on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. All cordially invited.—E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please come.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held on March 12th at Whittington-in-Lonsdale. Tea, 1s. each, to those who notify me by the 9th inst.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, in Church House, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Please notify Mr. S. F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield, by Wednesday, the 9th, for same. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. The annual report is now available and subscriptions for 1932 due. — F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available

at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the City Restaurant, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, on Saturday, March 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, from the hon. sec., Mr. V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford, before March 12th.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—Ring of 8, recast and rehung in new frame, after the fire, by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Bedford on Saturday, March 19th. Service at 3. Visiting ringers welcomed. Tea provided for those who write to the Vicar of their wish to be present by Monday, March 14th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5 o'clock, at the Pitman Institute, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. The bells of St. Saviour's, South Street, will also be available from 6.45 to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District Meeting at Cranleigh, Saturday, March 19th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to me, please, by March 14th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme (8 bells), on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — James Wm. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—The peal of 8 bells, which has been recast and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Very Rev. the Lord Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome, and tea, by invitation, will be provided for those who send their names not later than Tuesday, March 15th, to Wm. B. Cartwright, 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 19th. Nominations for general officers to be made in writing by March 5th. Further details later.—Chas H. Kippin, Hon. Gen. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting (Jubilee) will be at Derby Easter Monday. Bells of Cathedral (10), St. Andrew's (10), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 10 a.m. to 2.30, 4 to 5.15; committee meet 11 a.m.; general meeting 12 noon; both in St. Andrew's School. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m.; Preacher, Lord Bishop of Derby. Dinner 6 p.m., followed by social in King's Café, St. Peter's Street. Tickets for dinner 1s. 6d. to members, 3s. 6d. to **all** others, to be obtained from local hon. secs. No tickets sold after March 21st.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual general meeting will be held at Tenterden on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting in St. Mildred's Church Vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. L. Man; Preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Dover. Luncheon in the Drill Hall at 1.15, presided over by the Worshipful the Mayor of Tenterden (Col. W. A. V. Findlater), followed by annual meeting. The following towers will also be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting: Rolvenden (8), Benenden (8), Biddenden (8), Appledore (8), Cranbrook (8). Application for luncheon tickets (free for practising members only, 3s. others) **must** be made to the undersigned by first post Tuesday, March 22nd, after that date **too late.** — Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at The Victoria. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. —Annual Committee Meeting.—Will members of committee please note that the annual committee meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 2nd? Particulars later.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, April 9th. Further particulars later.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The fourth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will take place on Saturday, April 16th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel at 6 p.m. prompt. Definite arrangements later.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

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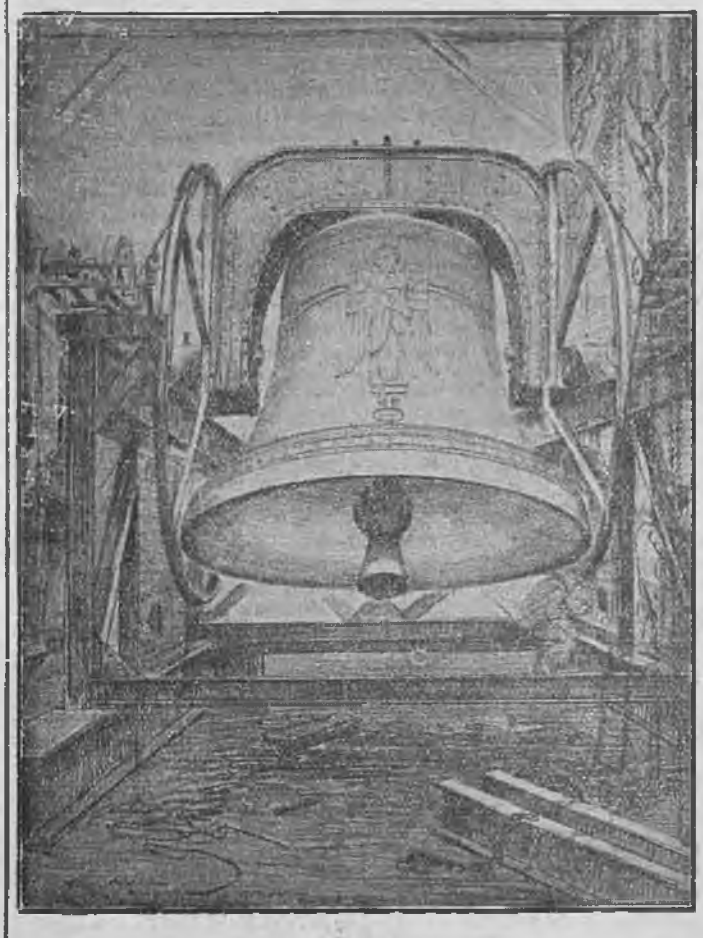

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The near approach of Easter is a reminder that within the next few weeks many of the associations and guilds will be holding their annual gatherings and preparations will be afoot for the Central Council meeting, which is to take place at Whitsuntide at Plymouth. Easter Monday is the most popular day in all the year for the big meetings of the associations, and quite a number of important gatherings are held. It is impossible to avoid this clashing of events, but the meetings are well spaced over the country, so that few, if any, suffer in attendance from the fact that so many fall on the same day. Without in any way detracting from the importance of the rest, quite the most interesting gathering this Easter will be that of the Midland Counties Association, which is to celebrate its jubilee at Derby. Born out of the association for the Archdeaconry of Derby, which was established in 1882, the M.C.A., which took its present name in the following year, has long been one of the leading organisations in the country, and Easter Monday's gathering in the city of its origin should be a great and interesting occasion. Incidentally, between Easter and Whitsun three other territorial societies will celebrate their jubilees—the Worcestershire Association, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Bedfordshire Association. These events, which mark the rapid passing of time, recall many and striking changes to those who can remember the early days of these societies, changes in the status of the ringers, in the condition of the belfries, even in the type of the men, as a body, engaged in the art—steady progress through the years in all these things and not least in the development of the art.

It ought not to be necessary, but it may be as well, to remind ringers that these annual meetings which are shortly to be held are the place at which to ventilate, not only their grievances, which they are usually ready to do, but also any constructive suggestions they may have for the improvement of their own association in particular and in furthering the interests of the Exercise in general. Too often the annual business meetings of the larger associations are very much 'cut and dried' affairs. That is not the fault of the officers, who are not to be blamed if the only matters on the agenda are the formalities necessary under the rules and constitution. The annual business meeting is the members' opportunity to voice their opinions and get something done, but ringers frequently go to such meetings, and, although they may have ideas, remain silent. Whether it is a 'grouse' or a suggestion, it is better ventilated. Moreover, discussions which genuinely reveal ringers' opinions on a

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subject which may be of interest outside their immediate organisation are helpful to others and can lead to a wider consideration through the Central Council. We have often pointed out that this body could be of much greater service to the Exercise than it is, if only ringers, through their associations, would provide it with work to do. Association meetings would stimulate a wider interest in ringing matters generally if discussions were encouraged, and there is no subject of interest to the Exercise at large which does not primarily or ultimately affect the individual organisations.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, March 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*NORMAN H. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. COOPER... ...	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	HARRY BOSWELL	7
†HAROLD L. FLAVELL ...	3	THOMAS RODEN...	8
G. ARTHUR BAKER	4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	9
HERBERT T. PIPER	5	*GEORGE LANGLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Alderman John Lewis (Mayor of Wolverhampton) and Mrs. M. F. Collett (a benefactress to St. Peter's Church).

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, February 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six 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*	THOMAS A. EASTERBY... ...	5
FREDERICK S. BACON	2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES... ...	6
WILLIAM A. MARTIN	3	ERNEST B. CROWDER	7
RICHARD STEERS...	4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Harriet Susanna Jobson, wife of the late Mr. John Jobson, several years people's warden at the above church.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method by all the band.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*RICHARD C. HIDE ...	...*Treble*	JOHN DEARLOVE	5
*DOUGLAS H. S. WHITE ...	2	ALFRED J. TURNER	6
*ERNEST G. HIGGIN	3	KEITH HART	7
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ...	4	*GEORGE P. ELPHICK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. The ringers of 1, 2, 6, and 8 are Sunday service ringers at Southover, the rest are from Brighton.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks & South Bucks Branch.)
On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Percy Newton	...*Treble*	George Martin	5
William H. Fussell ...	2	Thomas S. Goodchild ...	6
Roland Biggs	3	William Henley	7
*Frank Buckland	4	Harry Wingrove ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by James Hunt. Conducted by George Martin.
* First peal in the method away from treble.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Wilton Guild.)
On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

A. J. Wyatt	...*Treble*	S. P. Merson	5
S. A. Wyatt	2	†D. F. Sheldon	6
A. W. Hayward	3	J. Hunt	7
*H. E. Causley	4	S. G. Coles	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by A. J. Wyatt.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since augmentation. All the above are Sunday service ringers, with the exception of the ringers of the 5th and 7th, who are hon. members of the Guild, their kind assistance for the occasion being greatly appreciated.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Southern District.)
On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Hugh R. Thorpe ...	...*Treble*	†Cyril Hygate	5
*Richard V. Fuller... ...	2	Bernard H. Wells... ...	6
†Ronald Tuffin...	3	Robert G. Hoare	7
Frank Jeal	4	George F. Hoad ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George F. Hoad.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, February 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Ernest J. Butler ...	...*Treble*	James Bennett	5
George R. Pye	2	Ronald H. Bullen	6
Frank G. Ringe...	3	John T. Kentish	7
John G. Nash	4	William Pye	...*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by William Pye.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Monday, February 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Sydney G. Thompson	...*Treble*	Hector G. Bird...	5
John Bass	2	Clifford Skidmore	6
Harold V. Cooper	3	Thomas Hemming	7
Robert Matthews	4	John Lloyd	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by R. Matthews.
Specially arranged, by permission of the priest-in-charge, to enable all to ring a peal on February 29th, none having previously rung a peal on this date.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, February 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*Alfred Howkins ...	...*Treble*	George R. Pye	5
J. Armiger Trollope ...	2	William R. Madgwick ...	6
William H. Fussell ...	3	Albert W. Coles	7
Edwin F. Pike	4	James Bennett	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George R. Pye.
* First peal of Treble Bob. All the above are bachelors, their average age being 50 years.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, March 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Victor Applegate ...	...*Treble*	*Fred Newton	5
John H. Lenton...	2	Charles Brown	6
Walter Swallow	3	Harry C. Walters... ...	7
Harry Brown	4	Albert T. Strangward	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by H. C. Walters
* First peal and first attempt.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Peak District.)
On Wednesday, March 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Robert Allsop	...*Treble*	Herbert Taylor	5
Bernard Allsop...	2	John Taylor	6
William Blagshaw	3	George H. Paulson ...	7
Edwin Blackwell	4	*Eric Derbyshire ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. H. Paulson.
* First peal. A birthday peal for Bernard Allsop. All are Sunday service ringers at Darley Dale.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Thursday, March 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

John Hollows	...*Treble*	Harold Hamer	5
William Berry	2	Tom Jones	6
James Jacques	3	John H. C. Massey	7
Norman Bastow...	4	James H. Bastow ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by William Berry.
First peal in any method by the ringer of the fourth. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Hollows on his 76th birthday.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, March 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Frederick H. Knights	...*Treble*	William E. Bason	5
Nolan Golden...	2	George Mayers	6
*George Howchin	3	Bertie J. Howchin	7
Frederick J. Howchin ...	4	Edwin R. Goate... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First touch in the method. This 54 course composition, with the 2nd the extent in 2-3 and 6 courses only in 4th's, with all the 5-6's and 4-6's, is now presumed to be rung for the first time.

SALEHURST.—At St. Mary's Church, on Tuesday evening, February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. King 1, F. Morgan 2, W. Hoad (conductor) 3, W. Gorringe 4, B. Jarvis (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 5, G. Mills 6, J. Powell 7, E. Mills 8.

CANTERBURY.—At St. Alphege's Church, on Wednesday, March 2nd, in 25 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, E. H. Spice 2, B. J. Luck 3, J. W. Unwin 4, F. R. Weller 5, F. G. Brett (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. T. Bailey, sister of conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT LANGDON	5
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	2	THOMAS LANGDON	6
ERNEST BRETT	3	ALBERT A. HUGHES	7
ALFRED B. PECK	4	GEOFFREY C. RICE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHARLES JEFFS	...*Treble*	*GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ...	5
HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH	2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	6
BEN JARMAN...	3	WILLIAM NASH	7
THOMAS BLOW	4	†FREDERICK W. HALL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM NASH.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEERE...	...*Treble*	G. ERNEST SMITH	5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
*ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ...	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... ...	7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW... ...	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	.. *Tenor*

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

* First peal of London and first attempt.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ...	...*Treble*	HENRY EVERS	5
*MAURICE T. SYMONDS ...	2	RICHARD W. STANNARD ...	6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ...	3	WILLIAM DENT	7
WILLIAM CHALK	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal in the method.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ROBERT SWIFT	...*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	5
KEITH HART...	2	ALFRED J. BULL	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	GEORGE ELLIS	7
GEORGE OLLIVER...	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 30). Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD ROWE ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. LEWIS	5
†F. BERNARD MARTIN ...	2	DENIS R. MORRIS	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	HAROLD F. MARTIN	7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	4	ARTHUR H. FOSTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal and first attempt.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*RICHARD E. G. LUTON	...*Treble*	E. JOHN BERRY	5
†THOMAS MOULDEN	2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	6
GEORGE LANCASTER	3	E. JAMES WOODROFF	7
SIDNEY H. HOPPER	4	FREDERICK STAGG ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Malaher), who was inducted on February 26th.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¼ cwt.

HARRY CHAMBERS ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK R. PALMER ...	5
WALTER PERKINS	2	ARTHUR BIGLEY	6
ANDERSON Y. TYLER	3	AMOS SMART...	7
JAMES T. WARD	4	JOHN J. MAWBY	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 143). Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Frederick R. Palmer. This is the 150th peal which A. Y. Tyler and W. Perkins have rung together.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	...*Treble*	FRANK E. PERVIN	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal rung in the method.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

EDWIN R. GOATE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ...	5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	2	WILLIAM E. BASON	6
GEORGE MAYERS...	3	*ARTHUR G. BASON	7
CHARLES F. SAYER	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

* First peal at first attempt in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, 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 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*HARRY NAGINGTON ...	...*Treble*	‡WILLIAM J. CHESTER ...	5
WILLIAM WEATHERBY ...	2	ALAN M. HICKMAN	6
†PERCY H. WALKER	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
WALTER LYCETT	4	GEORGE HALL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday peal for the composer, Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Peter's Church, on Saturday, March 5th, for Confirmation service, 120 Bob Minor: Wm. Blackledge 1, R. Walmsley (first 720) 2, J. Booth 3, J. Grounds 4, T. Grounds 5, F. Frankland Rigby (conductor) 6.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

SAMUEL BAMFORD, R.M.	...*Treble*	WILLIAM TERRY	4
BERTRAM LUCK	2	LEWIS LADD...	5
FREDERICK RYE	3	ERNEST VERRIER... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST VERRIER.

ASTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK NEWMAN	...*Treble*	JOHN WELCH	4
SIDNEY CARTER	2	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ...	5
JEFFREY WILLIAMS	3	BARNARD PATMORE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Woodbine, two 720's Oxford, and three 720's Kent.

FRANK WILSON	...*Treble*	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ...	4
JIM TEBAY	2	THOMAS B. NEWTON	5
*HECTOR WOODBURN	3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. M. Fosbrooke.

PECKLETON, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM NEWTON ...	...*Treble*	*FRANCIS R. DEACON... ...	4
*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS... ...	2	*ERNEST E. PICKERING ...	5
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	3	GEORGE A. NEWTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

* First peal of Minor.

STANDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY WALLACE ...	...*Treble*	ALEC WHITMORE...	4
ROBERT HOWARD...	2	JOHN WELCH	5
GRAHAM PRATT	3	SIDNEY CARTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Carter, mother of the conductor.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

JOHN N. KIRKBRIDE ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN WOODS	4
ERNEST OVERSLY...	2	*LAURENCE GREENHOW ...	5
RICHARD T. BATESON... ...	3	EDWIN JENNINGS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

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

ASHWATER, DEVON.

THE DEVON GUILD.

(NORTH-WEST BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

*W. SLEE	...*Treble*	J. SANGWIN	4
*C. CHOLLWILL	2	F. SANGWIN	5
C. SANGWIN	3	G. PINECOMBE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. SANGWIN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents

F. CANTER	...*Treble*	H. PHELPS	4
*P. PONTING...	2	H. BARRATT	5
E. JEFFERIES	3	F. PONTING	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. PONTING.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method by all, and first for the association. All are local ringers. This peal was well under way a fortnight before, when the tenor clapper broke off half-way up the stem.

FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Kent, Woodbine, Merchant's Return, and four different 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*F. GARTSIDE	...*Treble*	J. C. FIELDING	4
L. DAWSON	2	J. BURGESS	5
H. NUTT	3	H. SHAW	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. GARTSIDE.

* First peal. This is the first peal rung on the bells since 1905, when the then well-known local company rang 7,200 changes in ten different methods.

DEAN, NEAR BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in F.

*RONALD HICKMAN ...	...*Treble*	†ERNEST AUSTIN...	4
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ...	2	†JOHN CHESTERMAN	5
WILLIAM HUNT	3	†HARRY BALAAM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY BALAAM.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. An excellent performance by the conductor, who is one of the very few one-armed ringers in the Exercise. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Winchester.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, March 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ...	4
ROBERT HOWARD...	2	ARTHUR WOOLSTON	5
JEFFERY WILLIAMS	3	SIDNEY CARTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of Antelope, St. Dunstan's, Grandsire, London Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY J. ELLIOT ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED J. ELLIOT	4
HARRY W. GAYTON	2	JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE... ...	5
ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ...	3	HERBERT LACK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. J. PARTRIDGE.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

V. GLASS	...*Treble*	W. S. BUTLER	4
W. BUTLER	2	A. EVERS	5
W. MELLIN	3	E. BRIGHT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. BRIGHT.

First peal of Surprise Minor rung at this tower by a local band, and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
FRANK LORD...	3-4	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ...	7-8

Conducted by J. BRAY.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by JOHN THORPE. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Edna Laflin.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT BLEAK HOUSE, LEIGHTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ALBERT FLEET	1-2	*CYRIL HERBERT...	5-6
*ERNEST HERBERT	3-4	DOUGLAS HARRIS	7-8

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by D. HARRIS.

* First peal in the method 'in hand,' and also conductor, to whom the peal was a birthday compliment.

A STRIKE SETTLED.

The strike among the bellringers at Neston Parish Church has been amicably settled. The Parochial Church Council asked the ringers, in view of the state of the church finances, to continue their services without payment, and this they have agreed to do, it being understood that the usual grant of £32 per annum would be resumed at some future date when the position became easier.

After 30 years' service, Mr. C. Coventry has retired from the captaincy of the band, and Mr. S. Bartley has been elected in his place. It is hoped that Mr. Coventry's services may be recognised in some tangible way in the near future.

COMPLIMENT TO AN EARL.

As a compliment to the Earl of Warwick, who attained his coming-of-age on Friday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Warwick, by: H. C. Burt 1, W. Harrison 2, A. T. Green 3, W. Collett 4, C. Wildsmith 5, A. W. Bond 6, E. H. Adams (conductor) 7, H. Broderick 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of treble, 2, 3, 5 and 8.

THE HENRY JOHNSON DINNER.

(Continued from page 154.)

In continuation of the toast list at the Henry Johnson Dinner, held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday week, Mr. Albert Walker submitted 'The Visitors,' among whom he specially mentioned the Rev. H. Metiowan, the new Vicar of Aston. Mr. McGowan, he said, had promised at the first opportunity to have the bells of Aston Parish Church put in order, and he (the speaker) hoped they would be 'boiled up' (applause). Mr. Walker mentioned other distinguished visitors among the gathering, and referred with pleasure to the fact that they had a company of over twenty from Bristol and district. Visitors to Bristol always received a warm welcome from the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, who were working really hard in that city, not only to encourage Sunday service ringing but also the social spirit, which was such an asset to success. In coupling with the toast the names of Mr. C. F. Johnston and Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. Walker referred to the forthcoming 'All England' gathering at Croydon, and hoped that Mr. Johnston's efforts and enterprise in this matter would be crowned with great success. From his own experience at the last similar gathering he was sure that those who went to Croydon on April 2nd would have a day filled with interest and pleasure.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PEALS OF BELLS!

Mr. Johnston, who first responded, said that among the visitors they must not forget the ladies, who were present in considerable numbers. Some of them rang, some of them owned and ran ringers (laughter). He had brought one himself (applause). The ladies came because they looked forward to a pleasant evening; he did not know whether any of them also came to make sure what time the menfolk left that establishment (laughter). Why was it so many people came to Birmingham year after year to attend that gathering? It was because they had good bells—and others—to ring upon (laughter), they were welcomed with enthusiasm on their arrival, they were delightfully entertained, and were looked after on the morrow and through the week-end (applause). Referring to the statement of Alderman Pritchett as to the £250,000 surplus which the governors of King Edward School would have after its removal from New Street, Mr. Johnston said he was all in favour of educating the youth of Birmingham, but it seemed to him the alderman's estimate of the possibility of the installation of bells in that great city was much below the mark. It would provide at least 250 peals of bells at the present rate of bell metal (laughter). Referring to the gathering at Croydon on April 2nd, Mr. Johnston said he hoped Birmingham and the Midlands would be strongly represented. Preparations were being made for a large gathering, and, bearing in mind that the figure eight had a considerable influence in ringing many methods, they had engaged eight halls for the day; if necesary, there would be eight towers for ringing in. They did not however, go any further, because they did not want to encourage any idea of excess, and did not wish them to think that they were going 'one over the eight' (laughter). On behalf of the visitors, he thanked the members of St. Martin's Guild for their gracious reception and for their hospitality, for the happy evening they had given them and the merry week-end which he knew they had provided for them (applause).

Mr. J. W. Jones also responded, and said one reason why he was there was that on January 15th, 1890, he took part in a date touch of Grandsire Triples at Caerleon, rung muffled in memory of Henry Johnson, senior, of Birmingham. He was now the only survivor of that band, and he felt it his duty to be there that night. One of those who rang in that touch was largely responsible for introducing change ringing into South Wales, and his son, Mr. Claud Davies, now of Liverpool, was among the visitors that night. The members of St. Martin's Guild had done their visitors 'real well,' and he was sure everyone had enjoyed the evening (applause).

IT RESTS WITH THE RINGERS.

Mr. J. E. Smallwood proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and said he desired to do what he was sure they would all wish him to do, and that was to congratulate the Editor upon the success of his wonderful effort in connection with the celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary and the restoration of the bells at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge. He had the pleasure of taking part in the proceedings, and the organisation of every part of the great meeting was a veritable triumph for Mr. Goldsmith and those associated with him. Mr. Smallwood went on to say that 'The Ringing World' was a most valuable adjunct to the Exercise. He thought the time had arrived when they might have a larger paper, but that did not rest so much with the Editor as with the ringers, who could make it possible by extending the circulation. The Editor was doing his very best to stimulate interest in every phase of the art, and his tenacity was remarkable. Many a man would have given up years ago, but he had stuck to it, and they congratulated him upon it (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith, in responding to the toast, said his task as Editor was no sinecure. There were many difficulties in catering for a public in a subject of limited interest, but the aim of 'The Ringing World' was to do its best for the encouragement of the art. With regard to the restoration of the bells at Cambridge in connection with the Stedman Tercentenary, a greater sum was required than

was anticipated, and a further amount had to be raised. Any ringer, therefore, who had not given to the fund because he thought it was closed, could now do so, and his contribution would be welcomed.

Mr. Paddon Smith proposed 'The Chairman.' He said they used at one time to invite a distinguished ringer to take the chair at that annual gathering, and Sir Arthur Heywood did so on several occasions. Eventually one of their Rectors accepted the invitation. Old ringers said that it was a mistake, but that Rector was Canon Willink, and they found it was no mistake, for Canon Willink was one of the finest chairmen they ever had (applause). Then they had Canon Grose Hodge, who was another excellent chairman, and he was succeeded by Canon Guy Rogers, whom they all appreciated as a chairman, and who had made a deep impression (applause).

The toast having been honoured, Alderman Pritchett briefly replied on the Rector's behalf.

The speeches were interspersed with music. The part-songs of St. Martin's Quartette (Messrs. Hale, Chapman, Bayliss and Gorman) were again a feature of the programme. They are a never-failing source of sheer delight, and at each appearance they had to respond to an undeniable encore. Miss D. E. Griffin rendered contralto songs with charming effect, and the banjo duets of Messrs. Ernest Jones and Alfred Kirby were received with warm applause. Mr. Arthur Cooke was the accompanist. St. Thomas', Bristol, handbell ringers gave a pleasing selection, and the happy evening came to an end all too soon; albeit the hands of the clock pointed nearly to eleven.

Numbers of the visitors stayed in Birmingham until Sunday, and were welcomed at the various towers, while the mid-day gathering was yet another example of the great social spirit which exists in ringing circles in the Midland city and of the hospitality of St. Martin's Guild.

STEDMAN TERCENTENARY SOUVENIRS.

There are still a few oak ash trays available for those who wish to have a useful souvenir of the Stedman Tercentenary. They can be obtained, post free, price 2s. 3d., from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

The souvenir booklets, containing illustrated details of the commemoration scheme, a specially written article on Fabian Stedman, the history of St. Benedict's Church and its bells, and a list of the subscribers to the tercentenary fund, can be obtained (8d. post free) from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

THE 'FOURTH OF MARCH' AT APPLETON.

Good ringing, good singing and good fellowship have marked the celebration of the 'Fourth of March' at Appleton for many years, and none of these were lacking at the 114th anniversary, held on Saturday last.

After the visitors had tried their skill on the beautiful peal of bells, a party of some 30 to 40 friends, old and new, gathered under the hospitable roof of the Thatched Tavern, there to enjoy the good fare provided.

Among the old friends it was again a pleasure to meet Mr. George Holifield, sen., and it is pleasing to reflect that with 'George II.' carrying on, and 'George III.' coming along, there should be every prospect of the old traditions being maintained. The stalwart brothers White, too, were in fine form, delighting the guests at intervals with their tuneful handbells and harmonious voices.

After 'The King' had been duly honoured, the Rector, the Rev. G. E. B. Scanlan, gave the guests a kindly welcome, referring in his speech to an old friend taken from our midst by death, 'Lasher' Bennett.

The Master of the Oxford Guild proposed the toast of 'The Appleton Society,' coupling with it the well-known names of Mr. George Holifield and Mr. R. White, congratulating the former on his restoration to health and the latter on the good work recently finished at Stanlake. The Master emphasised the usefulness of 'The Ringing World' and the importance of supporting this, the only 'ringing' paper. 'Every ringer should take it in,' he said, 'or, failing that, at least every tower should have its copy.'

In replying, Mr. Holifield gave a short account of the Appleton Society, mentioning some of the events that had taken place during his 'fifty years and more' of peal ringing. Indeed, the reflections heard on various sides—'47 years since my first fourth of March,' '44 years since my first peal of Caters here'—made some of the younger members regret the celebrations they had missed, while confirming their intention to be present at all future ones 'so long as they can crawl.'

BELLS DEBT CLEARED.

To celebrate the clearing of the debt on the bell restoration fund at Woodford, Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday, March 6th: W. J. Corney (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss E. O. Turner 2, R. Cousins 3, F. W. Corney 4, E. E. Holman 5, C. R. Morss 6, J. A. Waugh (conductor) 7, W. R. Morley 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Bob Minor rung half-muffled at Dean, Hants, last week, in memory of the dead Bishop of Winchester, was an excellent performance on the part of the conductor, Harry Bulaam. He has only one arm, and rang the tenor, a 10 cwt. bell. It was also his first peal in the method.

There are at least two other one-armed ringers in the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild—Mr. George Pullinger, the former general hon. secretary, and Mr. J. W. Faithfull, of Southampton.

The report of the peal of Bob Minor at Leigh, Kent, has been sent without the name of the conductor.

Some time ago we made reference to an old ringing society known as the Chapel Youths of Stourbridge. Mr. A. J. Skelding has traced some of their records, and here are the details of a peal, the anniversary of which fell on Monday last:—

'On Monday, March 7th, 1785, was rung at Stourbridge, by the Society of Chapel Youths of Stourbridge, a complete peal of Bob Majors containing 6,160 changes. Time, 3 hours 55 minutes. Samuel Green treble, Josiah Badger 2nd, Thomas Milward 3rd, John Milward 4th, John Moseley 5th, Thomas Orford 6th, William Milward 7th, John Watkins tenor. The bobs called by William Milward.'

The Bedfordshire Association was founded fifty years ago next Sunday.

On March 14th, 1727, the London Scholars rang the first peal on the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields—a 6,006 Grandsire Cinques. The next day the College Youths rang a peal of 6,314 Grandsire Cinques on the same bells.

The name of the ringer of the third in the peal of Superlative at Great Holland, Essex, on February 20th, was George M. Rashbrook, and not George M. Lashbrook, as printed in our peal columns

EIGHT WILY BACHELORS.

ANOTHER ESCAPE.

They have escaped again, but surely the Ladies' Guild could not have known about it! On Leap Year Day eight mature and eligible bachelors, well known in ringing circles, after sleepless nights of growing anxiety, spent many hours in trepidation. It is said they dared not venture out until dark for fear of being waylaid and captured by those cave-women who, on this day of special privilege, seize their prey by the hair—if they have any—and drag them off to a lifetime of matrimonial bondage.

But these eight, although timorous, are wily birds—their age proves their experience, or is it their phenomenal luck that has saved them thus far?—and when they did set out for a clandestine meeting they sallied forth disguised as married men.

By devious routes they arrived at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, but it was not until they had locked themselves in the tower and had searched every nook and corner to make sure there was no hidden siren who might yet hook one of them, that they were able to breathe freely.

And then, to celebrate their escape, they rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, which in future is to be known as 'Bachelors' Joy.'

BISHOP'S TRIBUTE.

Writing in the 'Lincoln Diocesan Magazine,' the Bishop of Lincoln refers to the death of the Rev. H. Law James. 'Henry Law James,' he said, 'was well known throughout the diocese as an enthusiastic bellringer and as the Master of the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. He was also known to many as one of the most devoted parish priests of the diocese, and to not a few he was known as one who had in an eminent degree the gift of friendship. On several occasions I had the opportunity of spending a night at Surfleet Vicarage. It was then that I discovered a side of Henry James' character which did not always appear. Not only was he a theologian, he was somewhat of a philosopher. In many minor matters he was curiously conservative, but in the larger and deeper matters he had that wide, even liberal outlook, which is possible to those who are sure of their foundations. Greatly will Henry Law James be missed in the diocese. In his own parish he was trusted and loved, and throughout a wider area men were thankful to have known him.'

BEQUESTS FOR BELLS.

Two bequests for bells have recently been made. Miss Caroline Johnson, of Camberley, Surrey, who left £114,819, gave £1,000 for a peal of bells at Frimley (Surrey) Parish Church.

Her gift, however, had been anticipated, as about two years ago a small chime was placed in the tower.

Miss Mary Constance Barnes, of Kensington, whose estate was valued at £31,504 gross, left £600 to the Rector and churchwardens of Cattistock Church, Dorchester, the income to be applied in the maintenance and repair of the carillon and church tower; £150 to the parish council of Cattistock, upon trust to pay the premiums of insurance policies on the said carillon and tower, 'and I declare it to be my wish that the annual carillon recital which has for many years been held shall be continued.'

One hopes the ringing eight at this church may be cared for under the bequest.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BY R. A. DANIELL.

If a ringing society took its name from a church in the seventeenth century the connection would certainly not be that of ringing for church services; for this purpose chiming seems to have been usual. 'The School of Recreation,' a treatise by 'R. H.,' published in 1684, gives us some information about the custom of the time. The book treats of outdoor sports as well as ringing. All these are recreations for mind and body, and in the author's view are God's gifts to men. His instructions about ringing are merely elementary. But he expects a high standard from ringers, and urges them, 'Do not let thy frequent coming (to the church) on week-days for thy diversion make thee absent thyself on Sundays from thy devotion . . . do not let the Sunday morning peal engage thy presence then and the alehouse have thy company afterwards. Be as quick in hearing the chiming for prayers as thou art in the notes for pleasure.' That pleasure ringing was common on Sundays in that century is shown by the fact that Cromwell's second Parliament legislated against it. In reality we still act on the same principle as 'R. H.' gives, for our peal ringing is a recreation. But within the lifetime of the elder of us Church opinion has taken a step forward and claimed ringing as an adjunct to public worship, and so claimed ringers as churchworkers. The convenience of headquarters for stated practice is so obvious that connection with a church in the bygone days may well have been of that nature. I agree with Mr. Trollope that the College Youths went about. We cannot infer from a connection with St. Michael's that they rang nowhere else, or that no others ever rang at St. Michael's.

I think most of the London ringing in the early seventeenth century must have been done within the city. All classes lived there. Building was but then springing up about Covent Garden and Lincolns Inn Fields. The law students had their centre in the Inns of Court and Inns of Chancery, all situated on the western verge of the city, some within and some without the boundary. North and west of Temple Bar and south across the river there would have been some half a dozen towers which might have had rings of bells. In the city, to the east, there were a few more than one hundred parish churches, and many of these would have rings of bells. The great fire of London destroyed eighty-eight of these churches, of which St. Michael's was one, in 1666. I do not know if much is known about bells then existing in the unburnt towers, but we cannot hope to learn anything accurate about those then destroyed. Stow gives us no help, as he only occasionally mentions bells. But from his description I think we are justified in concluding that St. Michael's was a fine church, and as it was in a wealthy part of the city it was as likely to have a ring of bells as any other church within its bounds.

I conclude that the traditional origin of the College Youths' name is quite possibly true. It matters not in what way a tradition comes to us; if we want to get at its value we must try to visualise the period to which it relates. This I have tried to do to the best of my power, though, no doubt, imperfectly. My object is not to press my view on anyone's acceptance, but to supply him with such suggestions as I can to assist him in forming his own opinion. I am not at variance with Mr. Trollope on any fact in ringing history; I appreciate the time, trouble and thought he has bestowed on his investigations, and hope we shall have further interesting matter from his pen.

R. A. DANIELL.

FAMOUS BELFRY REVISITED.

RECOLLECTIONS OF SQUIRE PROCTOR.

A very enjoyable meeting of the East Herts District was held on Saturday at the old-world village of Braughing, where so very little change has taken place, and which still retains its old-world charm, and its musical peal of bells (tenor 19 cwt.) by Miles Graye. Its old-fashioned cottages still nestle round the church, which was noted for ringing in the past. Squire Proctor and his Benington band used invariably to visit Braughing on May 10th, the anniversary of the long peal of Bob Major. These visits were made without a break, we believe, for fifty years, and Surprise methods were rung. All these men have now passed on, but the bells still send out their silvery tones, with other hands to manipulate them.

The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the association, and gave a helpful and inspiring address at the service upon the words, 'Their sound is gone out into all lands.'

Tea was prepared at the Brown Bear, Hostess Denton attending to the wants in true motherly style, having had long experience with ringers from many places upon their visits to Braughing.

Good practice was obtained in several methods, and a helpful and enjoyable time was spent.

TWINS' PERFORMANCE.

At Wrington, Somerset, on February 28th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 53 mins.: H. H. Yeates 1, Mrs. H. Knight (first quarter-peal on eight) 2, T. H. Ferris 3, A. E. Ferris 4, H. G. Yeates 5, W. T. Gunning (first quarter-peal 'inside') 6, H. W. Knight (conductor) 7, C. H. Vowles 8. The ringers of 1 and 5 and of 3 and 4 are twins, and belong to the local band.

DEATH OF MR. W. T. WILSON, OF ISHAM.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD'S TREASURER.

It was with deepest regret that we briefly recorded in last week's issue the death of Mr. W. T. Wilson, of Isham. Mr. Wilson had been in poor health for the last eighteen months, suffering from heart trouble, but about six months ago he seemed to take a turn for the better, and it was a great satisfaction to all his friends that he was able to take a rope again. However, he was unfortunately attacked by influenza about three weeks ago, and although he had apparently recovered he passed to his rest in his sleep on the night of Wednesday, February 24th.

Mr. Wilson was 59 years of age, and had carried on his father's old-established carpentry and wheelwright's business at Isham and neighbouring villages since his father's death in 1909. He was chosen to succeed his father as Rector's churchwarden, and had served the church in this capacity for 23 years. He was also a school manager.

He took up ringing in 1907, when Isham bells were restored. A band was started then—now unfortunately reduced to a sole survivor on the active list. This company struggled on until taken in hand by Mr. Edward Chapman, of Kettering, who eventually conducted its first peal on Boxing Day, 1908. The band afterwards made much progress, eventually ringing peals in fourteen methods of Surprise and Treble Bob. When, during the war, Mr. Wilson was left almost alone in the belfry, he started a ladies' band which was most successful, and in this connection one remembers his enthusiasm when his niece, Miss Cecil Hepburn (as she then was) conducted a ladies' peal on the Isham bells. Since that time Mr. Wilson's perseverance with young hands had kept a band together. He had rung upwards of 50 peals—mostly of Minor in seven methods, but in this connection peals without an educational motive, or for a specific purpose, were repugnant to him. His chief delight was to arrange an afternoon tour of outlying five and six-bell towers, taking two of his recruits on his motor-cycle combination, and in this way he had visited most of the towers within a range of 20 or 30 miles.

He was often consulted in rehanging schemes, and his knowledge of building and woodwork was of greatest use in this connection. More than once he was able to allay a scare of the presence of the 'Death Watch beetle,' and he was always endeavouring to prevent recasting of good old bells and the breaking up of really serviceable frames, though he was the first to advocate a clean sweep where this was really necessary.

When the Peterborough Diocesan Guild grew out of the Central Northants Association in 1924, he was appointed treasurer, an office he had held ever since. He was most anxious that the new Guild should be diocesan in fact, and not only in name, and his association with ringers in outlying districts was partly instrumental in bringing several centres into the Guild.

No finer memorial to him could be conceived than a Peterborough Guild which is truly diocesan and embraces all districts within the diocese. This would be something worth working for. He was a man loved by all who came in contact with him, but he would not tolerate the type of ringer who regarded ringing as a kind of sport and was not a thorough practising churchman. Truly, he will be much missed.

The funeral took place on Monday, February 29th. The body was brought into church during a special memorial service on the previous night, for which muffled bells were rung. The church was completely filled for the funeral service. The Rector, Rev. E. J. Atkins, officiated, and the ringers present included Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, Rector of Cranford (president of the Kettering Branch), Miss Thursfield (secretary, Northamptonshire District of the Ladies' Guild), Miss Atkins (vice-president of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. F. Barber (secretary of the Wellingborough District), Mr. R. Adams (secretary of the Guilsborough District of the Peterborough Guild), Mr. R. Abrams (representing the Orlingbury ringers), Mrs. E. M. Atkins (London), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. W. Perkins (Irthlinghorough), Mr. J. Saddington (Burton Latimer), Mr. J. Morris (Warkton), Mr. T. Howell (Little Harrowden), Mr. A. E. York (Rothwell).

Among others present were Mrs. F. Wilford and Mrs. E. M. Atkins.

As the coffin was carried from the church by four friends—Messrs. C. H. Whiting, Geo. Johnson, E. J. Chamberlain and T. Garley—the organist, Miss Mabel Eaton, feelingly played Mendelssohn's 'O rest in the Lord.'

After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave on the deceased's handbells by: W. Perkins 1-2, E. M. Atkins 3-4, R. Richardson 5-6, F. Wilford 7-8. Among the many flowers were wreaths from 'The officers and committee, Peterborough Diocesan Guild,' and from 'The Isham bellringers.' Afterwards the whole pull and stand and muffled touches were rung on Isham bells.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Monday, February 8th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Page 1, W. Palmer 2, W. Cross 3, J. Lovett 4, W. Page 5, F. Lashury 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, G. Wines 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. E. Evans (son of the churchwarden) and Miss E. Stone. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Davies, one of the local band.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM.

A LOSS TO LEICESTER.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Joseph Sarson Needham, of Leicester, at the age of 74, the sad event occurring somewhat suddenly on February 22nd. Only a few days previously he had rung at St. Saviour's in an attempt for a muffled quarter-peal to the memory of Mrs. Bardsley, wife of the Lord Bishop of Leicester, but after about 500 changes had to give up. This proved to be his last pull. He had been a familiar figure in the Leicester district for over half a century, and was an original member of the Midland Counties Association.

Never a great peal ringer, he had rung about 50 all told, 41 of which were for the M.C.A., others having been rung before he joined the society. The most notable of the latter was the opening peal on St. Saviour's bells—Holt's ten-part—conducted by the late Alfred Millis, on December 2nd, 1882. Mr. Needham rang regularly at St. Martin's and St. Margaret's in the old days, but for over 40 years had been steeplekeeper at St. Saviour's. He aspired to call Holt's ten-part on one occasion, and after many attempts succeeded with a hand 'not too old, not yet too young!'

The writer called his last peal, which was 5,152 Bob Major, at St. Saviour's on January 8th, 1927. He was a keen collector of old ringing books, and also of coins, and had a miscellaneous assortment of handbells, ancient and modern. In a way he was a 'character,' having a style entirely his own, and at social gatherings was best known for his song, 'A fine old English gentleman,' which he was invariably called on to sing. His death will cause a gap in the old familiar faces, very hard to fill.

The funeral service was held at St. Saviour's on Thursday, February 25th. The Vicar, Rev. R. C. Johnson, officiated, and there was a full choir. As the cortege entered the church, the organist played 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' and on leaving, 'O rest in the Lord.' The coffin bore a huge bell of flowers from his widow and family. The hymns, 'We love the place, O God,' and 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' were sung, and the Vicar gave a short testimony of Mr. Needham's work as a ringer and steeplekeeper, his regular attendance at church, and his keen interest in all that went on in and around the church he loved. Floral tributes were sent from St. Saviour's ringers and the Leicester Branch, M.C.A. Over the open grave a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by: E. H. Bugworth 1-2, W. P. Whitehead 3-4, E. Morris 5-6, W. Willson 7-8, J. Morris 9-10. A number of sympathising ringing friends assembled in the church and at the graveside. St. Saviour's bells were rung half-muffled in the evening, and on the Saturday an abortive attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples. A muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung to his memory at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

E. M.

DEATH OF ANOTHER NUNEATON RINGER.

It is with regret we have to record the death of James F. Clarke, sen., which took place at his home, Arthur Street, Nuneaton, on February 29th, at the age of 69. Mr. Clarke was a very enthusiastic ringer, but his employment as an engine driver made his time for ringing somewhat limited. He, with the late Mr. Harry Argyle and the writer, helped to build a good band of ringers at the Parish Church forty years ago, which has since been well maintained. The deceased had a serious illness four or five years ago, and had done very little ringing since. Always of a genial disposition and seldom at cross purposes with anyone, he was respected by all who knew him. He had rung upwards of fifty peals, including several on handbells.

The funeral took place at Chilvers Coton on Thursday, March 3rd, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. B. Davis, president of the Warwickshire Guild. There were many floral tributes, including one each from the Nuneaton parish and Coton ringers. Touches in various methods were rung at both churches with the bells half-muffled.

T. W. C.

LADIES' WELL-ATTENDED MEETING

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, February 27th, and proved very successful. The Vicar (the Rev. E. R. Brittain), who conducted the Guild service, in his address expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young people present.

The tea at the Church House was thoroughly appreciated, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, organist and choir, Mr. Woodrow and those who prepared tea.

Mrs. Hazelden took the chair for the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, viz., Miss K. Eastes, Ottershaw, Mrs. Tuck, Cookham, and Miss D. Viggers, Aldershot, while Miss Lakin, of Sheffield, was welcomed into the district.

It was decided not to hold a quarterly meeting before the annual in June at Wokingham, but to have one at Ottershaw in September.

After the meeting the belfry was revisited, and various methods practised till 8.30. There were 17 ladies present, and about the same number of men.

THE 'ALL ENGLAND' MEETING.

Ringers who intend to be present at the All England meeting at Croydon on April 2nd are reminded that application forms must be returned to the Croydon Bell Foundry by Monday next. Bands must apply through their tower secretary; unattached ringers must write direct to the Foundry.

The programme published in our last issue indicates the attractive nature of the event, and the preparations being made for the entertainment of visiting ringers.

TROYTE'S 'CHANGE RINGING.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is proposed to publish a revised and corrected edition of Troyte's 'Change Ringing' in conjunction with Messrs. Eland, of Exeter, the owners of the copyright. Our desire is to preserve as much as possible of the present book, while endeavouring to bring it up to date and more in accordance with the needs of the learner of to-day. We should be grateful for a few modern touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples to take the place of some of those in the existing text, if conductors and composers with suitable material will be good enough to supply them. As a general rule these touches should not exceed 500 changes, though possibly room might be available for an attractive quarter-peal in each method.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. and M. POWELL.

The Rectory,
Clyst St. George, Exeter.

DEATH OF MR. F. T. GOVER.

A FORMER LONDON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Frederick T. Gover, of Torquay, which took place suddenly on Tuesday, February 23rd. He had recently had a bronchial attack, but had apparently quite recovered.

Mr. Gover was born at Ottery St. Mary, Devon, on July 23rd, 1857, and started to learn to ring at the early age of 12 years. At the age of 18 he migrated to London and soon became associated with change ringing. For many years he was a member of the band at St. John's, Wilton Road, London, and was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths on March 11th, 1879 (No. 2898), and among the numerous peals in which he rang in London with the society was a 6,384 of Double Norwich at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields in November, 1882.

In 1917 he went to reside in Torquay and soon began to make his enthusiasm for change ringing felt, but he landed on 'stoney' ground and came in for many rebuffs, but nothing daunted him. In 1917 the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was formed, and he was elected the first chairman. From that time until his death he rendered invaluable service to all willing to learn the art of change ringing, and was an able instructor and conductor. His patience and very genial manner endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and to his efforts is due the progress the Paignton band has made in change ringing. He rang six peals for the Devon Guild, in one of which his wife took part—a peal of Grandsire Triples at All Saints', Babbacombe, 1920.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, on Saturday week, the Vicar, Preb. S. R. Carden, M.A., officiating. Whilst the cortege was proceeding to the cemetery, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled by Rev. E. S. Powell (president of Devonshire Guild), Mrs. Powell, W. C. Wakely (Torquay), A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh), H. J. Hole (hon. secretary, Mid-Devon Branch), F. Allwood, C. F. Austin, T. S. Collings, A. L. Pope (Paignton), and B. Cooper (Newton Abbot).

Much sympathy is felt with Mrs. A. M. Gover, his wife, who has lost her husband, brother and brother-in-law in the past eight weeks.

DEATH'S HEAVY HAND IN NOTTINGHAM.

THE LAST OF THE CLIFFORDS.

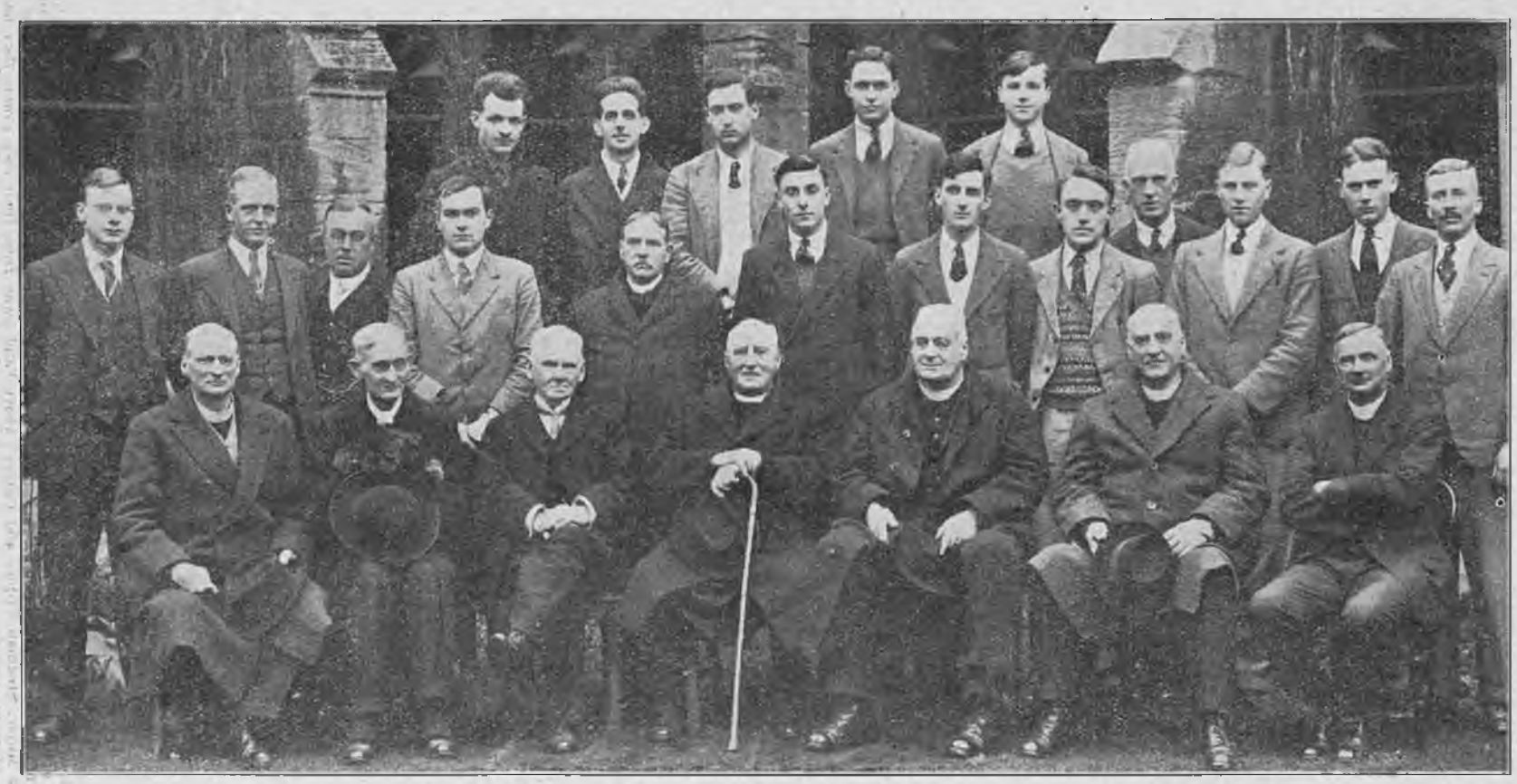
The hand of death has been extremely heavy in the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association this year, and has now claimed William Clifford, jun., the fifth ringer since Christmas. Only the previous Saturday the deceased was at work, and his end came with startling suddenness, his immediate neighbours having no knowledge of his illness before the end came on Monday week.

An accomplished ringer, he had scored some 40 peals in methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise.

Six of the former band at Beeston, who, with deceased, had made a good deal of local ringing history, shared the privilege of bearing him to his last resting place, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on deceased's own bells over the open grave by Messrs. F. A. Salter, F. S. Price, A. Coppock and P. Price. Afterwards, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung, half-muffled, by: F. S. Price 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, F. A. Salter 3, P. Price 4, L. Chadburn 5, A. Lowe 6, E. J. Boot 7, A. B. Moss 8.

And so the name of Clifford becomes but a memory in local ringing circles, after 60 years of active and very useful participation in its work by fathers and sons.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.



This interesting photograph was taken in the cloisters of New College on the occasion of the Oxford University Society's Diamond Jubilee.

Back row: W. Simmonds (Oxford City), W. F. Judge (Oxford City), C. E. Wigg (Keble), J. W. Ryder (Hertford), A. E. F. Trotman (Exeter).

Middle row: A. G. G. Thurlow, Cambridge University Guild (Selwyn, Cambridge), W. Collett (Oxford City), H. C. Ingle (St. Edmund Hall), T. S. Williams (Keble), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (New College), W. Thomas, Master (Lincoln), S. Taylor (Merton), H. T. Wisdom (Exeter), H. Miles (St. Catherine's), R. E. Sibthorpe (Keble), E. H. Hiley (Keble), J. B. Howes (Keble).

Sitting: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild (Trinity, Cambridge), Rev. W. C. Barrett, secretary (Jesus), J. S. Pritchett (Balliol), Rt. Rev. E. D. Shaw (Oriel), president, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Keble), Rev. J. F. Hastings (Corpus), Rev. E. V. Cox (Keble).

WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE.

BY E. W. TIPLER.

5,056 by A. J. Pitman.

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First rung by the Warwickshire Guild at Nuneaton on March 5th, 1932.

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USEFUL WORK IN SOUTH BUCKS.

Following a successful committee meeting and practice last month, a really bright and cheery gathering took place at Farnham Royal on Saturday week, when members from the following towers—Beaconsfield, Bray, Cookham, Farnham Royal, High Wycombe, Hillingdon, Hughenden, Marlow, Stoke Poges and Uxbridge—rallied to the support of the branch Ringing Master and secretary. (Sergt.-majors please note!) Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Spliced and Cambridge Surprise. Incidentally, three attempts were made to get someone through a course of Cambridge, and plenty of rounds were rung. An excellent tea was provided and enjoyed by all, after which the bells were again set going until a late hour.

Truly, the 'pen is mightier than the sword,' but he who fights and runs away for Double Norwich should not belittle the efforts of those who have held the fort for years. A. D. B.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO MR. C. TRIBE.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore. Fifty members attended from Aldington, Ashford, Egerton, Hythe, Kennington, Lydd, New Romney, Rolvenden, Stone, Tenterden, Sturry, Rye, etc. A service was conducted by Mr. Anderson, of New Romney, in the absence of the Vicar through illness.

Tea was served at the Swan Hotel, after which Dr. Cock, on behalf of the Guild and the Kent County Association, presented to Mr. C. Tribe, founder of the Guild, a cheque for £23.

Mr. Tribe suitably thanked all those who had contributed to the fund.

At the business meeting Mr. G. Anderson presided, and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. S. W. H. Moysey; vice-president, Rev. G. S. Long; Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Everett; hon. secretary and president, Mr. P. Page (vice Mr. A. J. Batten resigned).

Songs were given during the evening by Messrs. Tribe, Pattenden, Bryant and Franklen.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

There was a good attendance of members and friends at the monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, February 20th, Bulkington, Castle Bromwich, Clifton-on-Dunsmore, Knowle, Leamington, Nuneaton, Stoke and Warwick being represented, together with the local band. Tea was served at the Rainbow Inn, and the bells were rung again in the evening in various methods—Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor, and several Surprise methods from Cambridge to London. The handbells were then brought into use, and touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Caters rung, bringing to a close a very pleasant meeting.

THE AXIOMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The letter of "C. G." contains just the criticism that is helpful, and is what we want. Not that it is correct. It is not. In his second column, the change numbered fifth is the same as that numbered third, and should be so numbered. The changes then would not be the same in number as the rows. Moreover this column offends against Axiom (b), which speaks of a 'change from any other row.' Two of these rows must therefore be struck out, and the second column is then identical with the first.

But the reason why the criticism is valuable, is because it shows that axiom (c) is not sufficiently obvious, and therefore is not axiomatic. An axiom is said to be the hardest thing in the world to write, for it must be not only short and true, but it must bear its truth on its face. Evidently this was not the case here, or C. G. would not have written.

His suggestion to leave out the latter part of the axiom would be useless, as what is wanted is a means of measuring the length of ringing which has turned out to be false. In the past we have been content to say that so many changes have been rung, but that afterwards they were found to be false. The wording of such a statement contains a falsehood. Ringers have known what was meant, but to outsiders this wording is most misleading; moreover, it is very unfortunate that when ringers are condemning ringing because it is false the very language they use should be in itself false.

Perhaps the best way of wording the axiom would be thus:—

(c) If, however, there is one or more repetitions, the ringing is said to be false. Such ringing may have its length measured by counting up the numbers of rows rung, not the changes. For while repetitions cannot be changes, they are still rows.

C. G. also wishes to add the words 'of rows.' I have no objection, so long as this addition is made fairly. That is, that if we say 'repetitions of rows,' we must also say 'changes of rows.' If we make the addition in one case and not the other, our statements are unbalanced, and our thoughts are lopsided. We must not think that because in a certain sentence the word 'rows' is correct and the word 'changes' is not, that they are therefore contrary. A row is the result either of a change or of a repetition, and therefore it is these two words which are contraries.

I have thought it best to leave out the words 'of rows' in every case; but if it is thought advisable they can be inserted, either all through in each case; or, better still, they can be inserted once in each case, and afterwards omitted.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford, Woodbridge.

ROWS, CHANGES, AND OTHER MATTERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will Mr. Drake kindly tell me what is the difference between—

(a) 'Being removed from,'
(b) 'Being expelled,' and
(c) 'Being asked to retire.'

There is a similar result in each case.

My liking for the word 'changes' in preference to 'rows' comes from the fact that the latter word may be read as rhyming with 'cows,' thus conveying a description of the ringing quite different from that intended. This might in some cases be quite deserved, but never, I hope, in describing ringing in which Mr. Drake takes part. He should therefore avoid so describing it.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

A SILVER JUBILEE.

On Sunday evening, February 21st, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, Birmingham, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Kelly 1, J. Neal 2, A. Walker 3, J. Porter 4, G. E. Large (conductor) 5, T. H. Reeves 6, T. C. Kelly 7, J. Golding 8. Rung in honour of the Very Rev. John Canon Roskell, administrator of the Cathedral, who attained his silver jubilee as a priest on February 23rd, and has completed 21 years at St. Chad's Cathedral.

Canon Roskell takes a very great interest in his bells and ringers, and is a very warm supporter of St. Martin's Guild, to whom he offers every facility for ringing at St. Chad's Cathedral.

GLORIOUS DEVON AND A GRAND PEAL.

On Tuesday evening, February 23rd, the Combe Martin band of ringers paid a visit to St. Mary's Church, Bideford, where the annual meeting of the 'Guild of Devonshire Ringers' is to be held on Whit Monday next, May 16th.

After raising the bells in peal, a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. This was followed by a well-struck quarter-peal in the same method in 51 mins.: L. J. Rook 1, L. G. Walters 2, J. G. S. Sanders 3, R. H. D. Gubb 4, C. Rook 5, J. Rook 6, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, T. Gubb 8. This is the first quarter-peal on this lovely peal of bells (tenor 17¼ cwt.), recast and rehung by Taylor and Co., the 'go' being perfect. It is also the first quarter-peal for the above band away from their own tower, they having rung their first quarter in their own tower in March, 1931.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, March 6th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1,288 changes): Miss M. Higgins 1, Miss L. M. Kelly 2, J. Knowles 3, J. J. L. Gilbert 4, J. Heywood 5, J. C. Taylor 6, H. Taylor 7, F. Watkinson (conductor) 8.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday evening, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the local band: I. Evans 1, L. J. Trubshaw 2, E. Trubshaw 3, J. Pooley (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 4, C. Law 5, J. T. Davies 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, R. Sidebotham 8.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from 'Holt's Original') in 38 mins.: E. F. Crowder (aged 13, first quarter-peal) 1, W. A. Martin 2, C. Elliott 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, T. A. Easterby 5, E. R. Crowder (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, February 28th, for morning service, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major in 51 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, G. Slater (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, E. H. King 4, N. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. For evening service, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major in 50 mins.: D. Ovington 1, Mrs. Tomlinson 2, G. Plater 3, W. J. Bowden 4, E. H. King 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6, J. E. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8. A birthday compliment to Thomas Miller (one of the original ringers of Southgate) on his 82nd anniversary, also as a birthday compliment to W. J. Bowden.

BUSHEY HEATH.—On Sunday, February 28th, at St. Peter's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Norris 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, J. E. Roots 3, F. W. Brinklow 4, C. Cook 5, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 6, G. A. Hughes (first in the method) 7, A. Deamer 8. A birthday compliment to Miss E. K. Fulton and Miss Goodship, of Reading.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Benedict's Church, on Sunday, February 21st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Faux 1, R. White 2, R. L. Lathbury 3, G. Thurlow 4, J. W. Ward (conductor) 5, F. Harper 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, February 21st, for evening service, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Melbourne 1, Miss Elsie Pettitt 2, A. Wiffen 3, B. Redgwell 4, H. Reason 5, E. Bright 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Melbourne and J. W. Hammond, regular service ringers at the above church.

THE LATE CAPT. ACLAND.

Capt. J. E. Acland, of Dorchester, whose death, at the advanced age of nearly 84 years, we recorded last week, was a vice-president, and, from 1904 to 1910, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, which was represented at the funeral by the present Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch), Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary, Dorchester Branch), Messrs. F. W. Townsend and E. Doel (Poole), J. T. Godwin and W. J. Simons (Dorchester). Music composed by Capt. Acland and his father was used during the funeral service, the first part of which took place in All Saints' Church, Dorchester. As the cortege left for West Stafford, where the interment took place, muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. Peter's Church.

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NOTICES.

ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING AT CROYDON ON APRIL 2nd.—Will unattached members apply direct to Cyril F. Johnston, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, for invitations, marking the envelope 'Ringers' in the left hand top corner?

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 31st at 8 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th at 7.30 p.m.; *the Coffee Pot on the 22nd at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARY, WHICKHAM, near Gateshead. — Ring of 6. Dedication of 3 recast trebles by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, Saturday, March 12th, 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead. Visiting ringers welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Northowram, Halifax, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 1.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. R. Noble, 29, Towngate, Northowram, Halifax.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8 bells) on Saturday, March 12th, by kind permission of Rev. R. Home. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow in Church Hall. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. All welcome. Heaps of room.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Great Horwood on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woodchurch (6 bells) on Saturday, March 12th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 6 p.m. Tower open at 3 o'clock. — H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, in Church House, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Please notify Mr. S. F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield, by Wednesday, the 9th, for same. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. The annual report is now available and subscriptions for 1932 due. — F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at Hanslope. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley, Bucks.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Okeford Fitzpaine on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. All cordially invited.—E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please come.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held on March 12th at Whittington-in-Lonsdale. —E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.—The next annual meeting will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, Borough, S.E., on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the Vestry at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify the undersigned as soon as possible. All members requested to attend. Visitors and friends welcome. — N. S. Bagworth, Ambrosden House, Ashley Gardens, Westminster, S.W.1.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.— A special invitation meeting in connection with the re-opening of the bells will be held at Finchley on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea. Please advise me if you are coming. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the City Restaurant, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, on Saturday, March 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, from the hon. sec., Mr. V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford, before March 12th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5 o'clock, at the Pitman Institute, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. The bells of St. Saviour's, South Street, will also be available from 6.45 to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District Meeting at Cranleigh, Saturday, March 19th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to me, please, by March 14th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme (8 bells), on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — James Wm. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—The peal of 8 bells, which has been recast and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome, and tea, by invitation, will be provided for those who send their names not later than Tuesday, March 15th, to Wm. B. Cartwright, 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham. A social evening is being arranged at The Oak Inn, from approximately 7.30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) and meeting at 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. All ringers cordially invited. — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Lawton (8 bells) on Saturday, March 19th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 16th?—Richard D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The nomination meeting will be held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. All towers are requested to be represented.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Monks Risborough on Saturday, March 19th, at 4 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The March meeting will be held at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea, 5 o'clock, 1s. per head.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Next meeting at Youlgreave on Saturday, March 19th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 27 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Tickets for jubilee dinner on sale. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. — J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, March 19th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 16th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 19th. Reigate bells (10) available 3-5 p.m. and during the evening. St. John's, Redhill, bells (8) available 3-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's, Reigate, at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting at the Tudor Café, Bell Street. Please notify Mr. G. F. Hoad, 20, Warren Road, Reigate, if you intend to be present at tea not later than Wednesday, the 16th inst.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — The first quarterly meeting will be held at Ratby on Saturday, March 19th. Bells, recently augmented from 6 to 8, ready at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, March 16th. Business meeting after tea. Please roll up, and make it a very successful meeting. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at South Cadbury on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 2.30 p m. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Castle Cary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting (Jubilee) will be at Derby Easter Monday. Bells of Cathedral (10), St. Andrew's (10), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 10 a.m. to 2.30, 4 to 5.15; committee meet 11 a.m.; general meeting 12 noon; both in St. Andrew's School. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m.; Preacher, Lord Bishop of Derby. Dinner 6 p.m., followed by social in King's Café, St. Peter's Street. Tickets for dinner 1s. 6d. to members, 3s. 6d. to **all** others, to be obtained from local hon. secs. No tickets sold after March 21st.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Colyton on Easter Monday. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available: Colyton (6), Seaton (6), Axminster (8). All ringers welcome. Arrangements made by G. C. Woodley, Woolbrook, Sidmouth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers open at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with address by Canon Belcher, Diocesan Missioner. Tea and business meeting in Abbey Institute at 5.30. Sumptuous meat tea (and other delicacies) by Slaters, 1s. 6d. per head. Notification of attendance would be a great help. Please send a card.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at The Victoria. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual general meeting will be held at Tenterden on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting in St. Mildred's Church Vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. L. Man; Preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Dover. Luncheon in the Drill Hall at 1.15, presided over by the Worshipful the Mayor of Tenterden (Col. W. A. V. Findlater), followed by annual meeting. The following towers will also be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting: Rolvenden (8), Benenden (8), Biddenden (8), Appledore (8), Cranbrook (8). Application for luncheon tickets (free for practising members only, 3s. others) **must** be made to the undersigned by first post Tuesday, March 22nd, after that date **too late.** — Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. 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 Dean, in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 23rd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints (10), St. Nicholas (6) and St. Swithin (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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, April 2nd.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, April 9th. Further particulars later.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

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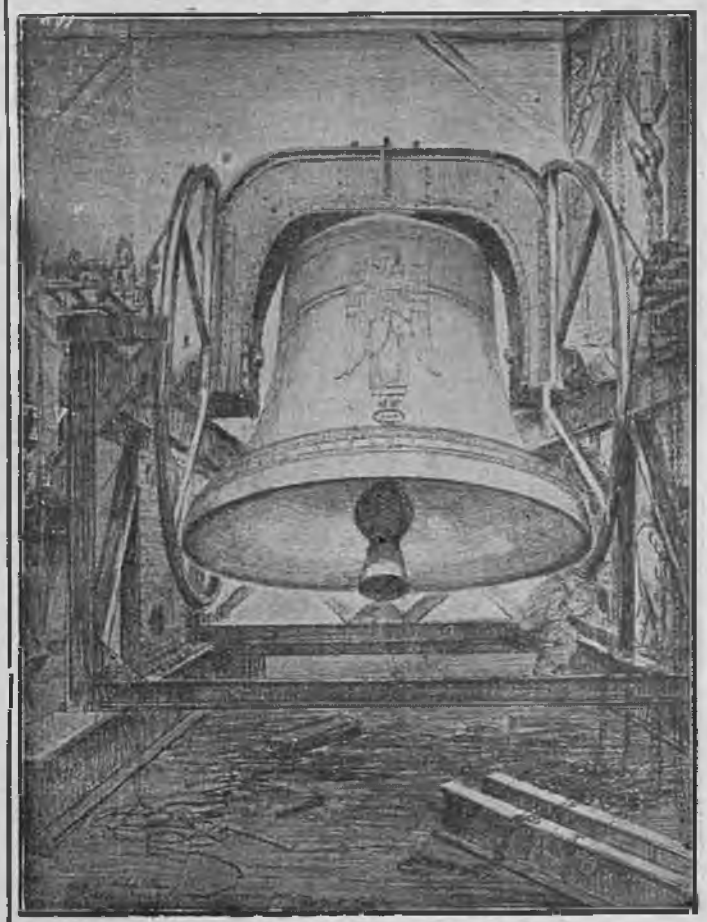

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But if individual ringers cannot be induced to purchase books, or if they cannot afford to buy all that they would like to possess, it ought to be possible for bands to acquire the books collectively, and a belfry library would be the place to keep them. The elementary books would then be always available for the beginners as they came along, while the more advanced need never be without material to enable them to carry their practice a stage further. It is possible that in some cases the Parochial Church Council would help to get the tower library established, if the matter were properly put before them. Afterwards the occasional additions would not fall very heavily upon the pockets of the ringers, even if no further outside help were forthcoming. At the last meeting of the Central Council the Literature and Press Committee were requested to draw up a list of suitable books on ringing which could form the foundation of a tower library, and their report, when available, should prove helpful to those who wish to make a beginning. There

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EDWIN F. PIKE	5	REUBEN SANDERS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal in the method. First in the method by the society and in the city of London. F. Digby's 50th peal. Rung as a 77th birthday peal to Mr. Alfred Linstead, the worthy towerkeeper.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS	...Treble	LUTHER V. HONESS	6
*GEORGE KENWARD	2	HARRY BAKER	7
MRS. H. BAKER	3	THOMAS E. SONE	8
CHARLES H. SONE	4	CHARLES W. PLAYER	9
KENNETH PATTENDEN	5	†WILLIAM H. GORMAN	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal on ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*NORMAN HEAPS	...Treble	*THOMAS JONES	5
WILLIAM HORAN	2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	6
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY	3	FREDERIC PAGE	7
WILFRED J. MOSS	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.
* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAZEL HOLMES	...Treble	ARNOLD BLACKBURN	5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	2	*GILBERT JONES	6
†MAURICE HODGSON	3	FRED HODGSON	7
*JAMES HODGSON	4	HARRY MARSDEN	Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by FRED HODGSON.
* First peal and first attempt and proposed members before the peal. † First peal of Plain Bob. First peal of Plain Bob on the bells. A seventeenth birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALLAN LORD	...Treble	*HARRY LORD	5
STANLEY PICKUP	2	ERNEST PARKINSON	6
THOMAS ROLLERSON	3	*MILTON ACROYD	7
*CECIL ROTHWELL	4	*ROBERT HIDES	Tenor

Conducted by S. PICKUP.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, March 6, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...Treble	HARRY HOVERD	5
FREDERICK A. COLEY	2	JOHN S. MORTON	6
E. CHARLES PATTEN	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	WILLIAM C. DARKE	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Canon E. L. Gedge, M.A. (Rector of Crayford), who was interred at Crayford the previous day.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—On Wednesday, February 24th, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton 2, P. Peacock 3, E. Brittain 4, J. Coles 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. Hadley, who was inducted to the living the previous week. A peal attempt had been unavoidably cancelled.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

PHILIP POCKETT	...Treble	GEORGE CONDICK	5
THOMAS BALDWYN	2	WILLIAM HARRIS	6
SYDNEY G. ROMANS	3	JOHN AUSTIN	7
JESSE GILLETT	4	ERNEST E. DAVIS	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWYN.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, March 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER	...Treble	ROBERT SWIFT	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	ALFRED J. BULL	6
GEORGE ELLIS	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	NELSON ELLIOTT	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by NELSON ELLIOTT.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, March 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*MAJOR CROOK	...Treble	TITUS BARLOW	5
WILLIAM HORAN	2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	6
WILFRED J. MOSS	3	*HAROLD WALMSLEY	7
*WILFRED HALLIWELL	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
* First peal in the method. First touch in the method as conductor.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Monday, March 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE	...Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH	5
FREDBRICK DIGBY	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
ERNEST BRETT	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, March 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN FITTON	...Treble	JAMES B. SHAW	5
*STEPHEN PARRY	2	GEORGE STAFF	6
HAROLD HAMAR	3	ALBERT BUCKLEY	7
WALTER STAFF	4	JOHN H. C. MASSEY	Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by GEORGE STAFF
* First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to Mr. T. Platt, a ringer at this church since 1869, who was interred earlier in the day.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, March 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON	...Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS	5
ALFRED T. POULTON	2	EDWIN H. FOSTER	6
*JOHN J. WEBB	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
*GLYN SHAW	4	*REGINALD POSTON	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, March 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT PRYKE	...*Treble*	HARRY TURNER	5
FRANK G. RINGE	2	JOHN G. NASH	6
*ALBERT RAINBIRD	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
GEORGE R. PYE...	4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, March 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

SIDNEY THOMPSON ...	...*Treble*	JOHN BASS	5
THOMAS HEMMING	2	ERNEST PERKINS...	6
WILLIAM POTTER	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	7
*SAMUEL THOMPSON	4	HAROLD V. COOPER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)
On Thursday, March 10, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE THOMPSON ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. WRIGHT	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	JOSEPH BEALE	6
C. HENRY WEBB...	3	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... ...	7
REV. R. P. FARROW (RECTOR)	4	FRED COTTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by F. COTTON.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Miriam Baum, niece of the ringer of the 5th, and formerly connected with the band of ringers at this church, who was laid to rest earlier in the afternoon, the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. P. Farrow.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)
On Friday, March 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES WILLIAM KAY ...	...*Treble*	PETER CROOK, JUN.	5
ALBERT EDWARD SANDIFORD	2	EDWARD IDDON	6
EVEREST FORD	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
JACK KAY	4	RICHARD WILLIAM MOSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur P. Bradshaw, M.A., and Sylvester Worthington, a member of the local band, both of whom were interred at St. Mary's, Deane, on March 5th.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

CHARLES DAVIS	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ...	2	RICHARD C. INGRAM	6
JONATHAN PRESTON	3	GEORGE F. SWANN	7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	4	HARRY COOK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE T. MITCHISON.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 84th birthday of William Cooper, also to record his 60 years' service as a ringer at this church. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th and tenor are members of the local band.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	5
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ...	7
RICHARD SMITH	4	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM SIMMONDS ...	...*Treble*	C. ELLIOT WIGG...	
SYDNEY TAYLOR	2	RICHARD A. POST	6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	3	WILLIAM STONE	7
FREDERICK SHARPE	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*LEONARD W. JOHNSON	...*Treble*	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY... ...	2	JOSIAH MORRIS	6
ERNEST MORRIS...	3	*EDWIN CATTELL	7
ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ...	4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS (No. 4). Conducted by E. MORRIS

* First peal of Major.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH	...*Treble*	GEORGE POPNELL	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	JOHN PHILLIPS	6
*GWYN I. LEWIS	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
CHARLES H. PERRY	4	*EDWIN M. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. The ringer of the treble has now completed the circle three times in this tower.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	...*Treble*	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	... 2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
JOHN G. NASH	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT D. COLLINS	...*Treble*	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	5
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON... ...	6
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	3	HARRY BOSWELL...	7
HERBERT T. PIPER	4	JAMES SHAW	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

FARINGDON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*ERNEST WALKER	...Treble	CUTHBERT I. J. PEARCE	5
FRANK WHEELER	2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	6
CHARLES J. GARDINER	3	†THOMAS CLARKE	7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS	4	JOHN BEESLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell. It is interesting to note that this is the tenor man's second peal, his first having been rung at Wantage 45 years ago.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF SURREY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

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

* First peal in the method.

ROWLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

SYDNEY G. THOMPSON	...Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD	5
HAROLD V. COOPER	2	THOMAS HEMMING	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
WILLIAM BROWN	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	...Tenor

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

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

LYE, STOURBRIDGE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 3¼ cwt.

JOHN BASS	...Treble	RALPH PARTON	5
CHAS. W. COOPER	2	JOSEPH H. COX	6
JOHN GOODMAN	3	WALTER FARLEY	7
HARRY PRICE	4	HAROLD HART	...Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

J. Bass has now completed the circle at this tower. W. Farley has now conducted a peal of Triples on what is believed to be the heaviest (viz., Wells Cathedral) and lightest peals of eight.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PERCY G. DENTON	...Treble	PHILIP S. THOMPSON	4
GEORGE LAMBERT	2	ERNEST J. LADD	5
*GEORGE EDWARDS	3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	...Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
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.

EDWARD FROSSELL	...Treble	ERNEST FREEMAN	4
LEONARD H. HARLOW	2	REGINALD WEST	5
LOUIS BYWATERS	3	PEARL INSKIP	...Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE	...Treble	MRS. H. BAKER	4
*MISS MARGARET PACK	2	†THOMAS E. SONE	5
DERRICK HOMEWOOD	3	†HARRY BAKER	...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal. † 100th peal together and 100th peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles for all the band. The conductor has now called peals from Doubles to Cinques. The ringers of both 2nd and 3rd are 15 years of age. Miss M. Pack is from Egerton.

FELKIRK, YORKS.
On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of each of the following methods: Capel, College Exercise, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Sandal and Kingston.
Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First peal as conductor.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, March 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight 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.

BERT JOHN	...Treble	*CYRIL MATHERS	4
FREDERICK E. STONE	2	ERNEST STITCH	5
MISS LUCY THOMAS	3	ALBERT E. PITMAN	...Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the church.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, March 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's each called differently.

*GEORGE H. BISHOP	...Treble	TOM SAUNDERS	4
*CHARLES SAUNDERS	2	*HARRY BISHOP	5
*THOMAS WARNER	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	...Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band for nearly 50 years, and rung at the first attempt. The above are all Sunday service ringers at the church.

STANDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-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 and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM K. NORTH	...Treble	BARNARD PATMORE	4
SYDNEY CARTER	2	JOHN WELCH	5
JEFFREY WILLIAMS	3	*REGINALD T. NEWMAN	...Tenor

Conducted by B. PATMORE.

* First peal in seven methods.

GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	*E. ROGER MARTIN ...	... 4
*JAMES MILLER	... 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ...	... 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	3	*JOHN T. MILLER...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. The first peal on the bells, which were restored by Messrs. Taylor in 1931. They were originally cast by Rudhall, and the first three are dated 1713.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH'S, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ...	...*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	... 4
WILLIAM E. BASON ...	... 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN...	... 5
GEORGE MAYERS... ...	... 3	GEORGE BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells and by all the band. This is the 50th peal Messrs. Bason and Duncan have rung together.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three 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 one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt 6 lb.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ...*Treble*		CHARLES H. PAGE	4
*JOHN BRASSINGTON	2	*ARTHUR ALLMAN	5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ...	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Crawley. Mr. A. Allman's 70th peal and Messrs. A. and F. H. Crawley's 70th peal together.

ELSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS CONSTANCE B. ELING *Treble*		MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL	4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ...	5
HAROLD DENMAN	3	LEONARD PIERREPONT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

PALMER WHITTELL ...	...*Treble*	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	4
SHELFORD SPARROW	2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	5
KEITH W. WHITTELL... ...	3	HARRY D. LISTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

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

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two different six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
*SYDNEY T. HOLT	2	*CYRIL TANSELL... ...	5
THOMAS W. LEWIS	3	*FREDERICK MERRICK...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES HONEYWOOD ...	*Treble*	WALTER HONEYWOOD... ...	4
GEORGE W. MOSS	2	WILLIAM STIFF	5
*FREDERICK SOUTER	3	STANLEY G. MOSS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY G. MOSS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. James Souter, 34 years a member of St. Mary's belfry.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Killamarsh, College Exercise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM EDWARDS ...	...*Treble*	FRANK EDWARDS	... 4
GEORGE HULME	... 2	EDWARD WOOD	... 5
HENRY CARNWELL	3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor. All the band are local.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 9, 1932, in Two Hours,

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ...	1-2	*WILLIAM BARTON	5-5
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ...	3-4	†JOSEPH THACKRAY	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

* First peal of Oxford 'in hand.' † First peal of Oxford Major 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Mars.

'BIG MEN' BLAMED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Gilbert is to be highly congratulated upon his very open letter in your issue of February 26th, and, as one who has experienced most of the troubles that he makes mention of, I would like to take this opportunity of endorsing every one of his remarks. Both he and Mr. Braven have no doubt let out words that will not prove very pleasing to some of these 'big men,' but which are, nevertheless, perfectly true, and quite refreshing to the recruit or 'would-be ringer.' It is all very well to talk about making progress. If these 'so called' experts are not prepared to assist in helping one over the first steps of the art, how can they expect one to make progress and get to ringing the higher methods? I have no hesitation in saying that in the bulk of cases it is nothing more than sheer pride. They are afraid of lowering their dignity if they are seen by their fellow 'Surprise men' standing in a touch of Grandsire or Plain Bob, and in the case of a peal it is the same. Somewhat of a fine '**brotherly**' spirit, and a way of getting a recruit to stick to it (?). Yet these men wonder why they can never get anyone to stop and take an interest in the art! All that some of them want is notoriety: to sit at the top of the ladder, expecting everyone else to bow to their decisions. Let them come down and help a little more, instead of thinking so much of self-importance. We might then soon find a few less depleted bands up and down the country.—Yours faithfully,

PERCY AMOS.

Wellingborough.

A YOUNG BAND.

At Egerton, Kent, on Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: W. Missing 1, Miss M. Pack 2, Miss G. Pack 3, D. Homewood 4, J. Pack 5, A. Waddington (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 on the bells by a local band, and the first 720 by all except the conductor, the average age of the band being under 17 years.

At St. John's, Stanmore, for evensong, on Sunday, March 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. H. J. Goodship (first quarter-peal) 1, G. R. Goodship 2, G. A. Hughes, jun., 3, C. Dyke 4, M. Kent 5, E. Leversuch 6, G. A. Hughes, sen., 7, K. Hazell 8. Rung as a compliment to G. A. Hughes, sen., Ringing Master of the tower, on his 57th birthday. The ringer of the treble is not yet 14 years of age.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Northowram on Saturday last, when members were present from Pudsey, Armley, Queensbury, Headingley, Far Headingley, Guiseley, Bramley, Brighouse, Batley, Bradford, Lightcliffe, Denholme, Lindley, Keighley, Idle, Halifax and the local company. During the afternoon the bells of St. Matthew's Church were rung in various methods, and a short service was held, the address being given by the Rev. H. L. Taylor, Vicar of Lightcliffe, in the absence of the Vicar owing to ill-health.

Tea was served in the schools, and at the business meeting which followed, Mr. J. Cottrell, vice-president of the association, presided, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president) and Mr. P. J. Johnson.

The following were re-elected on the committee for a further three years: Messrs. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe), H. Peel (Birstall) and C. E. Lawson.

Mr. W. Ambler (Queensbury) was elected secretary in the place of Mr. F. Hutchinson, who expressed a wish to retire.

In moving a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, the Chairman said there did not seem enough work for the committee to do and would welcome more suggestions.—Mr. Bairstow seconded, and the Rev. C. C. Marshall, in supporting the vote of thanks, suggested that the attendances of the retiring officers should be given on the circulars. He said they were very grateful to the committee for all their work. Mr. Hutchinson had found it necessary to resign, and, while thanking him for all that he had done, they would welcome Mr. Ambler as his successor.

Four new members were elected, viz.: Messrs. J. Mellor (Lindley), W. Noble (Northowram), N. Davison (Queensbury) and J. Ingham (Mytholmroyd).

An invitation to hold the June meeting at Idle was accepted.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for use of the bells, to the Rev. H. L. Taylor for the address, and to the organist for his services at the organ, was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, seconded by Mr. J. Lawson and carried. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, and to the local company for the arrangements made, on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by the chairman.—Mr. Mouncey, in responding, said it was a pleasure to them to have the association at Northowram, and they would always be welcomed whenever they liked to come.

This concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT UXBRIDGE.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association held the March meeting at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday last. Favoured with fine weather, the assembly included representatives from the majority of affiliated towers, and a hearty welcome was extended to visitors from Hammersmith, Hounslow, Pinner, etc. Good use was made of the bells in the afternoon and evening, methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Surprise Major being rung, the Ringing Master (Mr. H. C. Chandler) endeavouring to cater for everybody present. The beams supporting the clock case proved a trap for the unwary, causing the ropes occasionally to jump about as if bewitched!

A short service as held in the church and a spirited address given by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Home). The company then adjourned to the Church Hall, where an enjoyable tea was disposed of, those present being the guests of the Vicar and Mrs. Home.

The business meeting was preceded by an excellent touch of Stedman Triples on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Mayne and Messrs. G. Kilby and E. Turner.

Reference was made to the forthcoming meeting of ringers at Croydon on April 2nd and also to the annual general meeting of the association on April 9th at Twickenham. In connection with the latter, will members note that Isleworth and Hampton bells will be available during the afternoon.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Norwood Green on May 7th.

The vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), in thanking the Vicar for the service, the use of the bells and for the sincere welcome accorded to the association, traced the position of ringers through the centuries and observed that the reforming element that had sprung up during the last 50 years was chiefly due to influences inside the Exercise rather than from outside sources. In his opinion, he did not think that ringers could be expected to attend every service for which they had rung.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) briefly endorsed Mr. Trollope's remarks, and congratulated the local ringers on having a Vicar who was taking a keen interest in their activities.

The Vicar, in acknowledgment, expressed his pleasure at meeting the association, and regretted that his health prevented him from joining in with his ringers.

The hon. secretary thanked the ladies who prepared and served the tea, and some amusement was caused by his infant daughter endeavouring to 'shout him down'!

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Notification has been received from Mr. Albert Wright that on Easter Monday the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths will attempt a peal of 17,195 Grandsire Cinques, starting at 7 a.m.

We understand that as far as possible the same band will make the attempt that took part in the false peal about 18 months ago, but this time, of course, there will be no doubt as to the truth of the composition.

It has now been revealed that the generous donor behind the offer to provide the money necessary for the restoration of Bow Bells is Mr. Gordon Selfridge.

The many friends of Mr. William C. ('Charlie') Jones, the well-known Worcester ringer, will regret to learn that he passed away on Monday after a short illness.

Mr. W. E. Jelley, 36, Markenfield Road, Guildford, has been appointed hon. secretary of the Guildford Cathedral Society.

The report of the peal of Treble Ten at Rochester on February 5th was bound to cause comment. Instead of giving the conductor's name it was stated that the bobs were called by two persons. What happened was that, at the last moment, the method was changed, and the conductor was left with the task of calling the peal without time for preparation. Because two bobs were called by another member of the band, however, the conductor, who supplied us with the report, did not apparently feel justified in saying he conducted it.

But how many peals have been saved by someone other than the conductor calling a bob! It is better that this should be done than the peal lost, and in the special circumstances of the Rochester peal it was no reflection on the conductor. A member of the band asks us to make the explanation in justice to the conductor.

How many ringers, after ringing their first peal, wait 45 years for their second? Mr. John Beesley scored his second peal last Saturday. He rang his first at Wantage in 1887!

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Stockport on February 13th contained exactly 5,000 changes, and not 5,040 as stated in the report.

IMPORTANT TO SECRETARIES & CORRESPONDENTS

Owing to Good Friday, 'The Ringing World' will be published on Thursday next week. It is essential, therefore, that all matter intended for insertion should reach this office not later than **Monday next.**

THE BACHELORS' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I rather think that your correspondent who wrote about the above (it wasn't you, surely?) could not have known the band. One of them, it is true, is a handsome intellectual looking person such as any woman would be proud to own, but for the rest! Oh my gosh! No wonder they are bachelors!—Yours truly, KATE.

WOODBINE TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Since the Central Council first published their 'Collection of Minor Methods,' the ringing of irregular, or, as they were then called, 'illegitimate,' methods has almost disappeared, but it is curious how one of these still survives. Nearly every week a peal of Minor is rung in which 'Woodbine' is included, and in your last issue all five of the reported peals of Minor in more than one method contained one or more 720's in this method. What is there about Woodbine, more than about some of those other old methods, with irregular lead-ends, which keeps it alive? It would be interesting to know.—Yours truly,

L. D. SMITH.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

MANCHESTER COULD HAVE A RING OF TWELVE.

On Saturday last, a number of the northern members of the National Police Guild met at Manchester Town Hall for practice, and the heavy ring of ten were kept going from 4 to 6.30 p.m. with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters.

These are municipal bells, with a tenor 52 cwt., but the 'go' is not quite as good as the tone, although there were suggestions of attempting a peal on them. In the tower are 24 other bells for carillon purposes, the heaviest being a little over 5 tons. With the use of one of the smaller bells and the addition of a new one, a fine peal of 12 would be available.

After the ringing an adjournment was made to temporary headquarters, where ringing matters and peals were discussed.

Members attended from Manchester, Liverpool and Bolton, and keen interest is being shown in the work of the new Guild.

EARLY LONDON RINGING HISTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your 'Belfry Gossip' you say that the first peal at St. Martin-in-the-Fields was 6,006 Grandsire Cinques by the London Scholars on March 14th, 1727. This statement has often been made (by Snowdon, Morris and others), but it is not correct. The church was consecrated on October 20th, 1726, and three days previously the College Youths rang 5,076 Grandsire Caters, 'the first that was done in that steeple.' Annable called the peal and Laughlin, Matthew East and Catlin were in the band. It seems that the founders had some difficulty in casting the two trebles, and possibly they were not ready when the first peal was rung, hence it was Caters and not Cinques. The trebles eventually were replaced and were sent to All Saints', Fulham, where one of them still is. It was not till 17 months after the first peal that the London Scholars scored their peal, for, according to present style, it was rung in 1728, not in 1727.

This disposes of the legend (also given by Snowdon and Morris) that the London Scholars had possession of the tower, but generously allowed their rivals the use of the bells when once they had scored the first peal.

Mr. Daniell quoted 'The School of Recreation,' by R.H. As historical evidence, that book is utterly worthless. R.H. was a man named Howlett, about whom I have not been able to find any information, except that he was not a ringer. When he wrote his chapter on ringing he simply copied Stedman's 'Campanalogia,' altering the wording as much as possible to make it appear original. He knew nothing about his subject, and whenever he dealt with anything technical he had to stick close to his original. The sermon about ringers going to church is a piece of humbug put in to camouflage the fact that he was stealing the work of another man's brains. In the later editions it was omitted.

Mr. Daniell is not quite correct in saying that there is no hope of finding out if there were ringing peals in London towers before the fire. Most of the parish accounts have survived. The peals which escaped the fire were St. Peter-le-Pore 5, St. Bartholomew-the-Great 5, St. Bartholomew-the-less 3, St. Katherine Cree 5, St. Martin Outwich 5, St. Andrew Undershaft 6, St. Botolph Aldersgate 5, All Hallows Staining 6, and All Hallows Barking 6. I am not quite sure whether the last two were cast just after the fire or whether they were older. Some bells remained at St. Andrew's and St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, and outside the city there were old rings at St. Margaret's (6), The Abbey (6), St. Martin-in-the-Fields (5), Shoreditch (5), Holy Trinity Minories (3) and other places. Before the fire there were ringing peals at St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Sepulchre's and Cornhill. There is no evidence that there was a peal at St. Michael's, Paternoster Royal.—Yours truly,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at St. Mary's, Potterne, on Saturday, March 5th, when 35 members attended, representing Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's) and St. James', Southbroom, Market Lavington, Holt, Trowbridge, Warminster, Bratton, Bishop's Cannings, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon, North Bradley, Westbury and Potterne. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. H. Kewley), who also gave a short address. Mrs. Kewley ably presided at the organ. Tea followed in the Parish Room, provided by Mrs. J. Wells, the excellent fare being greatly appreciated.

A short business meeting followed. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, branch chairman, who presided, mentioned the death of Mr. W. J. Tyler, who was a member of the Guild for 20 years, being attached to the Melksham band. The meeting stood in silence for a few moments in honour of his memory.

The Chairman went on to say how the branch appreciated the lecture delivered by Mr. C. F. Andrews at Westbury, and hinted that it would be to the advantage of members if more heed was taken of some of the points mentioned.

The question was raised regarding the suggested revision of branch rules, which the Guild committee meeting at Salisbury had decided should be put back to the various branches for discussion. It was decided to discuss Rule 1 at the next meeting. Another point raised was the length of touches at branch meetings, and was agreed that, if left in the hands of the Ringing Master, this would turn out satisfactorily to all.

Owing to the all England meeting at Croydon on April 2nd, it was decided to put forward the next meeting (quarterly), due for Westbury, to April 9th.

Eight members were re-elected and three new members were made. The chairman proposed the usual votes of thanks, to which the Vicar (Canon Kewley) replied.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, with rounds for those who wished.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Heckington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, in memory of the Rev. E. G. Allison, who was Vicar of the parish for 25 years: F. Brown 1, H. Connell 2, F. Mason 3, J. H. Clark (conductor) 4, N. Brown 5, W. Asher 6, A. Dixon 7, N. Asher 8.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT DUDLEY.

The annual meeting of Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday week in beautiful spring-like weather. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock, and they kept merrily going until the service, which was held in the Parish Church. The beautiful form of service used by the Guild at its meetings was conducted by the Rev. K. F. Morris (assistant priest), and the address was given by the Rev. H. H. Williams (Rector of Oldswinford). After the service an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where a substantial tea was in readiness, provided by funds collected by the secretary (Mr. Herbert Sheppard) from prominent members of St. Thomas' congregation and other friends, and was admirably served by a contingent of ladies, the following kindly presiding at the tables: Mrs. Winbow, Mrs. J. Goodman, sen., Miss Bessie Sheppard, Miss Mildred Sheppard, Miss E. M. Marks and Miss A. R. Cooper. Upwards of one hundred and thirty members and friends availed themselves of the glorious afternoon to be present.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. H. Mason (vice-president) occupied the chair during the temporary absence of the president (the Rev. Canon A. H. Phelips, M.A., R.D., Vicar of Dudley).

After business of a routine character had been disposed of, the treasurer read the balance sheet for the past year. At this stage the president arrived at the meeting and took the chair. He was supported by Mr. H. Mason, Mr. A. Winbow (people's warden), the secretary and treasurer, also the Ringing Master.

The President congratulated the officials and members on their favourable balance sheet, and it was unanimously adopted.

The membership, both honorary and performing, had increased, and financially the Guild was in a prosperous condition.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place. Canon Phelips was again unanimously elected president, and was also thanked for his kindness and support to the Guild during the past year. He was received with loud cheers on rising to thank the members for the honour that they had again conferred on him.

The following were again elected vice-presidents: The Rev. H. E. Kemp (Vicar of Netherton), Dr. P. S. Blaker, Messrs. W. Shuttleworth, A. Winbow, Harry Mason, J. W. Naylor, C. E. Lloyd, Arthur Spittle, with the addition of the Rev. K. F. Morris, assistant priest of the Parish Church.

Mr. John Goodman was re-elected Ringing Master and Mr. Herbert Sheppard hon. secretary, with a special vote of thanks for his valuable services to the Guild during the past year. Mr. S. J. Hughes was once more re-elected hon. treasurer, and the hon. auditors (Mr. T. Justice and Mr. T. A. Townsend) were also re-elected and thanked for their services.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Oldswinsford, subject to the usual permission being given. Dudley was chosen as the place to attempt the annual peal, the necessary arrangements being left with the Ringing Master.

The secretary acknowledged the continued confidence which the members placed in him, and promised to do all that he could for the benefit of the Guild during the coming year.

The business meeting ended with a proposition by Mr. Mason that sincere thanks be given to the Rev. Canon Phelips for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the tower and bells, to the Rev. K. F. Morris for conducting the service, and the Rev. H. H. Williams for his instructive address. Special thanks were also given to the donors to the tea fund, to the ladies who presided at the tables, and to those ladies who had been responsible for preparing and serving the tea. Mr. Fred Cox was also thanked for the part he took in the musical portion of the service at the organ.—The President briefly replied on behalf of all concerned, and closed the meeting with prayer.

Afterwards the bells were again kept merrily going until nearly 9 o'clock, when another happy and enjoyable afternoon at Dudley was concluded.

AXIOMS OF ANOTHER SORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There appears to be one very tight-fitting cap worn in public, as personalities are being indulged in.

(1) Truth is stranger than fiction.

(2) Unadvertised useful work is more useful than the advertised variety.

(3) A fort that has decayed needs no holding.

(4) The blind cannot lead the blind.—Thanking you for finding space for this, yours faithfully,

GEORGE GILBERT.

South Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

To celebrate the jubilee of the Bedfordshire Association, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at the Priory Church, Dunstable, for evensong, on March 13th: A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, R. F. Calcott 2, G. H. Sentance 3, A. J. Smith 4, G. W. Heley 5, C. Rollings 6, A. G. Matthews 7, H. Burrows 8.

The Bedfordshire Association was founded on March 13th, 1882, and the jubilee meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

Minutes of the Second Session of the Fourteenth Council (39th annual meeting), held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 26th, 1931, at 11 o'clock.

Prior to the meeting, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Alderman Edwin Thompson), in the chair, supported by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David), welcomed the Council to Liverpool, and the Lord Bishop, on behalf of all church people, expressed his gratitude for the work undertaken by the Council.

The President returned thanks, and on the invitation of the Lord Mayor, took the chair. Prayers were offered by the Lord Bishop.

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. Tyrrwhitt 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: Mr. T. Groombridge, E. Barnett, sen., and F. M. Mitchell.
Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.
Lancashire Association: Canon H. J. Elsee, Messrs. W. H. Shuker, 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. W. 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 Society: Mr. H. Miles.
Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. Law, T. Tebbutt 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. Ll. 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.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

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. Cockerill, J. Clark, J. D. Matthews, H. Barton, C. E. Borrett, N. Golden, S. F. Palmer and S. Hillier.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The President referred to the death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Canon W. W. C. Baker and Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and as a mark of respect the members stood in silence.

New members presented to the president were Mr. A. King (Bedfordshire Association) and Mr. Taylor (Chester Association).

RETIREMENT OF HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Mr. Young, who was persuaded to remain in office last year, intimated that he wished to retire. The president tendered thanks for the efficient way he had served the Council and the work he had done. Mr. Young responded, and offered his assistance to his successor in office.

ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

The only nomination received was that of Mr. G. W. Fletcher (Middlesex Association), and on the president's motion, his election was agreed to. The secretary tendered thanks and invited the co-operation of the members.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

It was proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. W. H. Hollier and carried, that the minutes as published be taken as read, and approved.

ACCOUNTS.

The secretary reported the withdrawal of the Doncaster and District Society.

The receipts for the year included £14 3s. 6d. contributed by honorary members towards cost of the book on the preservation of bells, and £2 8s. 1d. from sale of publications. Total receipts were £55 1s. 7d.

Expenditure, including £52 10s. for printing and £2 14s. 6d. for repairs to Carter ringing machine, was £61 15s. 9d. Balance in hand £47 14s. 9d.

The expenditure on the Carter machine was authorised on the proposal of Mr. J. Hunt, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of the president.

LIBRARY.

The hon. librarian acknowledged receipt of historical records relating to the College Youths, 1756-1788, prepared by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and put into typewritten form by Mr. W. G. Wilson.

New stock consisted of a revised book on the preservation of bells, the cost of printing being defrayed by the honorary members—the report on the law affecting church bells, prepared by the Legal Committee and printed through the generosity of the Rev. H. Drake—and method sheets in large type.

The method sheets of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge had been sold, and, with the permission of the president, more had been printed.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild had purchased certain books for resale to its members.

Application had been made for method sheets on Double Norwich, and as two methods could be printed at practically the same cost as one, the Standing Committee recommended the inclusion of Cambridge Court.

The Council had been asked to advertise in the rule book of the London County Association.

Sales were the best since 1926-27 and showed a profit of £2 8s. 1d.

To encourage associations to make purchases of books, it was proposed by Mr. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. Cave and carried, 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.

The action of the president in authorising the printing of method sheets was confirmed.

It was decided not to advertise in affiliated societies' rule books and reports, as it was thought that societies should advertise the Council's publications free of cost.

Instructions were given to print method sheets of Double Norwich and Cambridge Court.

On the president's motion, the hon. librarian's report was adopted.

Permission was given to the Rev. H. Drake to print certain notes regarding the liability of church authorities to obtain faculties for the moving of bells, and the hon. librarian agreed to insert a copy in each book on the law affecting church bells.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. Drake.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Members retiring according to rule were the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker.

One vacancy occurred through the death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter had tendered his resignation. Mr. J. W. Parker did not seek re-election.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and the election of Messrs. E. W. Elwell, A. A. Hughes and S. H. Wood.

On the proposal of Canon Elsee, seconded by Mr. A. E. Sharman, this was carried.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter's resignation was not accepted.

REPORTS.

Standing Committee.—The hon. secretary (Mr. Young) reported that in accordance with the authority given at the last meeting, the committee had considered the revision of the rules.

No success had attended the efforts to obtain cheaper travelling facilities for members of the Council.

The committee recommended that as a mark of appreciation the Council recognise by some small gift the work of Mr. Fardon and Mr. Sharman, who had overhauled the Carter ringing machine, and suggested they be appointed as demonstrators and allowed to charge a fee of 10s. 6d. for demonstrating the machine.

On the president's motion it was agreed to present to Mr. Fardon and Mr. Sharman a copy each of Mr. Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' or a book of similar value, and to appoint them officially as demonstrators of the machine.

The committee recommended the appointment of Mr. A. A. Hughes as trustee of the Carter ringing machine in the place of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

On the President's motion this was agreed.

Alteration of Rules.—On behalf of the committee it was proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, that the following be substituted for Rules 1 and 2:—

1. That the Council be known as the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

1a. 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).

Amendments were proposed by Mr. W. W. Willson and Alderman Pritchett.

Alternative proposals were made by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. G. Grover, supported by Mr. W. A. Cave.

Mr. E. W. Elwell proposed and the Rev. C. A. Clements seconded that the Council proceed to the next business, as the propositions now brought before them were not in accordance with the rules because notice had not been given. This was carried.

The Standing Committee's report omitting the proposed alterations of rules was adopted on the proposal of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave.

Later it was decided on the President's motion, seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, that the following special committee be appointed to consider the revision of the rules and give due notice in time for next year's meeting. Committee: Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, E. W. Elwell and G. W. Fletcher.

Peal Collection Committee.—The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported that peals of Major with the tenors parted had been dealt with, and these would be typed as soon as the peals of Royal and Maximus had been completed.

On the President's motion the report was adopted.

Literature and Press.—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards reported that the outstanding literary event of the year was Mr. E. Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' which had been extensively reviewed in a large number of journals.

Another book was the work of Mr. H. C. Andrews, of the East Herts Archæological Society, on John Briant, the celebrated Hertfordshire bell founder.

Mr. Morris and Mr. J. R. Nicholls had also contributed numerous articles to religious and secular press, including trade journals.

Favourable reports of bells and bellringing had appeared in several periodicals, whilst complaints against bells in the 'Daily Mirror' had been answered.

A report of the Central Council for the Care of Churches had been issued advising the employment of a skilled architect in the first instance in all cases of alterations to bells, etc., before any bellfounder was asked to visit the church.

Agitation to discontinue the tolling of a bell on the death of a parishioner in a Surrey village had, with the advice of the committee, been satisfactorily settled.

The attention of the B.B.C. had been called to the omission of broadcasts of bells in their Christmas programmes, and a favourable reply had been received.

The president, in proposing the acceptance of the report, voiced a suggestion that had been made to prepare a short bibliography of ringing books to assist towers which contemplated starting a library, and invited the committee to undertake this work.

The proposal was seconded by Alderman Pritchett with the suggestion that the bibliography should relate only to ringing books and only include books on bells that would be used for the purpose of ringing.

The President's suggestion was accepted and the report adopted.

Peals Analysis Committee.—Mrs. G. W. Fleicher proposed and Mr. C. T. Coles seconded the adoption of the committee's report which had been published, subject to two small alterations in the details concerning the Middlesex Association.

After considerable discussion regarding the deletion of a peal rung at Isham, it was agreed that there was no rule of the Council which justified the committee leaving it out of the records.

Mr. Barnett drew attention to another small error regarding the 'Edwin' peal of Bob Major, which was stated as Grandsire. He also objected to a peal included as Double Little Bob, which was the same as a method rung previously and named Erith Little Bob. The Rev. H. Law James and Messrs. G. Cross and F. Johnson also spoke as to this objection, but no action was taken.

The report was adopted with five members dissenting.

Methods Committee.—The Rev. H. Law James proposed the adoption of the Methods Committee's report, which had been published.

He referred to the Minor Method Collection, which had been left over pending a decision concerning the title page, and, in response to an inquiry by Mr. Hunt, said an amicable settlement had been reached between his committee and the Standing Committee.

He asked for directions as to whether the committee should next proceed with the Triples section, and after that a book on Surprise methods or plain methods of Royal, Cinques and Maximus.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed and Mr. C. T. Coles seconded that the Minor Methods Collection be printed and that the names of the Council and its officers, together with the names of the committee, be printed on the cover and title page. Agreement had been reached on this matter.

Mr. J. A. Trollope disagreed with the proposal, which was a departure from the practice of the last 35 years. The committee should be given full recognition for its work, and no other names should appear. Mr. W. W. Willson and Mr. C. T. Coles supported Mr. Trollope.

An amendment to leave out officers' names was proposed by Mr. E. M. Atkins, seconded by Mr. W. W. Willson, but was not carried.

Mr. E. A. Young referred to the need of advertising the Council, and Mr. Paddon Smith voiced the opinion that all publications should bear the names of the Council and its officers.

The motion was then put and declared carried nem con.

On the proposal of the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, it was agreed to proceed with the Triples methods section, Mr. J. A. Trollope explaining what the book would contain.

A discussion was then initiated by the president as to whether the committee should undertake a collection of Surprise methods or a collection of plain Royal, Cinques and Maximus methods.

Mr. J. A. Trollope was of opinion that a book on Major Surprise methods was wanted, but some time must elapse before it could be produced. The time was not ripe for a book on plain Royal, Cinques and Maximus.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith suggested a selection of Treble Bob methods as being of more practical use.

The Rev. H. Law James wished to finish the plain methods by publishing a small collection of plain Royal, Cinques and Maximus.

The discussion closed on the President suggesting that Mr. J. A. Trollope and the Rev. H. Law James each undertook the work suggested by them.

Mr. J. A. Trollope reported that nothing had yet been done regarding the revision of the report on regular methods, which was referred to the committee last year. After the Rev. E. S. Powell had explained the difficulty created by the multiplication of methods in one peal, it was decided to leave the matter over to next year.

Tower and Belfries Committee.—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn reported on the work in his diocese, and the hon. secretary read the report of Major J. H. B. Hesse, which referred to work at Solihull, Haslemere and Wrington. Mr. E. A. Young reported giving advice respecting the tower at Howden Church, which had been damaged by fire.

The President reported on the proposed restoration of the bells at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, and referred to the inspection made by him with Mr. Powys, secretary to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and Mr. Goldsmith.

Particulars of the scheme to commemorate the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman by restoring these bells had already been published.

With the full approval of the instigator of the scheme, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, the Standing Committee thought it desirable that the Council should give sanction for the appeal to the ringers of the country. A committee should be appointed to co-operate with the Parochial Church Council and a grant of £10 10s. be made to the Commemoration Fund.

The president proposed and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded that the verbal reports of the members of the committee be adopted, including the recommendations that the Council make a grant of £10 10s. towards the Stedman Commemoration Fund, and that the committee be appointed by the Tower and Belfries Committee. The motion was carried.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed and Mr. E. A. Young seconded the appointment of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn as treasurer of the fund. Agreed.

Records Committee.—No report was submitted by this committee as the papers had been mislaid.

Mr. G. L. Grover offered to prepare a report covering two years, and the hon. secretary was instructed to search for the missing papers.

MOTIONS.

Muffled Ringing.—It was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave and carried, that 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 bells before use, care being taken, unless otherwise directed, to have the muffles removed at the conclusion of the ringing.

Register of Compositions.—Mr. G. R. Newton proposed and Mr. A. E. Sharman seconded that in the interests of the Exercise this Council takes such steps as they deem necessary for the registration of compositions.

The Rev. H. Law James reminded the Council that a collection of Plain Major and Treble Bob Major peals had been compiled, and suggested that a collection of Surprise compositions be prepared.

Mr. J. A. Trollope was of opinion that it was impossible to get a register of compositions to decide what should be called original. The Rev. E. S. Powell agreed with this view.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson suggested the preparation of a pamphlet on variations, and after various opinions had been expressed, it was agreed to form a small committee for the purpose of considering the question of a register and preparing the suggested pamphlet, consisting of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. H. W. Wilde and Mrs. Fletcher, with power to add to their number. The committee to give itself its own name and appoint its own convener. Mr. Newton agreed to this action.

Covering Bells.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed and Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded that this Council deprecates the ringing of peals of

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NEW TOWER CLOCKS.

A new tower clock is now being fixed at Old Milverton Church, Warwick, to strike the hours and show time upon one external dial. The work is being carried out by Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., Whitchurch, Salop, who have also new tower clocks in hand for Burbage Church, Buxton; Kingstone Church, Uttoxeter; Wesleyan Church, Obuasi, Ashanti; Marchwiel Hall, Wrexham; and H.M. Borstal Institution, Lowdham Grange, Notts.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Central District was held on Saturday week at SS. Peter and Paul, Milton-next-Gravesend, when about 50 members and friends were present from Camberwell, Chislehurst, Crayford, Chatham, Dartford, Enfield, Gravesend, Frindsbury, Harrow Weald, Stoke Poges, Beckenham, Hayes, Rochester, Northfleet, Bromley, Milton-next-Gravesend, Aldershot and Handsworth (Sheffield).

The ringing commenced at 2 o'clock, and a variety of methods were rung from Grandsire to Bristol and London Surprise.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Mennie, who gave a very hearty welcome to the Guild. After the service tea was partaken of at Johnston's Institute, and kindly provided by Mrs. Mitchell, supported by Mrs. E. Beer and other local ladies, the Rector presiding.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, organist, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and others who had given the Guild such an encouraging welcome. Tea being over, courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung on the handbells by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Miss Wheeler, Mr. Groombridge, sen., Mr. A. D. Barker and Mr. G. H. Cross.

Then followed the business meeting, the gentlemen having adjourned to the tower for further ringing. Mrs. F. M. Mitchell was voted to the chair.

Two new members were elected, i.e., Miss L. Fooks, Gillingham, and Miss Andrews (hon. member), of Milton-next-Gravesend.

The next meeting being the annual one, St. Giles', Camberwell, was proposed, and the secretary was instructed to endeavour to obtain permission for the use of the bells, the date to be, if possible, June 4th.

Mrs. F. M. Mitchell proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Andrews for the help she had given her in making the arrangements. This concluded the meeting and further ringing afterwards took place. A collection, taken at the service in aid of the organ fund, amounted to 16s 9d.

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Minor with a covering bell or bells, and peals of Doubles with more than one covering bell, and recommends guilds and associations to discourage the practice. The motion was carried.

Use of Terms.—The Rev. H. Drake proposed and Mr. C. Mee seconded that (a) 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 motion was lost.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The Standing Committee recommended that the next meeting be held at Wells.

Other proposals were:—

Bath.—Proposed by Mr. J. Hunt on behalf of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

Bournemouth.—Proposed by Mr. C. H. Jennings, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young.

Plymouth.—Proposed by the Rev. E. S. Powell, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles.

The voting was: Plymouth 36, Bath 31, Bournemouth 6.

NOTICES TO MEMBERS.

Mr. T. Faulkner proposed and Mr. C. H. Kippin seconded that a notice of meeting, together with a copy of the agenda, be sent to all members at least ten days before such meeting.

The motion was lost.

DEFENCE OF RIGHTS.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards reminded the Council that the Literature Committee was charged with the defence of ringers' rights, and urged that the help of the committee should be invited when rights were threatened.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The thanks of the Council, proposed by the president, were accorded to:—

The Lord Mayor for the use of the Council Chamber, his welcome and hospitality,

The Lord Bishop of Liverpool for his presence and words of encouragement,

Archdeacon Howson for conducting parties over the Cathedral,

The Lancashire Association for entertaining members to lunch, and the local committee of the Lancashire Association, particularly to Canon Elsee, Mr. G. R. Newton and Mr. Claude I. Davies for excellent arrangements,

Mr. Lowndes, churchwarden of St. Nicholas', for entertaining members to tea,

Incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells.

Canon Elsee responded.

A vote of thanks to the president, proposed by Canon Elsee, concluded the meeting at about 5 o'clock.

BATH AND WELLS OLDEST MEMBER.

DEATH OF MR. F. PRESCOTT.

The oldest member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has passed away in the person of Mr. F. Prescott, of Buckland Dinham, Somerset, who had been an invalid for about four years, and died at the age of 84 years. Mr. Prescott, in years gone by, did a great deal to foster change ringing in the district in which he lived. He had an intense love of bells and was one of the real enthusiasts. As a young man he used to walk seven miles each way to practise at Bath Abbey in order to find out how to make a bob. He knew the plain course of Grandsire, but the old ringers at the Abbey would not 'let on' about the bob. The late Squire Palairet eventually got the information for him. Mr. Prescott was a stickler for good striking; indeed, almost a martinet. Although physically small, he could ring the 5th at Buckland Dinham in a way that could be emulated by few.

The funeral service took place at the Parish Church of Norton St. Philip, and was conducted by the Rev. J. E. S. Harrison, Vicar of Yeovil. The service was choral, and after the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by T. F. King (Twerton), J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), G. H. Harding (Bath) and W. A. Cave (Bristol). Before and after the service the bells were rung half-muffled to touches in various methods, and also the 'whole pull and stand' 84 times. Among those who took part in addition to the above were Capt. Linter, C.A., and Mr. H. B. Brown (Bath), while in the evening Buckland bells were rung half-muffled by all Mr. Prescott's old pupils, for whom he retained a great affection.

RINGER FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS.

The death has occurred at Milnrow, Lancs, of Mr. T. Platt, who had been a ringer for over 60 years. He was one of the first band of ringers at St. James' Church in 1869, and used to walk to Leesfield, Oldham, a distance of several miles, to learn to ring. He conducted the first peal by the local band. He was sexton and clerk of St. James' for 39 years, from which office he retired ten years ago.

On Tuesday of last week, after the funeral, a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung as a last token of respect at Milnrow Church. Mr. John Fitton, who rang the treble, is 77 years of age, is one of Mr. Platt's early colleagues, and still rings regularly.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Wye on Saturday, March 5th, when 33 members and friends, including five lady ringers, were present. The Vicar (the Rev. Medcalf) gave the association a hearty welcome. Tea was served at King's Head Hotel, and at the business meeting which followed, Mr. C. W. Player took the chair. The venue of the September meeting was changed from Tenterden to Ashford. Twelve new members were elected and Saltwood chosen for April meeting.

Mr. E. S. Ruck gave a lengthy report of the committee meeting held in November. A discussion took place as to benevolent fund collections at meetings. Visitors from Sevenoaks, Tunstall, Sturry and Charing made a most welcome addition to the meeting, and Cambridge, Double Norwich, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire were the methods practised during the day.

A PENDLEBURY VETERAN.

Pendlebury, Lancashire, has lost a veteran ringer in Mr. John Edge, who passed away on February 27th. He had been a ringer at Christ Church, Pendlebury, for over 50 years. He always rang the tenor and in his younger days was looked upon as being the best tenor man in Lancashire.

His fellow-ringers rang a course of Doubles on handbells over the grave at the interment on Wednesday, March 2nd, and on Saturday, March 5th, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Christ Church by W. Wallwork 1, A. Wallwork (conductor) 2, G. H. Morris 3, D. Howard 4, R. T. Lambert 5, J. Kenshaw 6, T. Lingard 7, L. Bryan 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1st, 6th and 8th.

BRISTOL AT BRAINTREE

On Sunday, for evensong, at Braintree Parish Church, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, Miss E. E. Pettitt 2, C. H. Howard 3, G. Wiffen 4, B. Redgwell 5, A. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, H. C. Reason 8. This was the first quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor, and was rung at first attempt. It was the first quarter-peal of Bristol ever rung for divine service on the bells. All the band are regular service ringers.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 31st at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A special invitation meeting in connection with the re-opening of the bells will be held at Finchley on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea. Please advise me if you are coming. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the City Restaurant, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, on Saturday, March 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5 o'clock, at the Pitman Institute, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. The bells of St. Saviour's, South Street, will also be available from 6.45 to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District Meeting at Cranleigh, Saturday, March 19th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme (8 bells), on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — James Wm. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The nomination meeting will be held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. All towers are requested to be represented.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—The peal of 8 bells, which has been recast and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. A social evening is being arranged at The Oak Inn, from approximately 7.30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) and meeting at 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. All ringers cordially invited. — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Monks Risborough on Saturday, March 19th, at 4 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The March meeting will be held at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea, 5 o'clock, 1s. per head.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Next meeting at Youlgreave on Saturday, March 19th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 27 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Tickets for jubilee dinner on sale. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. — J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 19th. Reigate bells (10) available 3-5 p.m. and during the evening. St. John's, Redhill, bells (8) available 3-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's, Reigate, at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting at the Tudor Café, Bell Street.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — The first quarterly meeting will be held at Ratby on Saturday, March 19th. Bells, recently augmented from 6 to 8, ready at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Please roll up, and make it a very successful meeting. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at South Cadbury on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Castle Cary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sonning, near Reading, Saturday, March 19th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Colyton on Easter Monday. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available: Colyton (6), Seaton (6), Axminster (8). All ringers welcome. Arrangements made by G. C. Woodley, Woolbrook, Sidmouth.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at The Victoria. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The jubilee meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m. onwards, St. Peter de Merton (6) afternoon and evening. Luncheon at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual general meeting will be held at Tenterden on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting in St. Mildred's Church Vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. L. Man; Preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Dover. Luncheon in the Drill Hall at 1.15, presided over by the Worshipful the Mayor of Tenterden (Col. W. A. V. Findlater), followed by annual meeting. The following towers will also be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting: Rolvenden (8), Benenden (8), Biddenden (8), Appledore (8), Cranbrook (8). Application for luncheon tickets (free for practising members only, 3s. others) **must** be made to the undersigned by first post Tuesday, March 22nd, after that date **too late.** — Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting (Jubilee) will be at Derby Easter Monday. Bells of Cathedral (10), St. Andrew's (10), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 10 a.m. to 2.30, 4 to 5.15; Alvaston (6), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; committee meet 11 a.m.; general meeting 12 noon; both in St. Andrew's School. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m.; preacher, Lord Bishop of Derby. Dinner 6 p.m., followed by social in King's Café, St. Peter's Street. Tickets for dinner 1s. 6d. to members, 3s. 6d. to *all* others, to be obtained from local hon. secs. No tickets sold after March 21st. Admission to dinner by ticket only, and seats reserved not later than 5.45 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in Cambridge on Easter Monday. Plenty of ringing. Short service and meeting. Tea. Full details by circular.—B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—A meeting will be held at Assington on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. at the Rectory (free) by the kind invitation of Dr. Banham.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers open at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with address by Canon Belcher, Diocesan Missioner. Tea and business meeting in Abbey Institute at 5.30. Sumptuous meat tea (and other delicacies) by Slaters, 1s. 6d. per head. Notification of attendance would be a great help. Please send a card.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. 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 Dean, in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 23rd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints (10), St. Nicholas (6) and St. Swithin (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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 28th, at Dursley, Glos. Ringers' service at 2.15 p.m. Meeting in Town Hall at 3 p.m. Tea afterwards. Cam (6), Stinchcombe (6), and Dursley (8) bells will be available at all times except during service and meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me before March 24th.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at the Bishop Blaize Hotel at 1 p.m., members 2s. 6d., non-members 3s. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting. Those intending to be at tea please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, March 23rd.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Michael-at-Coslany (8), and All Saints (5) will be at the disposal of the members from 10 a.m. Divine service will be held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Norwich. 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, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, April 2nd.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at the Priory Church, Worksop. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea and service will be made.—L. Noel Cawthorne, Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m., tea at 5 o'clock, business meeting to follow.—Please notify regarding tea to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest at Halifax Parish Church on April 2nd. Draw 2.45 p.m. in the Ring o' Bells. Will those who require tea please send not later than March 28th, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Kepier School. Please advise Mr. C. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring, by March 31st. If Croydon is too far, do the next best thing and come to this meeting. We hope for a bumper meeting.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, April 9th. Further particulars later.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. A good muster is requested. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9th, at St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, April 9th. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Joint Hon. Secs.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on April 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 11th.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., Dudley and District Guild, has removed to 49, Hellier Street, Dudley, Worcs.

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To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Subject to the adoption of the special committee's report, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association is reaffiliating to the Central Council of Church Bellringers on Easter Monday.

May we ask you, through your valuable columns, to make it known that the report is recommended for adoption by the Executive and Management Committee, and that, subject to the resolution of May, 1930, and the adoption of the report, members attending the general meeting will elect four representatives upon the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

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Hon. Sec.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OVER, CAMBS.—For matins, Sunday, March 13th, 576 Kent Major: Wm. Bavin 1, D. Adams 2, M. Ginn 3, G. Whybrow 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, R. Smith 6, A. J. Ginn 7, C. Robinson 8. For evensong, 672 Double Norwich Major: W. Bavin 1, F. Warrington (conductor) 2, M. Ginn 3, F. Ginn 4, B. Wayman 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, A. J. Ginn 7, C. Robinson 8. All are members of the local company.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, March 13th, for divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, George Kenward 2, W. Spice, jun., 3, E. H. Spice 4, G. Webb (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, G. H. Spice 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, W. Gorman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Spice, jun.

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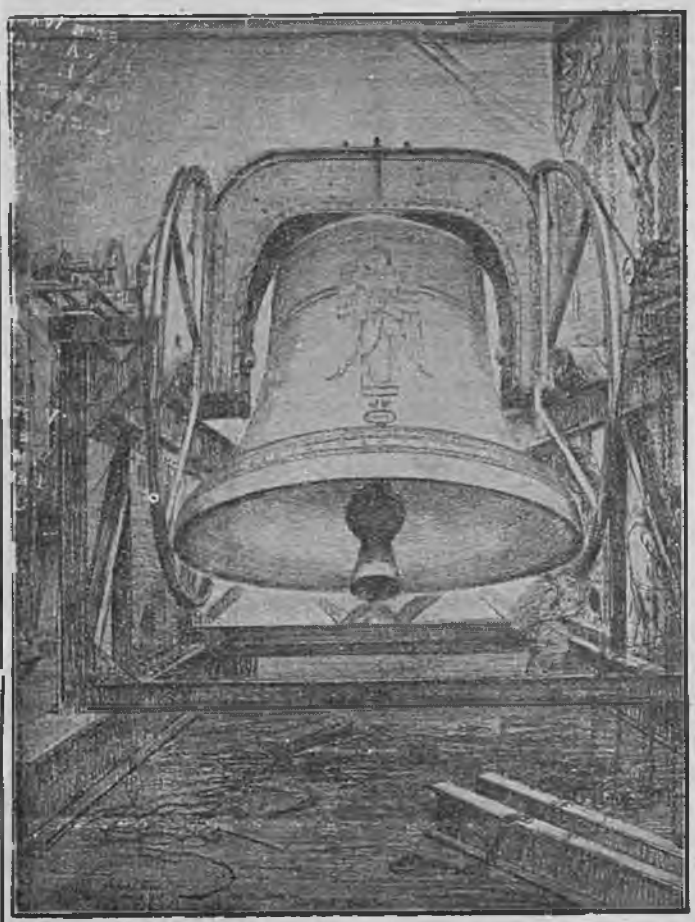

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JOE HARDCASTLE	2	EDWARD JENKINS	7
JOHN W. CUNDALL	3	JAMES COTTERELL	8
*GEORGE TITTERINGTON ...	4	PERCY J. JOHNSON	9
WILLIAM BARTON	5	*JOHN PALFRAMAN ...	...*Tenor*

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ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Jack Tipper	Treble	Thomas Hurd	5
William P. Deane	2	Walter Longman	6
Wilfred Stevenson	3	George W. Biddulph	7
John E. Wheeldon	4	John Worth	Tenor

Conducted by John Worth.

First peal of Surprise Major by all except ringers of 2nd and tenor. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung for the association.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*Edward Jenkins	Treble	James H. Riding	5
*Wilfred Halliwell	2	Herbert Davenport	6
*Thomas Wallwork	3	Leslie W. G. Morris	7
William Horan	4	James C. E. Simpson	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by James C. E. Simpson

* First peal in the method away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Robertshaw, of Heptonstall.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

George Wiffen	Treble	Frederick Ridgwell	5
Lewis W. Wiffen	2	Albert Wiffen	6
Edward P. Duffield	3	Arthur A. Saunders	7
Frank Claydon	4	Basil Redgwell	Tenor

Conducted by Edward P. Duffield.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, March 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Albert E. Whiting	Treble	Harold E. Symonds	5
James Bennett, jun.	2	George A. Fleming	6
*Eric G. Bennett	3	Leslie C. Wightman	7
Reginald C. Kersey	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. All the above are bachelors. The peal was especially arranged for the conductor, who is joining the Benedicts on the 26th inst. He tenders his thanks to all the band for assisting him to accomplish this feat. This is the first time a Surprise peal has been rung by bachelors in Suffolk.

WATFORD, RUGBY.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church on Saturday afternoon, March 12th, for the induction service of the new Vicar, the Rev. Wood-Smith, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: J. Kennell 1, Mrs. A. Marlow 2, A. Marlow (conductor) 3, A. Brown 4, C. Green 5.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, March 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

John Burles	Treble	Stuart Sandford	5
Frederick A. Mitchell	2	George Morrad	6
Richard Smith	3	Frederick M. Mitchell	7
Cyril M. Mitchell	4	Edward J. Beer	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Fredk. M. Mitchell

Specially arranged and rung by local ringers to celebrate the tercentenary of the borough of Gravesend's Mayoral Charter, which was granted on March 14th, 1632.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, March 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Wilfred J. Moss	Treble	Fred Grundy	5
W. Foster	2	Percy H. Derbyshire	6
Chris Gudgeon	3	Joseph H. Ridyard	7
James Howarth	4	Wilfred Grundy	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph H. Ridyard

Rung as the first monthly peal, arranged by the Manchester Branch.

WEST MEON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, March 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

George Williams	Treble	T. Wilfred Taffender	5
Thomas H. Taffender	2	John S. Goldsmith	6
Francis E. Dawe	3	Arthur D. Barker	7
Challis F. Winney	4	Raymond Philpott	Tenor

Conducted by Francis Edward Dawe.

Rung, in the village where he was born, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the conductor's birth.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, March 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. W. Parker's Odd and Even Bob Four-part, No. 76.
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

John H. Swinfield	Treble	Frederick A. Salter	5
W. Richardson Drage	2	Maurice Swinfield	6
Charles Draper	3	James George	7
Charles Allsop	4	Joseph Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by M. Swinfield.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Hutchby.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(Nuneaton Society.)
On Thursday, March 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*George B. Beebe	Treble	†Harry Buckler	5
Arthur Beamish	2	Edwin Martin	6
Thomas W. Chapman	3	†Alfred King	7
†Ernest York	4	*William York	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by E. Martin.

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

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Tuesday, March 8th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the institution and induction by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans of the Rev. H. Earnshaw-Smith as Vicar of Watford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Crowsley 1, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 2, A. Dix 3, C. Leman 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, E. S. Edwards 6, R. G. Bell 7, R. J. Edwards 8.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE B.V. MARY, ST. EDWARD, K. AND M., AND THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CAVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF WASHBROOK'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

*FREDERICK TARGETT ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT W. KNIGHT... ...	5
*FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ...	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
*HARRY SANGER	3	WILLIAM A. CAVE	7
WILLIAM KNIGHT	4	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(EXETER DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR TRUMAN	5
ALFRED MONKLEY	2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ...	6
ARTHUR SEARLE	3	EDWARD BIFFEN	7
TOM BARTLETT	4	ARTHUR GOAD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ...	...*Treble*	J. H. CHARLESWORTH... ...	5
OLIVER GREATHEAD	2	ALBERT NASH	6
ARTHUR GILL	3	JOHN H. SYKES	7
ARTHUR CHAMPION	4	JOHN R. BREARLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by A. NASH.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT DAVENPORT... ...	5
WILFRED HALLIWELL ...	2	F. FRANKLAND RIGBY... ...	6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	3	TITUS BARLOW	7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	4	WILLIAM HORAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of Canon Garrett, D.D., Vicar of Westhoughton.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	...*Treble*	FRED HINDLE	5
*WILLIAM HESKETH	2	JOHN BROWN...	6
THOMAS CALDERBANK ...	3	NORMAN BROWN	7
*EVEREST FORD	4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON...	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Major.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE HUTCHINSON	...*Treble*	HENRY J. WILKINSON... ...	5
GEORGE PULLINGER	2	GEORGE GRANT	6
*FREDERICK E. PITMAN ...	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
JOHN R. RODWELL	4	CHARLES AYLIFFE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal 'inside.' Mr. Wilkinson's previous peal on eight was at Ashtead in 1897 for the diamond jubilee.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	...*Treble*	*JOHN ARMSTRONG	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	JAMES BENNETT...	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	HARRY KILBY	7
JOHN G. NASH	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. This peal contains 2,944 changes of London, 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, and 608 of Bristol. Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

HARRY BAKER	...*Treble*	*THOMAS E. SONE	5
MRS. H. BAKER	2	CYRIL W. A. BROWN ...	6
GEORGE KENWARD	3	WILLIAM BUTTON	7
TOM SAUNDERS	4	LUTHER J. HONESS ...	...*Tenor*

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

* 50th peal of Kent. Birthday peal for Messrs. K. Pattenden and W. Button. This composition (No. 385) is now rung for the first time.

LONG CRENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E,

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

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

This octave of bells was cast at Whitechapel by Lester and Pack in 1768, and this is believed to be the first peal of Major rung upon them.

TADCASTER, YORKS.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED BARKER... ...	...*Treble*	GIBSON JACKSON	5
HENRY CLAYTON	2	HERBERT E. PICKERING ...	6
*WALTER HICK	3	ROBERT LANCASTER	7
NORMAN BARTON	4	FRED E. ADDISON... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FRED E. ADDISON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell peal of H. E. Pickering, who is leaving the town.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*WILLIAM WOODHEAD	...*Treble*	*CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
ROBERT THOMAS	4	FRED HODGSON	7
GEORGE ROBINSON	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. The ringer of the 3rd stood in at short notice, and this was his first peal for 20 years.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)
On Sunday, March 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two six-scores.

*Frederick Birch ...	...*Treble*	Henry C. Jones ...	4
Frank West	2	P.S. Cecil A. Smith ...	5
James W. Wilkins	3	*Sidney E. A. Carter	...*Tenor*

Conducted by James W. Wilkins.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Doris Jones, daughter of the local foreman, Mr. H. J. Jones, on her 17th birthday. Messrs. Birch, Jones and Carter are members of the local band. The remainder are from High Wycombe.

FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, March 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

*George Limmer ...	...*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 seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Chalfont St. Giles (Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall).

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,
On Thursday, March 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

Ronald S. Hodgetts	...*Treble*	Leslie B. Hodgetts	4
Thomas W. Thorpe	2	Percival A. Aldham	5
John Hodgetts	3	Joseph H. Beale ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph H. Beale.

First peal by ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th, who are brothers.

BADGEWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four six-scores each of Old Doubles, Chase, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and sixteen of St. Dunstan's and ten of Grandsire.
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

A. Newman	...*Treble*	*C. Lawrence	4
T. Davis	2	G. Kilminster	5
W. Oakley	3	C. Staite	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G Kilminster.

* First peal. First peal as conductor, and first in six methods by all, and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who is captain of the local band.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten six-scores of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.
Tenor 6¾ cwt.

*John J. Mawby	...*Treble*	Amos Smart	3
*Roger W. Daniels	2	Walter Perkins	4
*Anderson Y. Tyler ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by Amos Smart.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in three methods on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 88th birthday of Mrs. Wetenhall, the donor of the 2nd bell and grandmother of the ringer of that bell. Mr. Daniels is also the first native of Stanwick to ring a peal on the bells. The band were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector after the peal, and later visited Mrs. Wetenhall and drank to her health.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. Edwards ...	...*Treble*	*E. G. Stevens	4
E. George Swift	2	*W. E. Redrup	5
*E. C. Ayres	3	George Ayres	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. Redrup.

* First peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells and first by all the band. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall for his 73rd birthday.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

Nolan Golden	...*Treble*	George Mayers	4
William E. Bason	2	Victor M. Ormerod	5
Charles W. Griffin... ...	3	George Bailey	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

First peal by ringers of third and fifth, members of the local company, a capable and enthusiastic band, under the tuition of George Bailey, formerly of Norwich. A complimentary peal to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Harrison, of Diss, on the occasion of the birth of a daughter.

BUSHBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

Albert D. Collins ...	...*Treble*	*Raymond Blackwell ...	4
*C. Arthur Smith	2	†James Shaw	5
Herbert E. Booth	3	Abraham Greenfield	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A Greenfield.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SEDGEBERROW, EVESHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. J. D. Johnson,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor size 17 in A.

*Arthur J. Martin	1-2	*Harold F. Martin	5-6
Joseph D. Johnson	3-4	*F. Bernard Martin... ...	7-8

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
Umpire—Frederick J. Johnson.

* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3-4 and 7-8.

5,056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456	M.	B.	W.	H.
42356				1
56423		x	2	
42364	2		1	1
54263		x	1	1
52643			1	2
64523	1	x	2	1
64235	2		1	1
32465			2	2
53624		x	2	2
45236		x	2	2
32546			2	2
63425		x	2	2
56234		x	2	2
32654			2	2
35426		x	2	1
23456			1	1

2nd and tenor only four times in 7.8 together, being 28 at back stroke.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Fourteenth Council (40th Annual Meeting) will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, Plymouth, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th, 1932, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.15 a.m.

AGENDA.

1.—Report as to new societies affiliated during the year.
2.—Election of honorary members. The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Messrs. James George, H. W. Wilde, W. A. Cave.
3.—Presentation of new members to the president.
4.—Apologies for absence.
5.—Loss of members through death.
6.—Minutes of last meeting.
7.—Report of the hon. librarian.
8.—Statement of accounts.
9.—Report of the trustees of the Carter ringing machine.
10.—To receive and discuss the reports, if any, of the following committees, viz.:—
(a) Standing.
(b) Peal Collection.
(c). Methods.
(d) Variations.
(e) Peal Analysis.
(f) Towers and Belfries.
(g) Stedman Commemoration.
(h) Literature and Press.
(i) Records.
(j) Rules.

MOTIONS.

11.—That this Council strongly deprecates the recording as a peal on a commemorative tablet, any performance which does not conform to the accepted standard of a true and complete peal, and calls upon all affiliated societies to support the Council in this matter. (Proposed by the president and seconded by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.)
12.—That in view of the great need for attention to good striking, the Council appoint a small committee to draw up a pamphlet on the proper handling of a bell. (Proposed by Canon G. F. Coleridge and seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke.)
13.—That in order to further the best interests of the Exercise, and to give all ringing matters the maximum publicity, all affiliated societies be requested to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of the only ringing paper. (Proposed by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith.)
14.—To fix the place of next year's meeting.
15.—Other business, if any.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,
Honorary Secretary.

45, Walsingham Road,
Enfield, Middlesex.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NOMINATION MEETING AT ARMLEY.

Another very well attended meeting has been added to the ever-growing list of successful monthly gatherings held by the Leeds Society.

The handbells started the proceedings at 3 p.m., and the tower bells were rung up in peal about 3.30, from which time ringing continued until 9 p.m., except for a break for the transaction of business. Ringers who arrived later kept the bells going during the interval for tea (which was provided in the headquarters of the Upper Armley company of the Church Lads' Brigade). At the conclusion of tea, Mr. Senior proposed, and Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded, a vote of thanks to the ladies who had presided at the tea table, and Mrs. A. Fieldhouse replied for the ladies.

The business meeting was held in the tower. The president was chairman, and members were present from Batley, Bramley, Burley, Pudsey, Lindley, Headingley St. Michael's, Far Headingley (St. Chad's), Tong, Liversedge, Almondbury, Drighlington, Birstall, Leeds Parish Church, Idle, Earlsheaton, and the local company.

Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. G. Hoare, Drighlington, J. Mellor, Lindley, and J. W. Fieldhouse, Armley.

The following nominations were received: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hey, H. Marsden and J. W. Moorhouse; Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Strangeway; secretary and treasurer, H. Lofthouse; auditors, Messrs. H. Grimwood and S. Helliwell.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and the local company.

The next meeting will be held at Bramley on April 30th.

A BIRTHDAY PEAL.

MR. F. E. DAWE RETURNS TO HIS NATIVE HEATH.

In a picturesque cottage in the little village of West Meon, Hants, there was born, while the bells were ringing for the morning service, on Sunday, March 16th, 1862, Francis Edward Dawe, who while still in his 'teens, took up active ringing in London, and later was five times Master of the College Youths. Fifty years afterwards—on March 16th, 1912—he returned to West Meon and celebrated his jubilee by ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells of the Parish Church, and finished the day by calling a peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, London. Ten years later, a peal of Stedman Triples at West Meon commemorated his 'diamond jubilee,' and on Wednesday in last week he returned yet once more to his native heath, to mark the passing of still another decade. A peal of Stedman Triples celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his birth, and it was rung by a band which comprised both youth and age, for more than fifty years separated the youngest from the oldest member of the company, but more interesting still was the fact that some of them had rung in the peals of ten and twenty years ago. When the peal had come safely round, the bells were 'fired.'

Afterwards Mr. Dawe, who was not at all well, and was suffering from the effects of a chill, entertained a little party to dinner at the Red Lion. Mr. E. Alex. Young, one of the guests, expressed the company's appreciation of the hospitality extended to them, and their congratulations to Mr. Dawe upon reaching another notable landmark in his life. Time had treated him kindly, and he hoped Mr. Dawe would be spared for many years yet to enjoy good health and good ringing with his friends. He hoped he would speedily recover from his present indisposition.

Mr. Dawe suitably replied, and expressed his pleasure at having around him on that occasion several old friends whose friendship he valued and whom he thanked for taking part in the peal.

On the following day Mr. Challis Winney, who took part in the peal and was one of Mr. Dawe's earliest ringing companions, celebrated his 74th birthday.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A very pleasant quarterly meeting of North Bucks Branch was held at Hanslope on Saturday, March 12th. The weather, being fine, was probably responsible for a very good attendance, the following towers being represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Fenny Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Simpson, Stony Stratford, Whaddon, Weston, Underwood, and the local ringers. The Master and general secretary of the Guild were present, as was also Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and other visitors. Hanslope tower has only recently joined the Guild after a lapse of many years, and the branch was given a very hearty welcome by the Vicar (Rev. P. Taylor), who conducted the service and gave an inspiring address, which was fully appreciated by the members. Tea was provided by the ringers and lady helpers in the school.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Scar) reported that he had no special business to bring before the meeting, but it was a great pleasure to welcome the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), also Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Guild) and other ringing visitors.

The Master addressed the meeting on several matters, and made a special appeal for the support of 'The Ringing World,' suggesting that each tower at least should take a copy, and those members who could see their way clear should take one themselves. This would add to the circulation of the paper, which was worthy of all support from all ringers.

Mr. F. Wilford, in a few remarks, said that he would like to associate himself with all the remarks that had been passed with reference to the support of 'The Ringing World,' and said it would be a good thing if all associations gave it consideration.

The meeting concluded with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hanslope for making the necessary arrangements.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

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VETERAN COMPOSER'S BIRTHDAY.

RINGERS GREET MR. JOSEPH J. PARKER.

Mr. Joseph J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks, one of the most gifted composers of a now fast disappearing generation, has just celebrated his 79th birthday, and a ringers gathering in honour of the event took place at the tower where Mr. Parker has for so long been the leading spirit. Between thirty and forty assembled to greet the veteran and extend to him their congratulations and good wishes. Among the party were the Misses P. and C. Parker, granddaughters, who took their share in the ringing, while Mr. Parker showed his hand had lost none of its cunning by ringing the treble in masterly style to a fine course of Cambridge Surprise, and also in a touch of Stedman Triples.

The Vicar and his wife visited the belfry to offer their congratulations, and the good wishes of the ringers were expressed in a short speech by Mr. A. D. Barker, hon. sec. of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild.

Touches in a number of methods were rung during the evening.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEGINNERS' MEETING AT CRANLEIGH.

A very successful meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Cranleigh on Saturday. Fifteen names had been sent in, but 35 ringers turned up! And yet there was sufficient food provided at tea by lady members of the congregation to satisfy all needs. It is wonderful how they managed to gauge the capacity of a hypothetical number of hungry ringers. Among the towers represented were the Cathedral and S. Nicolas', Guildford, Cranleigh, Chiddingfold, Ewhurst, Haslemere, Witley and Worplesdon from within the district, while the usual enthusiastic contingent from the Aldershot area came along by car and motor-cycle, and added gaiety to the proceedings, the forces of youth and beauty having been whipped up from Aldershot, Scale and Farnborough.

Prior to tea, service was held in the fine old Parish Church, conducted by the assistant priest, the Rev. F. Wintle, in the absence through illness of the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Johnson).

After tea a brief business meeting was held with the Rev. F. Wintle in the chair. In the absence, through a family bereavement, of the district secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), the general hon. secretary deputised. The Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) and the hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker) were unavoidably prevented from attending.

Eight new members, including three ladies, were elected, viz., Miss Parsons (Cranleigh), Mr. J. H. Parnell (Ewhurst), Messrs. F. Hagley and R. Hagley (Chiddingfold), Misses M. P. and J. E. Kingdon, and Messrs. F. Christmas and Chitty (Worplesdon). The Rev. F. Wintle was elected an hon. member.

The general secretary proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, to whom good wishes for his speedy recovery were sent, the Rev. F. Wintle, the organist, the blower, and specially to the ladies who catered for the tea. He also reminded the members of the annual general meeting of the Guild at Guildford on April 16th, when the Guild Library would also be opened.

During the afternoon and evening some splendid instructional work was put in in the tower under the direction of the District Ringing Master (Mr. W. R. Melville). One of the newly-elected lady members rang her first courses of Grandsire Triples, and others rang their first touches in other of the standard methods. It was an encouraging meeting at which beginners were given first consideration.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.

MEMBERS FROM TWELVE DIVISIONS AT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Police Guild was held on Saturday, March 12th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, Southwark, when sixteen members from twelve divisions attended. The bells were set going to Grandsire Triples at about 4 p.m., and more or less successful ringing continued in a variety of methods until 5.30 p.m., when the members adjourned to the vestry for the business meeting.

The Master (Sub-Divisional Inspector W. Bottrill), who presided, at the outset expressed his thanks to the members for their attendance, and voiced a request that all should try to attend as often as possible. The members were scattered in many parts of London, and in some cases it was very difficult to attend from the travelling point of view, but it was considered only quite fair that all members should make a point of attending at least once a month. If this was done, some progress could be made. The bells could be rung at least twice a month for services on Sundays.

The hon. secretary (P.C. N. Bagworth) presented a report for 1931, which was adopted.

On the proposition of P.C. E. Gwilliam, seconded by P.C. C. Elliott, the whole of the retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of one member of the committee, P.S. G. Shipp standing in the place of Inspector Fred Porter.

Matters of routine business were next disposed of, and the date of the next annual meeting fixed for the first Saturday in February, 1933.

The 'All-England' meeting of ringers at Croydon on April 2nd was brought to the notice of the members, and nine names of members present and friends were given in.

Votes of thanks to the Rector (Rev. Edward Neep) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Herbert Spink (steeplekeeper) were passed, also to the hon. secretary for his services and efforts during the past year. Further ringing took place until 8.30 p.m., the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Major.

POLICEMEN'S SERVICE RINGING.

Members of the National Police Guild rang a touch of 1,061 Grandsire Caters for service at Manchester Cathedral on Sunday: P.C. J. Mulliner 1, P.C. W. Robinson 2, P.C. W. Pye 3, P.C. D. Broon 4, P.C. G. Brown 5, P.S. P. Crook 6, P.C. J. Wilson 7, Supt. F. R. Williams 8, P.C. F. Page (conductor) 9, P.C. J. Turner 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'The Ringing World' 'came of age' yesterday. It was on March 24th, 1911, that the first number was published, and, except for one issue during the general strike of 1926, it has never failed to appear at the appointed time. We are proud of our record.

It is an unusual thing for three brothers to ring their first peal together, but last Thursday Ronald, John and Leslie Hodgetts scored their first 5,040. It was a peal of Bob Minor rung at Grendon, Warwickshire.

To call one's first peal, and that peal Cambridge Surprise Minor, is no mean achievement, and Mr. W. E. Redrup is to be congratulated on this performance which he accomplished at Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks, last week.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Bishopstoke, Hants, on Saturday, in which Mr. H. J. Wilkinson took part. His previous peal on eight was rung at Ashtead, Surrey, for the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897!

Sir Woolmer White, of the Hall, Salle, Norfolk, died last week at Southampton, in his 77th year, leaving a handsome fortune. Members of the Norwich Diocesan Guild and the party of tourists who visited Salle in 1924 will regret the passing of a ringers' friend, whose generous hospitality will be happily remembered by the party of hungry tourists stranded in the wilds of Norfolk.

On March 27th, 1784, a peal of 12,000 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch in 9 hrs. 5 mins. by the Royal Cumberland Youths. It was the culmination of a long period of rivalry between the two London societies to ring the longest length, and it stood as the record of Treble Ten for about a hundred and thirty years.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield on March 27th, 1826.

One hundred and seventy years ago next Wednesday the College Youths rang a peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters at Fulham.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

A further sum of about £40 is required to meet the cost of extra work involved at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, in connection with the Stedman memorial. Ringers who have not yet contributed and who would like to be associated with the scheme should send their contributions to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

There are still a few oak ash trays available for those who wish to have a useful souvenir of the Stedman Tercentenary. They can be obtained, post free, price 2s. 3d., from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

The souvenir booklets, containing illustrated details of the commemoration scheme, a specially written article on Fabian Stedman, the history of St. Benedict's Church and its bells, and a list of the subscribers to the tercentenary fund, can be obtained (8d. post free) from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS.

FALSE 720's.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been notified by the Methods' Committee that the 720's on pages 110 and 111, numbered 123 and 125, are false and should be deleted.

Will those who are already in possession of copies kindly take notice, also those who have copies on sale or return?—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,
Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

PROGRESS AT KENT SCHOOL.

AMERICAN STUDENTS RINGING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

Steady progress is being made among the students at Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A., where Mr. Isaac Attwater is instructor. When the Spring term started on January 7th, there were 22 ringers who could handle a bell, eight of whom could ring a plain course of Grandsire Triples. An epidemic of influenza delayed progress for nearly a month, by which time some of the less forward ringers dropped out, mainly through lack of interest, but others came forward to fill the gaps, and the two bands still number 22, of whom 16 take part in open ringing.

Touches were practised with the bells 'dummied,' and on February 22nd the first 168 was rung. This success put new enthusiasm into the youngsters, and within the next twelve days they rang four more 168's and a 336. At the latter they were so elated that they gave vent to their feelings by raising a hearty cheer when 'Stand' was called.

Mr. Attwater is aiming at getting his reserves along, assisted by the first band, so that after the summer vacation, when he will lose half a dozen of the forward ringers, he will at least have a band able to carry on with Grandsire Triples when the fresh school year opens.

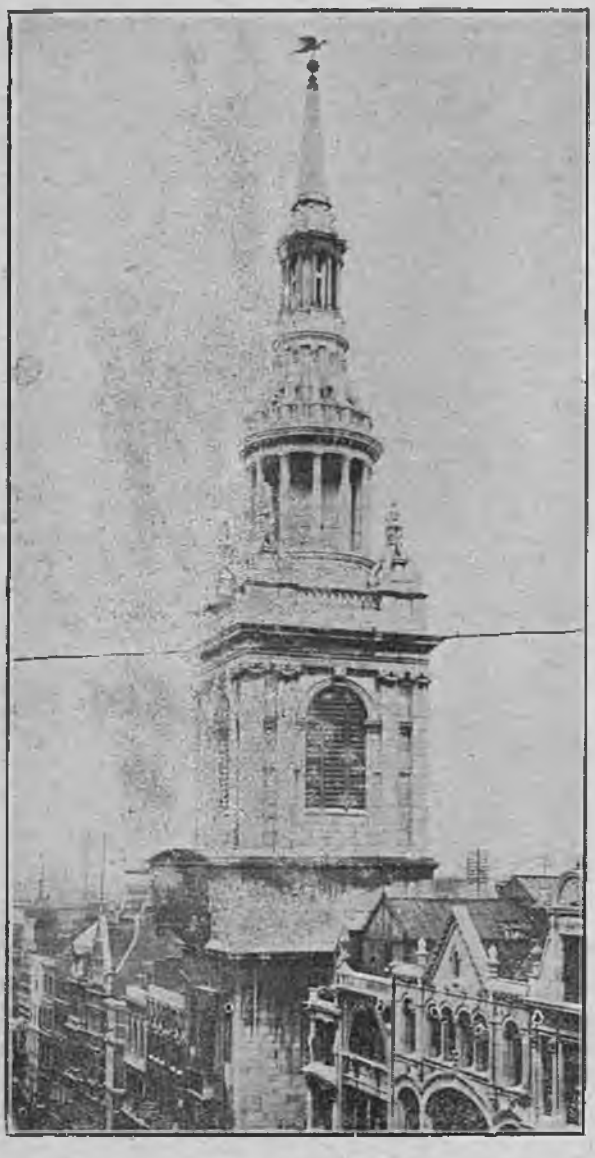
The senior boys have reached a fairly good standard of striking, and now that the bells are better rung there is a steadily growing appreciation of their sound. They are a fine peal of ten from the Whitechapel Foundry.

BOW BELLS.

THE PROPOSED RESTORATION.

CHANCELLOR'S CONSISTORY COURT INQUIRY.

In the Chapel of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, the Chancellor of the Diocese of London (Mr. F. H. L. Errington, C.B., D.C.L.) held a Consistory Court to inquire into the petition, by the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, to restore the bells and



THE FAMOUS STEEPLE OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW.

steeple of this famous church. It will be remembered that for some few years the bells have been practically unringable and a public appeal was made for a large sum of money for their renovation and the restoration of the fabric of the tower and church. As money came in certain work was done to the building, but the bells were left until further funds were forthcoming. Then an offer was made by Mr. Gordon Selfridge to defray the cost of putting the bells in order, and, as they will have to be removed from the tower, a faculty was required and the Chancellor deemed it necessary to hold a Consistory Court to hear the petition, which included also application for permission to carry out the renovation and redecoration of the church and a number of miscellaneous matters; among them, the removal of an iron railing on the northern and western side of the church, an improvement in the electric lighting arrangements, the erection of a tablet to the memory of the Rector's late son, the hanging in the church of Rosa's famous painting, 'St. Paul,' presented by the widow of the late Mr. E. J. Trustram in memory of her husband, who was formerly Vestry Clerk, and the removal of a postal pillar box which now stands on church property.

The Chapel of St. Michael and St. George is on the southern side of the Cathedral near the western entrance, and is divided from the aisle by a low iron railing. Over the stalls hang the banners of the knights of the Order, emblazoned with their coats of arms. On one side sat the Chancellor in his scarlet robe and full-bottomed wig; facing him, on the floor of the chapel, were the officials of the Court and counsel engaged in the case, while the stalls behind them were occupied by witnesses and a few interested members of the public.

A CONDITIONAL OFFER.

Mr. J. Blagden (barrister) appeared for the Rector and churchwardens in support of the petition, and Mr. Roger North (barrister) represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bell founders.

In opening the application, Mr. Blagden reminded the Court that the church was one of the most famous in the City of London, and was built on the site of a much older church destroyed in the Great Fire. The first matter dealt with in the petition was the fabric, and in particular the fabric of the remarkable tower and steeple which surmounted the porch of the church, where it fronted on Cheapside. The need for its repair had long been felt, but during last summer it was realised that the structure had become positively dangerous, some of the stonework on the top having become loose, and it was almost providential that no serious accident had happened. It was therefore necessary to take the restoration of the tower in hand at once, and while it was being done the tower was stiffened by the introduction of a reinforced concrete floor about half-way up. The work was absolutely necessary, and they asked that sanction to it should be included in the faculty.

The Chancellor commented on the fact that no license to proceed with this work had been applied for. He said it was the practice of that Court, when any work was to be undertaken, to insist on a faculty being obtained. If it was urgent work, application should be made for a license to proceed, and such license was always readily granted where it was shown that the work was necessary because the structure was in danger.

Referring to the other structural repairs dealt with in the petition, counsel mentioned that a good deal of work was necessary to the roof of the church, which had been attacked by the death watch beetle. Coming to the bells, he said these were almost proverbially famous. They were in an extremely dirty state, and required to be cleaned by a process of sand blasting. It was certain that some of them would require to be recast, but it was impossible to say exactly how many of them until the cleaning had been undertaken. All the bells were cast by one firm of bell founders, under various names, who had carried on business in Whitechapel for centuries. It was desired that the present work should be put into the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, for the reason that the donor, who was willing to put up the necessary money for doing the whole of the work to the bells, estimated to be just under £900, stipulated that the work should be done by that firm. That was an offer which the petitioners could not ignore, although there was a natural instinct that the work should be given to the firm who cast the bells.

The Chancellor: Has it been ascertained whether that is an absolute condition?

Mr. Blagden: I understand that it is. Counsel added that if the faculty was granted, the question of the recasting of other bells than the 7th and 8th was not to be left in the bell founders' hands: the decision would rest with the architect, and, he understood, arrangements had been made to have the co-operation in coming to a decision of a member of the Diocesan Advisory Council, who was a great expert on this subject.

The Chancellor: In a case like this it will not rest entirely with them. Having regard to the fact that these are such famous bells, any diversion from the scheme, such as recasting other bells, will have to receive my approval.

Counsel then dealt with the minor matters in the petition, and called evidence in support of the application, the first witness being the Rector (the Rev. Gordon Ponsonby), who spoke of the urgency of the work done last year to the fabric. With regard to the bells, there was a condition attached to the offer about the bell founders to be employed.

THE TERMS OF THE GIFT.

Sir Louis Newton, chairman of the Appeal Committee, from the witness stand said the offer to provide the money for the restoration of the bells did not come direct from Mr. Selfridge, but through Mr. Johnston, to whom Mr. Selfridge wrote that he would provide the cost of putting Bow bells in order, so that they might be rung again after a lapse of several years, if he (Mr. Johnston) could arrange with the gentlemen in charge of the matter to have the work carried out on the basis he and Mr. Johnston had discussed. Sir Louis added that after that he saw Mr. Selfridge and also received a letter from him.

Mr. Blagden: Did he attach any condition?

Sir Louis: It was to be on the basis that he had discussed with Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Blagden: What was the basis?

Sir Louis: The specification and estimate drawn up by Mr. Johnston for the amount already mentioned. That was the basis on which it was discussed, and in consequence of that Mr. Selfridge wrote that letter to Mr. Johnston, which was handed over to me. I brought the matter before the committee: it was discussed, and adjourned for further consideration, and finally accepted.

The Chancellor: Did you have an estimate from the other firm.

Witness: Yes.

The Chancellor: What was the estimate?

Witness: Between £800 and £900.

The Chancellor: Very much the same?

Witness: Practically.

The Chancellor: If there was no condition attached to the gift, can you say to whom the contract would have been given?

Witness: I presume it would have been given to the lowest tender.

The Chancellor: Assuming that the estimates had been nearly the same, would you have given preference to Mears and Stainbank on the ground that they knew the bells?

Witness: Yes, I think so. Sir Louis added that as far as the committee were concerned they had every confidence in both of these firms.

The Chancellor: Oh, yes; but it is for me to see how this sort of offer comes about.

Continuing his evidence, Sir Louis said that up to December 31st, 1931, the total response to the appeal was £55,267 2s. 4d. From January 1st to March 16th a further £460 8s. 4d. was given, making the amount collected and promised £5,727 10s. 8d. That was for the church and bells and did not include Mr. Selfridge's offer. The total estimated cost of the work to be carried out was between £12,000 and £14,000.

The Chancellor: So there is something in the nature of £7,000 still to be obtained.

Sir Louis: Yes.

The Chancellor: I suppose it is the best known parish church in England, and Bow bells are equally well known, so one hopes you will get the money.

POSSIBLE RECASTING OF SEVEN BELLS.

Mr. E. S. Underwood, F.R.I.B.A., architect and surveyor to Bow Church for 25 years, gave details of the work that had been done to the tower and steeple, which was in the nature of emergency repairs. Ferro-concrete beams had been put in at about the level of the bell-ringing floor, and these had wonderfully improved the stability of the steeple, which previously had considerable movement. Mr. Underwood read a report, dated November 16th, 1931, which was presented to the church authorities, in which he stated that he had examined the bells and frame, in conjunction with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The 7th and 8th bells were cracked, probably also the 6th; this would be proved when the bells were taken down and cleaned. At present they were heavily corroded and needed to be cleaned. The bell frame was of oak and quite sound. It was put in in 1762. It would need some anchoring to the walls.

The specification attached to the report was put in, and counsel pointed out that the 7th and 8th would certainly have to be recast, and perhaps numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

Witness added that he took it the question of recasting any of these other bells would be left to his discretion, with the assistance of the bell founders.

The Chancellor: I am afraid I cannot do that in these circumstances. Before anything is done beyond what is specified here, I must know, and it must have my approval.

Mr. Blagden: I understand Mr. H. B. Walters is going to give you the benefit of his advice.

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was the next witness. He said he inspected the bells in conjunction with Mr. Underwood, and he submitted a specification of the work that was necessary.

Mr. Blagden: That shows that some of the bells, the 7th and 8th, must be recast, and 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 may have to be, but you cannot tell until you have cleaned them?

Mr. Johnston: That is so.

Mr. Blagden: Apart from recasting, is it proposed to tune the bells?

Mr. Johnston: Yes.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Johnston said his estimate was for £889, which included the provisional recasting of bells 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

Mr. Blagden: We know Mr. Selfridge is willing to put up the money for the bells, and the letter before the Court shows he had an interview with you.

Mr. Johnston: That is so.

Mr. Blagden: He then arranged that the work should be taken in hand on condition that it should be done by you?

Mr. Johnston: He told me that of his own volition.

Mr. Blagden: Your firm were engaged in doing work for Mr. Selfridge at that time?

Mr. Johnston: Yes.

SPECIFICATION THE BASIS OF THE OFFER.

Replying to the Chancellor, Mr. Johnston said his firm supplied a three-ton hour bell, four quarter bells and a clock for Mr. Selfridge's store in Oxford Street. Mr. Selfridge had seen the appeal for the restoration of Bow bells, and asked him what the cost would be. He (Mr. Johnston) had an interview with Mr. Selfridge and showed him a copy of the firm's specification which had already been supplied to Mr. Underwood. Mr. Selfridge dictated the letter which had been before the Court, and asked him to present it to the chairman of the Appeal Committee.

The Chancellor: Did it occur to you to tell him these bells had come from another foundry?

Mr. Johnston: No, sir; it did not enter into our conversation. My firm did some restoration work to the bells 30 years ago—in 1902.

The Chancellor: But for a great number of years the bulk of the work had been done by Mears and Stainbank?

Mr. Johnston: So I understand.

The Chancellor: The reference in the letter to 'the basis you and I discussed' referred to the specification?

Mr. Johnston: Yes; it referred to the specification.

Mr. J. H. L. Trustram detailed the steps taken by the Church Council after the offer by Mr. Selfridge had been received. He said they discussed the offer and considered whether they should accept it in view of the fact that Mears and Stainbank had for so many years done the work connected with the bells and were the original founders. The meeting was adjourned to see if it was possible to get someone else to put up the money without a condition. However, no one was found, and it was therefore decided that Mr. Selfridge's offer should be accepted with its condition.

The Chancellor: The general result was that the committee would have been glad to give the contract to the firm who had had to do with the bells for so long, but owing to the difficulty in collecting the money they accepted the offer and its condition?

Witness: That is so.

This concluded the case for the petitioners, and there was no opposition.

The Chancellor said he felt about these bells that it was not quite like an ordinary contract. The bells were not only themselves famous, but they hung in a famous church, and he had to see that the best possible arrangement had been made for raising the money for dealing with the bells. From that point of view he felt he must take time to think over the matter. He did not at all wish to delay matters, and he would therefore deliver judgment on Tuesday.

Mr. Blagden said Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were not only one of the most celebrated firms of bell founders in England, but in the world. It was not a question of taking the matter from a firm well qualified and going to one ill qualified.

The Chancellor: They are both fully qualified people.

The Court was then adjourned until Tuesday at 2 p.m.

THE FACULTY GRANTED.

When the Court reassembled the Chancellor gave his judgment, and indicated that the faculty would be granted.

THE BELLS.

Bow bells, which the legend of Dick Whittington first made famous, have a long history. In the time of the former church, which was destroyed in the Great Fire, 'the great bell' was rung at nine o'clock every night, under an order of the Common Council, and lights were exhibited in the steeple to direct travellers to the metropolis. 'The great bell of Bow' was, according to Stow, given by William Copeland, tailor, the King's merchant, who was churchwarden in 1515, and it was, tragically, rung for the first time as a knell for the death of the donor.

Both steeple and bells perished in the devastation of 1666, and the church and steeple were rebuilt by Wren. Afterwards, a peal of eight bells was provided by funds derived from the sale of the site of All Hallows', Soper Lane, which was not rebuilt after the fire. The bells were cast by John and Christopher Hodson. In 1738 the tenor, being cracked, was recast by Richard Phelps and Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry. Phelps died in the same year, and the foundry was carried on first by Lester, and later by Lester and Pack, who in 1762 recast the other seven bells and added two trebles. The two additional bells to increase the ring of ten to twelve were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1881. The tenor, which is the oldest bell in the peal and weighs 53 cwt. 22 lb. (the weight is engraved on the bell), is still considered one of the finest bells in the country.

Our picture is from a photograph by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

THE 'ALL ENGLAND' MEETING.

A PARTY OF 2,500 EXPECTED AT CROYDON.

A gigantic party of ringers and friends is expected at Croydon on Saturday, April 2nd, in response to the invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. There have been about 2,500 applications for tickets, and the arrangements for feeding and entertaining this enormous gathering are being perfected down to the last detail.

As visitors concentrate upon Croydon, they will be able during the morning to ring at a number of churches. In Central London, the ring of twelve at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, and the eight at St. James', Clerkenwell, will be available from 11 to 12.30; further out St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and St. Leonard's, Streatham, both peals of eight, will be open during the same time, as well as the Surrey towers of St. Mary's, Beddington (10), and Banstead (8). In Croydon both rings of bells, the eight at the Parish Church and the ten at St. Peter's, South Croydon, will be open from 11.30 to 1, and also 3.30 to 4.45, and again in the evening.

On account of the large number of visitors expected, the foundry will be opened at 1.30, instead of at 2 p.m., as originally announced. There will be a great deal to see that will interest ringers and non-ringers alike, the chief attraction being the carillon of 72 bells destined for Chicago University. The total weight of the bells in this carillon is 90 tons, and the big bourdon bell is 17 tons. Five of the larger bells are hung so that they can be swung, and they will be heard, sounded in this manner. The carillon will be played by well-known carillonneurs.

No single hall in Croydon will accommodate the huge tea party, and the meal will therefore be served in three or four buildings, and the company will immediately afterwards concentrate on the Baths Hall, where there will be a little brief speech-making, and subsequently a concert and dance.

The concert will begin at 7.30 (instead of eight o'clock), and will include community singing under the direction of Capt. T. T. Ratcliffe, of Wembley Cup Final and Aldershot Tattoo fame.

Rooms have been set apart for use in the afternoon and early evening for handbell ringing, and the convenience of visitors is being further provided for by special buses, free of charge, which will run during the afternoon between the Foundry and the Croydon towers and tea halls.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

On Saturday, March 12th, the annual meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield, where the towers of the Cathedral and St. Marie's were open for ringing. About 40 ringers were present from Rotherham, Dore, Norton, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Rawmarsh, Doncaster, Arksey, Wortley, Ecclesfield, Killamarsh, Nottingham, Ashton-under-Lyne, and the various Sheffield towers.

Ringing in various methods was carried on during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of in the Church House, a goodly number sitting down to feast on the excellent things provided.

The business meeting was opened by the Provost, the Rev. A. C. E. Jarvis, D.D., who gave the ringers a warm welcome to the City of Sheffield, and a course of Grandsire Caters was then rung on the handbells by the members of the society.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. G. Lewis, the vice-president. A letter was read from the secretary (Mr. F. Clark) apologising for his absence owing to illness, and the meeting directed that a letter of sympathy be sent to the secretary with the hope for a speedy recovery.

Three new members were elected from Handsworth.

It was arranged that the joint meeting, to be held on Saturday, June 4th, be at Handsworth.

Mr. F. Clark was re-elected as hon. secretary, and the following elected for the committee: Messrs. G. Holmes, C. Haynes and M. Wilson.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. J. E. L. Cockey to the Provost, wardens, and the local companies for the excellent arrangements which had been made. The opportunity to ring on the 12 bells was, he said, a privilege not to be missed by the members of the Southern District.—The Rev. E. J. Dodge suitably replied.

Mr. S. Palmer, in replying for the local company, said how pleased they were to entertain the visitors, and in doing so they felt that it was only carrying out the tradition of their forefathers.

SAD DEATH OF PREBENDARY MACHEN.

Members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, will hear with deep regret of the sad death of the Rev. Prebendary Machen, a graduate of Keble College, Oxford, ordained in 1892. After service at Rondesbosch, S.A., he became Vicar of Ludford 1903, Clun 1908, Bromfield 1927, and last year of Acton Scott, near Church Stretton. Following acute influenza, depression led to his disappearance, and his body was later found in a pool near his home.

Three peals were rung at Clun during the visit of the Birmingham Society in 1919, and the visitors will remember Mr. Machen's kind hospitality at the Vicarage, and the care he took to guard the handbell peal rung in his study by pinning a notice on the door, 'Please do not disturb the ringers.' W. H. F.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your most excellent 'leader' in the issue of the 19th ult. brought forth three letters from ringers whose enthusiasm and work for the art is well known. Modesty probably prompted you to publish these letters in the order they appeared in the succeeding issue. I would echo the sentiments expressed by my friends, Messrs. Davies and Lewis. To my mind, as I often tell some of my ringing friends who do not take 'The Ringing World,' your leading article is invariably worth the whole of the 3d. we pay.

It surprises me, however, to read the first part and also the latter part of Mr. Gilbert's letter in 'The Ringing World' of February 26th. I can hardly realise that instances such as he refers to can exist at practice meetings of to-day. Certainly they are contrary to my experience. Perhaps it was the letter in your issue of yesterday from Mr. Amos, of Wellingborough, which most surprises me. Of course, I cannot say what he may have in mind, but anyone who knows the district in which Mr. Amos lives must be aware that within a few miles of Wellingborough are living some of the most proficient ringers in the more advanced methods to be found in any part of the country. Now I know that these same ringers would be most anxious to assist the learner, whatever the method might be.

Writing as one who has had some acquaintance with ringing circles in different parts of the country during the past 20 years, I have to say that I have never yet observed anything so bad as that of which Mr. Gilbert complains. As an association officer, having had experience with more than one association, I say it is the young ringers themselves who are the disappointment. Long before they get past the drudgery stage of the art of ringing so many have yielded to the call of some counter-attraction which prevents their continuing to attend ringing practices.

I sometimes am inclined to take exactly the opposite view to Messrs. Gilbert and Amos, and to think that in many instances our younger ringers, who are fortunate enough to live in areas where high standards of ringing prevail, get their opportunities much too easily for them to appreciate them. How many instances there are of young ringers of real ability who rapidly become proficient through practice with experienced hands, but, alas, having in a very short space of time accomplished peals in a variety of advanced methods, pass out of ringing altogether?

Perhaps it would have been better for such young ringers had their early opportunities been more like mine. For the first ten years of my ringing career I did not at any time live within several miles of a tower with a competent change ringing band. My first peal was one of Bob Major rung eight miles away from my own tower, which contained a peal of five bells only, and this peal was rung following my attendance there, in company with other members of my family, for practice extending over several months in this simple method with a company of ringers practically every one of whom had rung peals in three or four Surprise methods. I shall always be grateful to those who had the patience to see me through my first stages of ringing, particularly so when I remember that for the most part it was gained at towers possessing a full company of advanced method ringers and at towers where I could not attend to assist with Sunday service ringing since I was required at my own tower.

Right up to the time that I had rung peals in the four most popular Surprise Major methods, and also rung peals upon the higher numbers of bells, I had never lived within easy reach of a peal of eight or more bells, so I have to thank some band or other, each of which I was not a member of, for practically the whole of my practice in change ringing. I have in the past acknowledged my sense of gratitude to those who have been so painstaking with me, but it affords me real pleasure to do so again.—Yours faithfully,

Colchester. EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Youlgreave on Saturday last. About 25 ringers, including several ladies, attended from Bakewell, Darley Dale, Dore, Duffield, Great Longstone, Norton-on-the-Moors, and Youlgreave. The fine peal of eight bells (tenor 27 cwt.) were raised before 3 p.m., and were kept going till late in the evening. Various methods were attempted with varying results, including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob Major and Stedman and Grandsire Triples, some of the striking being quite good, and a number of the locals obtaining some practice on Grandsire.

A substantial tea was partaken of at the Bull's Head Hotel, followed by a short business meeting, presided over by Mr. A. G. Wallace (Bakewell). The forthcoming jubilee meeting at Derby was discussed, and members were urged to attend and make it a success. It was decided to hold the next meeting, if possible, at Hathersage on April 23rd.—A welcome to the visitors was replied to by Mr. Dean, who expressed his pleasure at being present, and offered ringing facilities to any of those present who might care to visit his district.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the local company, and the landlady for providing such a substantial tea, was proposed by Mr. A. G. Wallace and carried with acclamation. Further ringing, both at the tower and on handbells, concluded the proceedings.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

FIRST MEMBERS STILL ACTIVE.

It was most appropriate that the monthly meeting of the Bedford District should have been held at Biddenham on Saturday, March 12th, the eve of the jubilee of the association, for it was in this tower that the first peal for the association was rung in 1884, conducted by Mr. C. W. Clarke, who is still on the active list, while Mr. Harry King, a member of the local band, who helped to form the association 50 years ago, and has been a member ever since, was present at the meeting. Another Biddenham veteran, Mr. William West, who appears to get 'younger' every day, was also present at the age of 84. He still rings every Sunday, and showed he had lost none of his masterly style by leading up the treble in peal and ringing this bell to a 360 Plain Bob to open the proceedings. The bells were kept going to a variety of Minor methods, some good touches, some otherwise, also rounds and 'queens,' so that everyone was fixed up. Mr. Frank Tysoe acted as Ringing Master.

An excellent tea was awaiting the company in the Village Hall, where the members were joined by the Vicar (Rev. W. B. Norman), who welcomed the members to his tower and congratulated the association on attaining the jubilee on the morrow. Continuing, the Vicar said he had found in the course of his 42 years as Vicar of Biddenham that it was quite easy to start something new, but the trouble was to keep interest after a time. He thought, therefore, that the association was to be congratulated on being able to celebrate 50 years of continued success and good work. It showed the wonderful keenness and enthusiasm ringers had for their art.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his good wishes and for the use of the bells.

At the short business meeting it was decided to visit Cardington (eight bells) for the next meeting on Saturday, May 7th.

Further ringing was afterwards indulged in until 8 p.m., and it was interesting to note that Master Smart, son of Mr. Amos Smart, of Wollaston, a regular attendant at the district meetings, was piloted through his first touch of Plain Bob.

Altogether a most enjoyable afternoon was spent, the bells going like the proverbial 'tops.' Members were present from Bedford (St. Peter's), Bromham, Biddenham, Kempston, Stagsden, Clapham, Cardington, Elston, Roxton, Henlow, Great Staughton, Wallaston and Bozeat.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT RETIRES.

The annual meeting took place at Ranmoor, Sheffield. The bells at this beautiful church were rung in various methods in the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Rev. H. C. Foster (Vicar), who gave an address, and afterwards Mr. Clarke, the organist, gave a short organ recital, which was greatly appreciated by the members. A splendid tea was provided by the local ringers, and at the business meeting which followed the chair was taken by the Vicar.

The balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand, was adopted.

The hon. secretary gave his report on the year's work. He stated that the society had elected 32 new members during the year, 50 peals had been rung by the members of the society, and an average of 24 had attended the monthly meetings.

All the officers for the ensuing year, with the exception of Mr. R. Harrison, sen. (president), were re-elected en bloc.

Mr. Harrison said he wished to retire as, having been president for three years, he thought someone younger should take over the office.—Mr. C. Haynes was then elected president.

The Vicar of St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, the Rev. W. C. Thomas, and his curate, the Rev. A. R. Denne, came to the gathering with the newly-formed band, who brought seven new members for election—a very pleasing feature, showing the interest taken by the Vicar and curate in their ringers.

Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar of Ranmoor and the local company for the use of the bells and their welcome to the members. Thanks were also accorded to the ladies who had provided the tea.

Further ringing took place in the evening.

THE BACHELORS' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think I rang some peals with Kate twenty years ago, and she was a peculiar sort of an old maid then; and whatever Kate says about seven of those 'wily birds,' I am of opinion that any one of those seven would make an old maid a better husband than Kate would a wife. Carry on, bachelors; never mind what Kate says.

—Yours truly, HAPPILY MARRIED.

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.

On Monday evening, March 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung at Knebworth, Herts, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. C. Gilbert, who was laid to rest in the churchyard on the same date. Mr. Gilbert, who had reached the advanced age of 85, had been a ringer at this church a great number of years. The ringers were: A. Childs 1, F. Turner 2, W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, W. Scott 4, J. Ferris 5, A. Turner 6, W. Scott 7, L. Phillips 8, 7-6-8 covering.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

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E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 13th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Otter 1, T. A. Cooper (first in the method) 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, W. V. Bennett 4, J. O. Laudan 5, W. A. Day 6.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.—On Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): B. Spencer 1, R. Perry 2, C. Nash, jun., 3, C. Nash 4, G. A. Spencer 5, F. Currell 6, F. Nash 7, W. Nash (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major rung by an entirely local band at this church.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 13th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: *J. Clifford 1, A. W. Coles 2, R. E. Geare 3, A. Howkins 4, W. E. Troke 5, J. Bennett 6, A. J. House (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, *A. Morris 8. * First in the method.

LUTON, BEDS.—On March 13th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1,280 London Surprise Major: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, T. Blackbourn 3, B. Wilson 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Wood 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (composer and conductor) 8. Rung as a welcome to Canon J. L. White, Vicar of Nuneaton, who was curate at this church 15 years ago, and was the special preacher at this service.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Robinson 1, T. W. Kimber, Rugby (first 720), 2, W. Steward 3, A. Knight 4, L. Wyman 5, R. C. Loveday (conductor) 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—For morning service, at St. Lawrence's Church, on March 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Berry 1, Miss G. Church 2, A. J. House 3, G. Thurgood (conductor) 4, W. D. Dickenson 5, H. Ellis 6, G. Radley 7, W. Perry 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and tenor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.—On February 14th, at St. Helen's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local ringers: R. Allsop (first away from tenor) 1, R. Allsop 2, W. Blagshaw 3, E. Blackwell 4, H. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (first 'inside') 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, E. Derbyshire (first quarter-peal) 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, February 14th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Warne 1, C. H. Howard 2, G. Wiffen 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, G. Lindridge 5, H. C. Reason 6, W. H. Hammond 7, A. Wiffen (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, February 7th, at St. Andrew's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, A. Cutmore 3, R. W. Green 4, C. J. Chocet 5, T. Langdon (conductor) 6, E. Brett 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford and Mrs. Pennington Bickford, of St. Clement Danes.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for morning service, on Sunday, January 31st, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: Harold Wacey 1, R. Hayden 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 1 and 2, and first quarter away from the treble by the ringer of the 3rd.

ORWELL, CAMBS.—For evening service, on January 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. Shorter 1, R. L. Lathbury (conductor) 2, J. W. Ward 3, F. Harper 4, J. Quinney 5. First quarter on the bells since rehanging, and by the same band that rang there on Christmas Eve for the re-opening.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): D. C. Wardell (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Fenn 2, S. J. Holgate 3, E. G. Cottis 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, E. Moore 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, E. Lucas 8.

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ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING.

CROYDON, APRIL 2nd.

There will be over 2,500 visitors.

RINGING during the morning at Croydon Parish Church and St. Peter's, South Croydon, will start at 11.30 a.m. instead of noon.

THE FOUNDRY will be open to visitors at 1.30 p.m. instead of 2 p.m.

COMMUNITY SINGING will be conducted by Capt. T. T. Ratcliffe (Wembley Cup Final and Aldershot Tattoo) at the Evening Concert, which will commence at 7.30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The jubilee meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m. onwards, St. Peter de Merton (6) afternoon and evening. Luncheon at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual general meeting will be held at Tenterden on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting in St. Mildred's Church Vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. L. Man; Preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Dover. Luncheon in the Drill Hall at 1.15, presided over by the Worshipful the Mayor of Tenterden (Col. W. A. V. Findlater), followed by annual meeting. The following towers will also be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting: Rolvenden (8), Benenden (8), Biddenden (8), Appledore (8), Cranbrook (8).—Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting (Jubilee) will be at Derby, Easter Monday. Bells of Cathedral (10), St. Andrew's (10), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 10 a.m. to 2.30, 4 to 5.15; Alvaston (6), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; committee meet 11 a.m.; general meeting 12 noon; both in St. Andrew's School. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m.; preacher, Lord Bishop of Derby. Dinner 6 p.m., followed by social in King's Café, St. Peter's Street. Admission to dinner by ticket only, and seats reserved not later than 5.45 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in Cambridge on Easter Monday. Plenty of ringing. Short service and meeting. Tea. Full details by circular.—B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers open at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with address by Canon Belcher, Diocesan Missioner. Tea and business meeting in Abbey Institute at 5.30. Sumptuous meat tea (and other delicacies) by Slaters, 1s. 6d. per head. Notification of attendance would be a great help. Please send a card.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. 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 Dean, in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints (10), St. Nicholas (6) and St. Swithin (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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 28th, at Dursley, Glos. Ringers' service at 2.15 p.m. Meeting in Town Hall at 3 p.m. Tea afterwards. Cam (6), Stinchcombe (6), and Dursley (8) bells will be available at all times except during service and meeting.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at the Bishop Blaize Hotel at 1 p.m., members 2s. 6d., non-members 3s. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Michael-at-Coslany (8), and All Saints (5) will be at the disposal of the members from 10 a.m. Divine service will be held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Norwich. 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, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—A meeting will be held at Assington on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. at the Rectory (free) by the kind invitation of Dr. Banham.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Colyton on Easter Monday. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available: Colyton (6), Seaton (6), Axminster (8). All ringers welcome. Arrangements made by G. C. Woodley, Woolbrook, Sidmouth.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting at The Victoria. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 29th at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, April 2nd.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at the Priory Church, Worksop. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea and service will be made.—L. Noel Cawthorne, Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m., tea at 5 o'clock, business meeting to follow.—Please notify regarding tea to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest at Halifax Parish Church on April 2nd. Draw 2.45 p.m. in the Ring o' Bells. Will those who require tea please send not later than March 28th, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Kepier School. Please advise Mr. C. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring, by March 31st. If Croydon is too far, do the next best thing and come to this meeting. We hope for a bumper meeting.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Please note that the next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild (Northern District). For tea please notify Miss Cawthorne at meeting.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, April 2nd. Tea, 5.30 p.m., will be provided for all who notify Mr. H. Billings, 4, Longton Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before March 30th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—First meeting, Barrow-on-Humber, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15, with an address. Tea 5 p.m., in Vicar's room, 1s. 6d. Business meeting after tea. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Dannett, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, by Wednesday previous. All welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Stapleton, Bristol, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, March 30th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Come and make this meeting a big success. — Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society). — Meetings at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.: Sunday morning, April 3rd, 10 a.m.; Monday, 4th, practice, 6.30 p.m.; quarterly meeting, 8.15 p.m., and also practice, Monday, April 18th, 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next meeting will be held at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle, Bristol, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly advise me by April 6th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, April 9th. Further particulars later.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. A good muster is requested. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9th, at St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, April 9th. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Joint Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, April 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 6th.—A. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst (8 bells) on Saturday, April 9th. Service 4 o'clock, tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly send numbers for tea by April 4th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., and tea provided at 5 p.m. All are welcome. Will all members please notify me of their attendance?—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberdare on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, April 9th. The peal of 10 (tenor 25½ cwt.) at the Abbey will be available for ringing from 1.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. in the choir, followed by tea, which will be served in Mrs. Smith's Café, Finkle Street, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Those requiring same are requested to inform Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, by Thursday, April 7th. Business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held in the Sacristy.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 59, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Newton-le-Willows on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. S. Percival, 71, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows, before Wednesday, April 6th.—Claude I. Davies, J. Grounds, Branch Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston Parish Church on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston, not later than Wednesday, April 6th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Pattingham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Scott Rogerson. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Wolverhampton: Queen Square at 2 and Railway Street at 2.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 5th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mark on Saturday, April 9th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. —L. G. Tanner, Local Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on April 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 11th.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The annual dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, Leicester, on Saturday, April 16th, at 6.15 p.m. Bells of St. John's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Margaret's (12) will be open for ringing 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, must be applied for before April 12th, latest.—Ernest Bagworth, Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A monthly practice will be held at Coggeshall, Essex, on the first Saturday in each month. Ringing commences at 6 p.m. All visiting ringers will be welcomed.—F. Ridgwell, Hon. Sec.

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At St. Mary's Church, Southampton, previous to the memorial service to the late Dr. Woods, Bishop of Winchester, on Sunday, March 1st, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 1, H. Payne 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, N. Curtis 4, F. Mursell 5, F. E. Pitman 6, J. L. Hayward 7, A. E. Newman 8.

At Laverstoke, near Whitchurch, Hants, 720 Bob Minor was rung on Saturday, February 27th, with the bells half-muffled, for the Bishop of Winchester, who passed away that day: C. Munday 1, H. Balaam (conductor) 2, Miss M. R. Cross 3, E. Austin 4, W. Hunt 5, J. Chesterman 6.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Thursday, March 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, after the memorial service to the late Dr. Woods, Bishop of Winchester, and with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Wells 1, Miss H. F. Mills 2, T. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

At St. Thomas' Church, Woolton Hill, after evening service, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Winchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: J. Robbins 1, S. Bevan 2, A. Challis 3, J. Berry 4, J. Scott (conductor) 5, J. Dodd 6.

On Thursday, March 3rd, at Brockenhurst Parish Church, on the occasion of the burial of the Bishop of Winchester (president of the Winchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in Miss Jean Tucker 1, L. Bunning 2, J. Hull 3, C. W. Tucker (conductor) 4, F. Tucker 5, E. Pike 6. The ringer of the 5th is son and of the treble granddaughter of the conductor. First 720 by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6.

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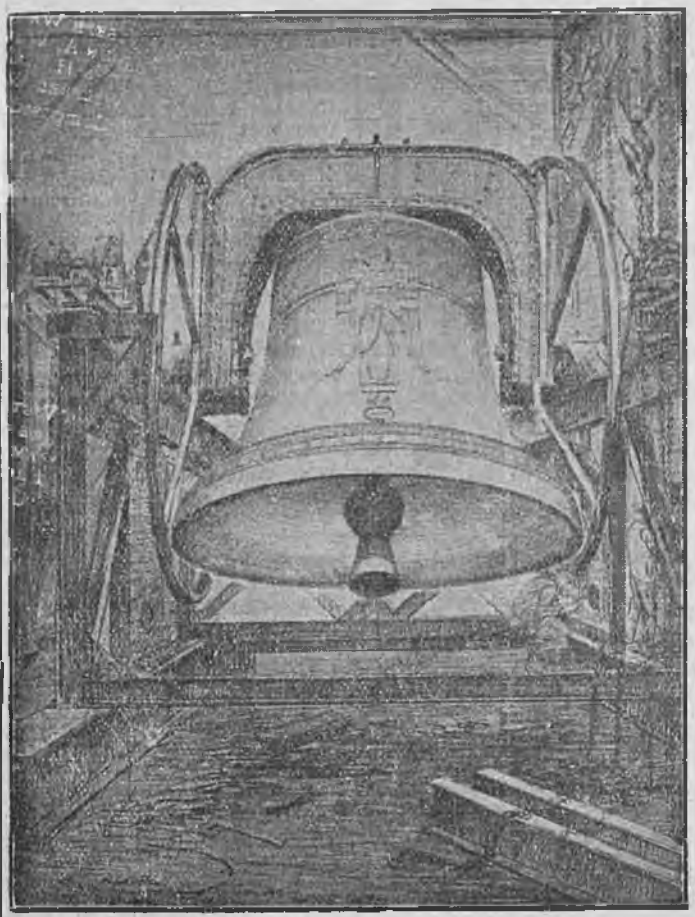

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It is not merely in the formalities of the Council chamber once a year that the existence of the Council is justified, but in the quiet, often unseen work which the committees carry on. Without it the Exercise would have been deprived of many things which, in the course of years, have been added to our general knowledge and enjoyment of the art. There would probably have been no collections of methods available for public circulation; and no collections of peal compositions such as are now obtainable in many of the commonly practised methods, had it not been for the Council—at least they would have been unobtainable at the modest price at which they are now sold. Who, were it not for the Council, could be prevailed upon to devote the hundreds of hours a year necessary to the compilation of the peals analysis—interesting statistics of every association's activities in this direction, and forming year by year an historical record of the achievements which most ringers look upon with pride. Except for the Council, where is there any influential body which could, from the ringers' standpoint, follow the technical developments in towers and belfries, and guard their interests; or which could watch and endeavour to counteract those frequent outbursts against bells and ringing which occur in the public press? All these things, and more, the Council do, and it is done, not by the general meeting on one day in the year, but quietly and unostentatiously by the committees. We are quite convinced that the work which is being done is be-

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Tenor 23 cwt.

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SIDNEY TAYLOR	2	RICHARD POST	8
FRANCIS TAYLOR	3	EDGAR HUMPHREY	9
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	4	P.S. CECIL A. SMITH	10
WILLIAM SIMMONDS	5	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN	11
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(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST G. HIBBENS	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	8
*STANLEY G. MOSS	3	GEORGE A. FLEMING	9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT	4	*EDWIN R. GOATE	10
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN PRICE	*Treble*	HARRY HUBBALL	6
HARRY PRICE	2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	7
*BERTRAM C. PRICE	3	HARRY GOODMAN	8
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LONDON.

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On Saturday, March 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	*Treble*	HARRY HOVERD	6
ERNEST J. KING	2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE	7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	9
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HORAN	6
WILLIAM BIBBY	2	JAMES MARTIN	7
LESTER L. GRAY	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	8
THOMAS HAMMOND	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	9
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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

KEITH HART	...*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
GEORGE POPNELL	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	8
NELSON ELLIOTT	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	9
*WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	5	JOHN DEARLOVE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* 400th peal.

CARDIFF, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6063 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*HUGH THOMAS	...*Treble*	FRANK ROWSELL	6
GEORGE LARGE	2	HARRY PAGE	7
WILLIAM HEATH	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	8
CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH ...	4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	9
FRED LASBURY	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ...	*Tenor*

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Tenor 30 cwt. 12 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT...	...*Treble*	*CHARLES LOOME	6
JOHN HARWOOD	2	CECIL BARRETT	7
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Tenor 15 cwt.

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GEORGE R. PYE...	2	EDWARD D. SMITH	6
*ERNEST W. FORBANK ...	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
†ERNEST J. BUTLER	4	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* 100th peal. † 100th Surprise peal, and 50th on the bells.

CAMBERWELL.—On March 27th, at St. Giles', a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for evensong: Miss A. Fisher 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, Miss H. F. Mills 3, J. Lamb 4, E. J. King (conductor) 5, T. H. Taffender 6, W. Rogers 7, C. O. Moore 8.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*CYRIL F. OTTER	...*Treble*	*HORACE S. MORLEY	5
GEORGE CLARK	2	*HAROLD WAGSTAFF	6
PERCY GLEDSTONE	3	J. EDWARD CAWSER	7
*ERNEST COOPER...	4	EDGAR C. STACEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

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

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	*Treble*	GEORGE H. CROSS	5
*MRS. GEO. H. CROSS ...	2	*HARRY HOVERD	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
*FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

SYSTON, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON	*Treble*	EPHRIAM W. RANDS	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ...	6
COLIN HARRISON	3	JOHN OLDHAM	7
*ALAN W. RANDS	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First Surprise peal away from the treble. First peal of Major on the bells since rehanging by Taylor and Co. First of Cambridge on the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ...	...*Treble*	*CHARLES LOOME	5
FREDERICK ROOPE	2	*CECIL BARRETT	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	EDWIN GOATE	7
ERNEST WHITING	4	CHARLES SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First in method.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, March 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ROBERT SWIFT	...*Treble*	GEORGE ELLIS	5
TONY PRICE	2	ALFRED J. BULL	6
GEORGE OLLIVER	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

The ringer of the 2nd was proposed a member of the association prior to the commencement of the peal.

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GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT ..	...*Treble*	FREDERICK C. CLARK	5
*FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ...	2	CHARLES W. PARKER	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING... ...	3	CHARLES CLARK	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	4	JOSEPH E. BOTWRIGHT	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by CHARLES CLARK.

* First peal 'inside.' Mr. F. C. Clark, father of conductor, is 80 years of age, and this was his first peal for 28 years. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the late Miss Crookson, who was interred at Bournemouth the previous week.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Treble*	JOHN T. KENTISH...	5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.	2	FREDERICK DIGBY	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Hill, aged 91, the mother of the Rector's wife.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD G. TALBOT ...	...*Treble*	JOHN SPARROW	5
H. STANLEY ROBINSON ...	2	*DANIEL COOPER	6
HERBERT J. SKELT	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
H. BERNARD WELLS	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. W. A. Winton, churchwarden for the last 20 years.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1932, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

KEITH HART	...*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
ALFRED KEEBLE	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	6
GEORGE WILSON	3	JAMES G. RUMSEY	7
REGINALD C. KIRSEY... ...	4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Agnes M. Bailey (daughter of the conductor) on attaining her 21st birthday. Also a compliment to Mr. C. E. Fisher, of Ufford, hon. treasurer of the Suffolk Guild, on the anniversary of his wedding. By ringing the above peal the conductor has rung and conducted a different Surprise method from each bell in this tower in the following order, viz.: Guildford, tenor (October 24th, 1931), Camden, 7th (November 14th, 1931), Suffolk, 6th (December 12th, 1931), Rochester, 5th (December 28th, 1931), Cambridge, 4th (January 16th, 1932), London, 3rd (February 13th, 1932), Surrey, 2nd (March 12th, 1932), Bristol, treble (March 28th, 1932). These peals were rung consecutive in this tower in ten attempts.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.).

*REGINALD W. WORRALL	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
ERNEST BENNETT	2	HARRY PARKER	6
ALBERT H. BOOTH	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY	7
JOHN S. ROYLE	4	†KENNETH E. BIRTLES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss L. Royle, daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	5
JOHN C. ADAMS	2	JOHN WARRILOW	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	3	*HARRY BOSWELL	7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	4	THOMAS PERRY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* 100th peal. Rung for the Easter festival. Mr. and Mrs. John Perry extended their usual hospitality to the band both before and after the peal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM THORNLEY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM DICKINSON	5
HERBERT ROOKE	2	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ...	6
FRANK BRADLEY	3	J. ALFRED BARRATT	7
FREDERICK GOBBY	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRATT

Rung to commemorate to jubilee of the M.C.A. Also a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th, 7th and treble.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM NORTH	...*Treble*	BARNARD PATMORE	4
JOHN WELCH	2	HENRY WALLACE	5
JEFFREY WILLIAMS	3	SIDNEY CARTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, eight 240's of Pitman's, and eight 240's of Morris' Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*OWEN DAVIS	...*Treble*	G. JAMES R. PRICE	4
*DENNIS J. SHARPLES... ...	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
REGINALD MORRIS	3	JAMES T. RANDLE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in two methods. Rung on and in honour of Easter Day. Also on and as a birthday compliment to the conductor's youngest daughter.

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

RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

F. C. MAY	*Treble*	HARRY STEBBINGS	4
WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY ...	2	HARRY S. BARKER	5
REGINALD G. HARVEY ...	3	EDWARD J. HOWARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

The ringer of treble is a service ringer at the above church. The other five ringers belong to the St. Mary's Guild at Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex. They would like to extend their heartiest thanks to Mr. F. C. May for filling the vacancy.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BUTLER ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. BUTLER	4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ...	2	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	5
VICTOR GLASS	3	ERNEST BRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. BRIGHT.

This peal was arranged for A. Wingfield Durham, who hails from Lamberhurst, Kent, and who was elected a member before starting for the peal. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. P. Mellin.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Easter Sunday, March 27th, twelve ringers met at Painswick for a long peal on the following day. A quarter-peal was rung to feel the length of the ropes.

On Monday a start was made at 7 a.m. to ring the record length. The band was as follows: H. Phelps 1, T. Baldwyn 2, W. Ireland 3, A. Prince 4, L. Barry 5, A. Wright (conductor) 6, T. Price 7, W. Slaite 8, A. Hannis 9, J. D. G. Harris 10, J. Ballinger 11, Jas. George 12.

Telegrams and letters were received wishing every success, which the ringers very much appreciated. Unfortunately, after ringing over eight hours, the attempt had to be abandoned owing to the fatigue of one member.

The number of changes rung was 12,927, and another attempt is to be made at an early date. Many renowned ringers arrived at Painswick during the evening, including Mr. W. Pye and his party, who had been to Cirencester.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the whole Exercise will regret the breakdown, but wish every success to the next attempt.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined practice of the Whitchurch area of the Andover District was held at Laverstoke on Saturday, March 12th, when twenty-one members were present from Andover, Whitchurch, Winchester, Laverstoke, Overton, Highclere, Oakley and Wonston. Practising in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Minor and rounds took place, a feature being the number of 120's of Grandsire rung by beginners.

After tea a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. R. R. Pitter) for arranging it, and for the use of the bells.

The next meeting of the district will be at St. Mary Bourne on Saturday, April 9th. Will members please take note of this date?

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SELLY OAK BELLS RESTORATION.

AN INTERESTING GATHERING IN BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, March 19th, the recast peal of eight bells at St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham. It was certainly one of the great occasions in the history of this half-country, half-manufacturing suburb of the Midland metropolis.

The original bells, while not what one would call objectionable, were of poor tone. They were cast at various times, viz., one (the old 6th) in 1861, five added in 1864 making a peal of six, while in 1887 the peal was increased to eight by the addition of a new treble and tenor, the fifth being recast to bring it within the chromatic scale of the enlarged peal.

In 1922 it was found that it would be unsafe to ring the bells as they were then hung, and as the church had raised over £2,000 for rebuilding part of the spire and other work on the outer fabric the rehanging of the bells was regarded as a luxury. However, after many set-backs, the present appeal for funds for the bells and also for the provision of a building for the use of the juvenile organisations of the parish was issued, with the result that a contract was placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., bell founders, of Croydon, for the old bells to be recast and rehung in a new iron frame.

The parish had been without the ringing of its bells for nearly ten years, and had really forgotten what bells sounded like. Enthusiasm had been growing ever since the appeal was launched last May, and interest quickened as the day and time of the dedication drew near.

At the service there were present many old parishioners who had either left the district or had lapsed during the last ten years, and who had had their affection for their old church revived in the knowledge that the bells were to ring out again. There were also a large number of visiting ringers present from Stourbridge, Worcester, Burton-on-Trent, Coventry, etc., representing the Worcestershire Association, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, the Warwickshire Guild and the Midland Counties Association.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. P. Steer conducted the dedication service, the Rev. Father Hughes (the Vicar of St. Wulstan's, a daughter parish of Selly Oak) acting as Bishop's Chaplain. Immediately after the dedication by the Lord Bishop, a short 'touch' of Stedman Triples was rung while the Bishop's procession returned to the chancel, the ringers being W. B. Cartwright (conductor) 1, J. F. Atkins 2, C. Skidmore (Branch Ringing Master of the Worcestershire Association) 3, W. Mumford 4, J. E. Eaton 5, C. H. Stanley 6, S. Grove 7, A. Chambers 8.

A WONDERFUL PEAL.

When the bells rang out for the first time for ten years one almost heard a sob of relief from that large congregation. There were certainly a few handkerchiefs in evidence among some of the older parishioners.

And what a peal! Surely the finest product of the bell founder's art! The 'go' was excellent, but the tone was glorious.

The weight of the new tenor is 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb., in G, the total weight of the peal being 51½ cwt.

After the service the bells were open for the visiting ringers, who made full use of the opportunity. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Bristol and London Surprise.

Tea was provided in the People's Hall for about 65 ringers. When tea was finished, the Vicar said how glad he was to welcome so many visiting ringers, and to thank them for attending and giving their support to the dedication service. He (the Vicar) also said he particularly wished to thank Mr. Cyril Johnston for producing such a fine peal of bells and for all he had done in connection with the matter.—Mr. Johnston suitably responded.

Afterwards there was further ringing, followed by a social evening at the Oak Inn, Selly Oak. A very pleasant time was spent, and the songs of Messrs. W. C. Dowding, A. S. Downes and Harry Withers were very much enjoyed, as also was the tapping on the piano of a touch of Stedman Triples (conducted by Mr. H. Withers) and two courses of Duffield Major by Mr. Maurice Swinfield, not forgetting the tunes on the handbells by Messrs. H. Withers, S. Grove and A. Walker, and the ringing by Messrs. Walker, Withers, Norman, Perrins, Neal, Morris and Cartwright. Mr. Arthur Fellows, the deputy carillonneur, of Bournville, was at the piano, and the proceedings were compered by the Selly Oak Ringing Master, Mr. Wm. B. Cartwright. As all good things have to come to an end, so ten o'clock came all too soon, and the singing of 'God Save the King' brought a very happy gathering to a close.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REAFFILIATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association reaffiliated to the Central Council on Easter Monday.

Four representatives were elected as follows: Mr. John Austin, Mr. Walter Rose, Mr. Ernest Bishop and Mr. Edgar Guise.

It was decided that the recent letter in 'The Ringing World' should be replied to by re-electing the principal executive officers again if they would stand. Mr. J. Gould, who has just completed 50 years as a ringer at Henbury, was unanimously elected Master. Mr. S. Romans, of Gloucester, was elected a vice-president. Nearly 100 members attended the meeting.

A full report will be given in our next issue.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

If anyone wants to see how myths grow up, he cannot do better than take the case of the accepted account of the origin of the College Youths' name. It starts with a sentence in Shipway's book, and it has reached its furthest development (as yet) in Mr. Morris' History.

Shipway wrote that the College Youths rang Stedman's Principle 'at a church on College Hill, London, where the society at that time usually practised, and from meeting at which place they obtained their name.'

Mr. Morris wrote: 'It derives its name from the College founded by the famous Dick Whittington in 1424. Although Shipway's account of it is not altogether correct, we are safe in assuming this society to have been the offspring of a still earlier one, either of priests or laymen, who rang at the churches of St. Michael Paternoster Royal and St. Martin Vintry, both of which adjoined the College. The old Church of St. Michael possessed a ring of six bells on which the young gentlemen of the neighbourhood used to amuse themselves by chiming in rounds.'

These two different (and, indeed, contradictory) accounts are connected by a chain of statements made by several men, all of them men of eminence and learning.

First of all, Edward Osborn carefully examined Shipway's account, and, having done so, he writes that it cannot be true, because, for one thing, there was no such place as College Hill when the society was founded, and, for another, that the church connected with the College never had more than one bell. He then goes on to say that he had heard that there were once six small bells at St. Martin Vintry, which was close by, and the persons of Whittington's College might have amused themselves by ringing those bells and, possibly, for the sake of giving themselves a name, called themselves College Youths. It was only a guess, the best he can think of, and no one knows where the name did come from.

The Rev. C. W. Lukis, with what looks like a rather hazy recollection of Osborn, wrote in the Wiltshire Magazine of 1855 that the name came 'from their practising at St. Michael's on College Hill, London.'

Mr. Ellacombe examined Shipway's account and Osborn's conjecture, and said that they could not possibly be true, because Whittington's College was destroyed in 1547, ninety years before the society was founded.

Curiously enough, most of the subsequent writers base their accounts, directly or indirectly, on Ellacombe; only they read in him just the opposite of what he did say.

The official historian (whoever he was) who wrote the account of the College Youths, which appears in their rule books previous to the present edition, was concerned to make an attractive story rather than to present the exact truth (if indeed it could be known). He took such of the statements as suited his purpose and ignored the difficulties and denials. He tells us that the first members, Lord Brereton, Sir Cliff Clifton, Kt., etc., met at St. Martin's, College Hill, to practise ringing.

I need not go through the other accounts written by Mr. Tyack, Mr. Walters, Dr. Raven, Mr. R. A. Daniell and others. Osborn's guess has become an accepted fact, and Canon Papillon backs it with the tremendous authority of the 'Encyclopædia Britannica.' By this time the society's connection with Whittington has become an article of faith, and when the old city merchant prince's anniversary was celebrated at St. Michael Paternoster Royal, the College Youths took part officially in the commemoration.

But I suppose that even the enthusiasts realised that there is a rather big gap between the time of Whittington and the founding of the College Youths, a gap consisting of a good deal more than the mere passing of years, and to bridge it we have the suggestion of an 'earlier society of either priests or laymen.' True, there is no authority for supposing such a thing, and it is not only not likely, but clean contrary to likelihood. Mr. Young pleaded to be allowed to use 'a little that was only legend,' and Mr. Morris, with a generosity surprising in an historian, not only grants his plea but assures him that he is 'safe' in assuming it.

There for the moment the matter rests; but there is no reason why it should stop there. Some future writer may conclusively prove that Sir Richard Whittington was not only the titular saint of the society, but its actual founder and first Master.

It should be made quite clear that everything has developed from Shipway's first statement; nobody pretends that he has discovered any fresh facts. All that has happened is that one man makes a guess, and the next accepts it as a fact; and so the legend grew, as legends will grow.

And it must be noticed that all the men, who together have built up this myth, were men of ability and learning; they were genuinely seeking the truth, and the net result is an attractive falsehood.

As all comes from Shipway's statement, the question now arises, how far is that true, and what authority is there for it? The only possible answer is that it, too, is a guess, and that there cannot be any truth in it.

There are two questions to be answered. The first is: Is it a reasonable explanation? Does it fit in with the facts that we know about the early members of the society and the conditions under which it was founded? And the second is, Is there sufficient authority (or any authority) behind it? If we can say yes to either, the statement may stand.

To take the second question first.

When Shipway was writing his 'Campanalogia' he wanted to round off his book with a chapter on the origin of change ringing. He knew nothing whatever about the history of ringing, except what he had taken part in personally and what he gathered from the few notes in the 'Clavis.' Other London ringers were as ignorant as himself, and all the old books of the College Youths had disappeared.

In these circumstances he turned for help to a man named John Alfred Parnell. Parnell was a Sheffield man, apparently somewhat eccentric, who spent much time walking about the country on foot, visiting cathedrals and churches and collecting scraps of information concerning archæology and bells. Shipway calls him 'that celebrated antiquary'; but I imagine his fame and reputation were rather imaginary than real. At any rate, after diligent search, I could find no reference to him in any archæological journals and publications of his time. The information he gave Shipway was scanty, and very inaccurate, though it was probably the best available at the time. Where did he get this particular bit from? Note this carefully—it is not a tradition. If it were we should be compelled to believe that there was some truth in it. But the London ringers knew nothing about it, or Shipway need not have gone to Parnell for the information. Neither is it the only explanation that was believed. Another account, older probably than this, says that the members called themselves College Youths, because they had mostly been at Westminster School. I think I see evidence that this explanation is as old as the 17th century, and it is at least as likely as the accepted one. Another and really more likely account was that they were called College Youths, because they had been educated at college. This apparently was, at one time, the explanation believed by the society itself.

Parnell's opinion was given two hundred years after the event, and I cannot but think that it was a guess. If people called themselves College Youths (so he argued) they must have been youths connected with some place of that name; and as College Hill was the only likely place, he concluded that they must have got their name there.

We now come to the other question. Is Parnell's explanation a reasonable one? and does it agree with what we know of the early College Youths? I will answer by giving some facts which we now know to be true, but which neither Parnell nor Shipway knew anything about.

1. The Society of College Youths was founded in 1637. (Parnell did not know even this.)

2. Whittington's College was dissolved in 1547, and the buildings (except the church and almshouses) pulled down.

3. College Hill was not so called until after 1666.

4. The only church on College Hill is St. Michael Paternoster Royal, and there never was more than one bell there.

5. St. Martin's Vintry stood in Thames Street at the corner of Royal Street (which was where College Hill now is). It is very doubtful if there were any bells there. The only evidence is Osborn's statement, 'This church it was said had 6 small bells.' The figure he wrote in pencil, which was his habit when he recorded some fact about which he was not sure and which he intended to confirm if possible. He gives as his authorities for his description of St. Michael's and St. Martin's Churches, Stow and Maitland, but neither says anything about the bells.

6. The old societies were small, exclusive bodies, which existed solely for purposes of sport and social intercourse. They were purely secular. The Church did not acknowledge them, neither did they, as societies, acknowledge the Church.

7. They were not connected with any particular church, but went from tower to tower as fancy or convenience dictated. Their headquarters were at a tavern or coffee house.

8. The first College Youths were not literally youths, but grown men. They were not connected with Whittington's College or anything in the locality. Apparently they consisted, for the most part, of lawyers belonging to one or other of the Inns of Court. Socially many of them belonged to country families, and had nothing to do with the City of London.

I dare say that some sort of answer can be found to each of these points taken separately, as Mr. Daniell has found an answer to No. 2, but, collectively, I think the evidence is conclusive.

I hope Mr. Daniell will not mind my saying that his argument strikes me as being rather ingenious than convincing; but even if we had to admit that the College Youths in some mysterious way got their name from College Hill, there can be no shadow of doubt that the account given in the society's handbook and by Mr. Morris is pure fiction.

LONDON.—At St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, on March 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for morning service: Miss A. Fisher (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, Miss H. F. Mills 2, W. Hardy 3, G. Grainger 4, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 5, W. D. Grainger 6, W. Rogers 7, T. W. Wyatt 8.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM C. JONES.

A SPADE WORKER IN THE WORCESTER DISTRICT.

As already briefly recorded in 'The Ringing World,' Mr. William C. Jones, of Worcester, died on Monday, March 14th. He had been far from robust in health for some time, but his final illness was of short duration. A week previous to his death he seemed and felt much better than for some time, as on Sunday, March 6th, he climbed the Cathedral tower and rang a touch for evening service, but on the following Tuesday he was compelled to return from his work and take to his bed. He was removed to hospital on the following Sunday, and passed away on Monday from pneumonia. He leaves one son and a daughter.

Mr. Jones was 63 years of age, and was a native of Gloucestershire, being a sheet metal worker by trade. He commenced ringing at St. Michael's, Gloucester, and was a member of the band when the Society of St. Michael's Juniors was founded in 1887. He took part in many of their early peals, which included several Surprise methods, and was also in the first attempt for a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Cirencester. He removed to Worcester at the end of 1897, joined the Cathedral Guild, and remained a member until his death. He joined the Worcestershire and Districts Association at once, and had served as auditor for the last 27 years. His peals in Worcestershire include several 'firsts' for the association. His total peals numbered about 150, ranging from Minor to Maximus, the last one being at All Saints', Worcester, on Boxing Day.

The funeral took place on Friday, March 18th. The service was held in the Cathedral, conducted by the Rev. B. J. Isaac, Master of the Cathedral Guild, who also officiated at the cemetery, where the interment took place. The deceased was borne to his last resting place by four of his fellow-ringers: Messrs. A. Hill, W. Ranford, C. Camm and S. T. Holt. A large number of ringers and friends were present at the Cathedral and cemetery. Among the members of the Worcestershire Association who attended were Rev. J. F. Hastings, Messrs. J. R. Newman (hon. secretary), A. E. Parsons, E. P. Thomas, E. E. Barber, G. Hinton, sen., G. Hinton, jun., C. Tansell, T. Lane, F. Hawkes (branch secretary), C. Blissett, W. Lewis, F. Giles, R. Woodyatt, W. H. Thomas, J. Morris, W. Powell, and J. W. Edgington. After the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave on the deceased's handbells by: A. Hill 1-2, W. Powell 3-4, S. T. Holt 5-6, W. H. Johnson 7-8. Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from the Worcestershire and Districts Association, the Cathedral Guild, the All Saints' Youths, and friends at Claines.

On Tuesday, half-muffled touches were rung at St. John's; on Thursday, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at Claines by the All Saints' Youths; on Friday, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques at the Cathedral by the following members of the Cathedral Guild: F. W. Neate 1, G. Hinton, jun., 2, S. T. Holt 3, W. Powell 4, R. Woodyatt 5, R. G. Knowles 6, T. W. Lewis 7, D. R. Morris 8, W. Lewis 9, J. J. Jefferies 10, C. Tansell 11, E. Crump 12. On Saturday, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Caters at All Saints' was unfortunately lost through a shift course after ringing 2 hours 45 mins.

The passing of Charlie Jones will leave a gap amongst ringers, especially in and around Worcester, which will be hard to fill. A man of reserved disposition, he was esteemed by all who knew him. He did a great deal of spade work in the Worcester district, and with beginners was a most patient instructor. Many of the younger generation in the district owe much of their progress to his teaching. He truly was a man 'with the will to teach.' May he rest in peace.

S. T. H.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

A further sum of about £40 is required to meet the cost of extra work involved at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, in connection with the Stedman memorial. Ringers who have not yet contributed and who would like to be associated with the scheme should send their contributions to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

There are still a few oak ash trays available for those who wish to have a useful souvenir of the Stedman Tercentenary. They can be obtained, post free, price 2s. 3d., from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

The souvenir booklets, containing illustrated details of the commemoration scheme, a specially written article on Fabian Stedman, the history of St. Benedict's Church and its bells, and a list of the subscribers to the tercentenary fund, can be obtained (8d. post free) from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

A NON-CONDUCTED QUARTER-PEAL.

On Thursday, February 11th, at All Saints' Church, Oxford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 45 mins.: W. Simmonds 1, V. J. Bennett 2, R. A. Post 3, F. E. Taylor 4, W. F. Judge 5, Miss M. E. Reynolds 6, W. G. Collett 7, S. Taylor 8. This quarter-peal was rung strictly non-conducted, and was the first non-conducted touch by all except ringers of 4 and 5. Special credit is due to Miss Reynolds, who has yet to call a bob in Stedman.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street, London, is to be closed, the site sold, and a new church built in the populous district of Neasden. St. Andrew's has a very fine ring of eight bells, but the future of this ring is uncertain.

One hundred and seventy-one years ago next Thursday, James Barham and the ringers of Leeds, Kent, set out upon their great endeavour to ring the 'whole peal of Bob Major,' which was completed in 27 hours with only fourteen men.

Mr. G. H. (Henry) Coombes, of 25, Swanmore Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, celebrated his 89th birthday on Easter Monday. This grand old veteran is still an 'active service' ringer at Ryde All Saints', where he has been a regular ringer since 1886 (when the bells were dedicated). He is the oldest active member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Lots of people restart peal ringing after a lapse of years, but Mr. Frederick Clark, of Grundisburgh, must have made something of a record by ringing a peal at the age of 80, his last having been 28 years ago.

The ringer of the treble in the peal of Minor at Aston on February 19th was Frank Turner, and not Frank Newman.

FINCHLEY BELLS REOPENED.
FULL OCTAVE HOPED FOR.

The reopening of the bells at St. Mary's Church, Finchley, took place on Saturday, March 19th, and by invitation of the Rector (Rev. S. F. L. Bernays) a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was arranged in conjunction with it. As the previous meeting had been held only two weeks before, there was no business to transact, to the great relief of the secretary. The service was held at 4.30, when a very appropriate sermon was preached by the Rector, who immediately afterwards proceeded to the belfry to rededicate the bells. The ringers were afterwards the guests of the Rector and churchwardens (Messrs. J. W. Paul and R. H. Williams) at tea. The company of nearly 50 included Messrs. F. C. W. Stevenson and R. H. Dove (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.), Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. A. W. Coles (District Master), Mr. G. R. Goodship (assistant secretary), etc. After an excellent meal, the Rector welcomed the association to Finchley, and expressed his great pleasure at the restoration of the bells, which, he said, had been very much missed during their silence. It was hoped that at no distant date they would be able to add two bells to the peal. Although they had not been able to do that on the occasion of this restoration, they had had a new frame made for an octave, and hoped soon to have the bells (applause). The Rector stated that he was very pleased to see such a good company, and issued an invitation to the association to visit Finchley again.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness in inviting the members of the association to reopen the bells, and for so well entertaining them. It was with much pleasure, said Mr. Coles, that he had arranged the meeting, although it was so soon after their previous one, and he was sure that members would agree with him that they had been amply repaid for attending. He said that it was gratifying to hear of the prospect of an additional two bells being placed in the tower. He was sure that the local ringers, who were amongst the most loyal members of their church and association, deserved the reward of a full octave to ring upon.

The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation, and after a course of Grandsire Caters had been rung on handbells by Miss L. Wheeler, G. B. Collins, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, G. W. Fletcher and W. Bowden, this part of the proceedings terminated.

The Rector having expressed a wish that the ladies at the meeting would ring a touch together, an attempt was made to do this. Only five, however, were present, so they choose one of the ringers of the bachelor's peal of February 29th to assist them. We now have a good idea whom 'Kate' referred to as the good-looking and intelligent member of that band, especially as another of them, who was present, who really might have been considered by mere man as Kate's selected, was not chosen. The question now is, 'Will the chosen one ever ring in another bachelors' peal?'

Ringing in a variety of methods took all the time available, and everybody's taste (and ability) was catered for. It may interest some of the critics of the 'experts' to know that one of them, who has rung any amount of spliced peals in several Surprise methods, was actually seen coaching a youngster in Grandsire Doubles! And we have good reason to suspect that he has done the same thing on previous occasions. One swallow never did make a summer, and the actions of one or two experts do not justify an attack on that class of ringer generally.

The bells at Finchley, which are a peal of six with a tenor of 10 cwt., have been retuned and rehung in a new metal frame, with pits ready for two additional bells. The tone and go of the bells has been greatly improved. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

MONDAY'S CELEBRATIONS AT DERBY.

On Easter Monday, 1882, 'a very successful meeting took place at Derby to establish a change ringers' association for the Archdeaconry of Derby and district.'

Exactly fifty years have rolled away since that historic gathering, which was the foundation of the great Midland Counties Association—a title which was adopted twelve months later—and throughout the intervening period, thanks to the services of a series of able officers, not least among them a succession of active and distinguished presidents, the association has steadily grown and spread its influence until to-day it occupies a leading position among the most important of the ringing organisations.

The societies represented at the maugural meeting were St. Luke's, St. Werburgh's, St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's and All Saints', Derby; St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent; St. Lawrence's, Long Eaton; Beeston, Nottingham and Darley Dale.

The first president was the Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent; the vice-presidents, the Rev. F. J. Lyall, Vicar of St. Luke's, and Mr. Thomas Beresford, St. Andrew's, Derby. Two stewards were appointed—Mr. G. Lee, St. Luke's Society, and Mr. W. Shardlow, St. Andrew's, Derby. Mr. H. C. Woodward, of Derby,



MR. E. DENISON TAYLOR,
President of the Association.

who had taken an active part in the preliminary work, was elected as the first hon. secretary, and Mr. R. Redgate was the first treasurer. The committee consisted of Messrs. Shepherton, Bosworth, Howe and Maskrey, representing the Derby societies; Messrs. Wakley and Jagger, of Burton-on-Trent; Messrs. Barrow and Widdowson, Long Eaton, and Mr. Henson, Beeston.

A year later, when the decision was arrived at to adopt the more comprehensive title, the Rev. J. H. Fish was re-elected president, Mr. W. Wakley became treasurer, and Mr. Joseph Griffin (Burton-on-Trent) was appointed hon. secretary. And from that time onward the association has been fortunate in those who have served it. For many years, Sir Arthur Heywood was president, and since his death the office has been held by the late Mr. J. W. Taylor and the late Alderman R. B. Chambers, whose mantle has now fallen on the shoulders of Mr. E. Denison Taylor.

The fifty years' progress is marked by the fact that the number of hon. members and patrons has risen from 24 in 1882-83 to 173 in 1932, while the ringing members have increased from 73 to 851.

Ringers from all the wide area of the association gathered in Derby on Monday to celebrate the jubilee, and the bells of the city were ringing throughout the morning and for most of the afternoon.

The meeting was held in All Saints' Schoolroom, under the chairmanship of the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who gave an interesting review of the early days of the association.

SOME EARLY HISTORY.

The President said: I count it indeed a great honour that I should be your elected president to take the chair on this very memorable occasion, the 50th anniversary of the founding of our association. I hold here the earliest bound volume of the reports, which were in my late brother's library. This does not contain a first report, but opens with the second annual report, marked 1883-84, and printed at the 'Bell News' office in 1884, but this second annual report nevertheless appears to state (or to restate) all the peals rung for the association up to that date. I very much regret to learn that none survive now of those eight members who rang the first peal at St. Alkmund's in this city, on Friday, June 23rd, 1882—a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples. In the second peal, which was rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, about a month later, viz., Thursday, July 20th, 1882—a peal was, by the way, a great event fifty years ago; they did not occur in such profusion as is the case in these energetic days—we are delighted to have two of the band with us here to-day. I refer to Mr. John Jagger, who rang the 5th, and Mr. Joseph Griffin. We are indeed glad to welcome them here on this 50th anniversary. Mr. Jagger was a member of the original committee, and the genial and capable Mr. Joseph Griffin was one of the earliest hon. secretaries of the association. Mr. Griffin rang the treble in this peal and called it—a 5,040 of Double Norwich. Mr. Edward Isaac Stone rang the 2nd. In this peal also the highly respected family of the Wakleys make their first appearance, Arthur ringing the 4th, and the handsome and stalwart William the tenor. And a very gifted and enthusiastic family they were, doing splendid service for the association in its early days, William filling very capably the office of hon. treasurer for many years. The last of the family to be with us was Mr. William C. Wakley, who was also treasurer for many years, and whom we were very sorry to lose when he left the Midlands for Devonshire thirteen years ago. Another name, highly honoured in the Exercise, appears in this peal also, for the great Jasper Snowdon was on the 7th. There is a rather interesting footnote to this peal, in my brother John's writing, in this his copy of the report, which says that my brother called this same peal, a composition by W. Royle, at Arklow in Ireland on August 13th, 1899. I may mention parenthetically that it was owing to the activity and enthusiasm of the Burton-on-Trent ringers that the bulk of the early peals of our association were scored.

The name of our third president, my brother John, first appears in peal No. 7 of the association, a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples, at All Saints', Nottingham, on Saturday, November 25th, 1882, in which he rang the 4th. It was conducted, from the treble, by Joseph Wibberley. Only one of this band survives—Alfred Archer, who rang the third, and who is now a very old man, lying ill, I am sorry to say, in a hospital in Nottingham, and I think it would be a graceful act on the part of the association if a word of greeting and goodwill were sent to him on this occasion by our hon. secretary (applause). The name of our esteemed and energetic first president, the Rev. James H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, appears in peal No. 8, December 8th, 1882, as ringing the treble in a 5,024 of Kent Treble Bob, at his own church, a muffled peal on the day of the funeral of Archbishop Tait. And alas, before five more years had rolled by, muffled peals were rung as a tribute of respect to Mr. Fish's memory at Burton, Derby and Duffield, for he passed away, deeply regretted, in the very prime of his life.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

The name of our highly honoured second president, Sir Arthur Heywood, then Mr. A. P. Heywood, appears in the list of hon. members in the third annual report of 1884-85, and as president in the fifth annual report of 1886-87. His first peal, which was No. 50 of the association, was on the 4th bell, at Duffield, on Saturday, July 17th, 1885, a 5,088 of Kent, conducted by Henry Charles Woodward from the tenor. Mr. Woodward was the first secretary of the society fifty years ago. My brother John's name is also in this peal, ringing the 6th. Sir Arthur figures very frequently thereafter in the records of peals.

Those gentlemen whom I have been mentioning did splendid work in the founding of the association and in its development in the early days, and there are many others. And I am sure that these who survive—a small band, I regret to say—must feel a glow of great pride and gratification that the tree which they planted and tended so carefully has grown now to so great a size and has thrown out such fine and healthy branches; and I wonder if I might here request such of those who are present at this meeting to rise, and to allow us to acclaim their good work with hearty applause.

Mr. John Jagger, Mr. Samuel Maskrey, and Mr. J. Griffin were warmly applauded on rising, and the president added that the association tendered them its heartiest thanks for all the excellent work they had done in its founding and after, and wished them many more years of health and happiness to witness its still greater growth. To those other original members, who they were unfortunate not to have with them that day, they sent their hearty greetings. These were Mr. Edward Stone, Mr. Richard Hickton and Mr. F. W. Wells.

The President added that his own first peal was No. 69 of the association—5,040 of Grandsire Triples—rung at Cole-Orton on June 20th, 1885, conducted by his brother. Sir Arthur Heywood was in this peal too, and Mr. John Jagger. It is wonderfully interesting, and not wholly devoid of a touch of sadness, to us of the older generation, to turn over the leaves of these first reports and, in seeing the names again, to recall so many old friends now alas long since departed.

LOSSES BY DEATH.

Turning to the work of the last quarter, the President said they had sustained a severe loss by the death of a very highly esteemed lady, whom they were all looking forward to being present with them on that occasion. God had willed it otherwise, and Mrs. Chambers, the widow of their late respected president, had crossed the gulf to join her husband whom she loved so much, and whose loss must have weighed heavily upon her. None of them could ever forget the magnificent achievements for the association which Alderman Chambers accomplished, nor the deep interest which Mrs. Chambers continued to take in their work after his death.

They must all deplore the great loss to the Exercise in the passing of that fine outstanding figure among ringers, the Rev. Henry Law James, Vicar of Surfleet. He (the president) had the privilege of his acquaintance and friendship for many years, and had many opportunities of admiring his wide and scholarly knowledge, his direct outlook on things, and the genuine straightforwardness of his character. The meetings of the Central Council would hardly seem the same, now that they would be lacking his original and sometimes very caustic speeches and comments. It was indeed a great loss to the art.

The President also referred to the death of Mr. J. S. Needham, of Leicester, Mr. Clifford, jun., of Beeston, and Mr. E. Hughes, of Nottingham. He also expressed regret that the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, had retired from the vice-presidency of the Peak District. He and Mr. Lewis Cockey had done splendid service in the inauguration and administration of the new branch in that area, and their thanks were due to them for their unremitting labour. He expressed the hearty wish that excellent results would attend the work of Mr. Wright's successor, the Rev. A. E. J. B. Barrow, Vicar of Bakewell.

STEDMAN'S BELLS—A WARNING.

Continuing, the President said: The outstanding event of the year, the Stedman Tercentenary celebration, I touched upon at some length at our meeting at Ilkeston last January. There is just one matter, however, I should wish to touch upon in reference to these bells. We are very fortunate in having with us here to-day the editor of 'The Ringing World,' who has done such splendid work in connection with the celebration, and I hope he will not mind me saying that page 150 of the issue of the 4th of this month of his very excellent weekly gave me somewhat of a shock. Now I, and I think quite a good many ringers, regard the Stedman bells of St. Bene't's not as an ordinary peal, but as something, shall I say, almost sacred, and to gather, as I do, from the before-mentioned page 150, that they are being used for beginners to practise upon—well, it is perhaps too much to say that I was horrified, but I have to admit that I was certainly not pleased about it. It should be borne in mind that, quite rightly, the cannons are retained on the heads of these bells, and I do not like to think of the danger that exists of a hefty beginner bumping a bell against a stay with a good hard whack, the stay mayhap being exceptionally strong, with the possible disastrous result of the bell being twisted away from its cannons. It may be only my opinion, but possibly it may be that of many others too, that these bells are not just an ordinary peal to be used as any ordinary peal, and I should much like to hear that only expert ringers are allowed to handle them, even they being advised to exercise the greatest care, and I don't mind whether there is a Sunday band or not, so long as this is done.

Referring to the arrangements for the jubilee, the President expressed special praise for the gallant work which had been achieved by Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Draper.

The Hon. Secretary reported the election of five honorary members, one life member and eleven ringing members since the last meeting. The Rev. G. Buchanan, of Leicester, was elected an hon. member, and the election of the others was confirmed.

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The annual report reviewed the activities of the year, and, referring to the 101 peals, stated that this was the lowest total since 1920. It might be accounted for by the fact that peal ringers, like all other folk, had felt the stress of the times. Business is slack, unemployment prevails, and such circumstances were bound to have their effect on that part of the association's activities. Most peal ringers had to travel afar to obtain their ambitions, and this meant expense in train and bus fare. Many peals attempted had been unfortunately lost from various causes. The record, however, was a very good one, containing, as it did, some unique features and covering a wide range of methods from the humblest Doubles to the highest, London Surprise. Five different Surprise methods had been rung. Stedman Triples took highest place in numbers (27), due to the energetic 'Wednesdayites,' and their talented conductor, Maurice Swinfield, who had now conducted over 100 different compositions in this method alone. Fifteen ringers rang their first peal, but only one new conductor appeared, and only one 'first on the bells.' A good feature of progress was the fact that 50 recorded their first in a new method.

OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Financially the past year might be taken as one of average success, although the funds were slightly lower than at the end of 1930. During 1931 they had been able to assist in the restoration of the bells of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, which, although outside the association's own area, was deemed one with which they ought to be associated; also at Ratby and Market Harborough. The reserve funds of the association were now £150 in 5 per cent. War Loan and £100 in 4½ per cent. Church of England Temperance Building Society. Turning to ordinary income and expenditure, the committee regretted to find that the increase in the amount received from subscriptions, mentioned in the last report, had not been maintained, for whereas in 1930 the total amount received was £84 16s., in 1931 it was £77 10s. only. In trying to account for this falling off they found one very important factor, and that was the great amount of subscriptions outstanding. The committee earnestly asked each individual member of the association to render all the assistance they could by paying their subscriptions promptly, either direct or through the captain or secretary of the team, and thus relieve the local secretary of a great deal of work which really ought not to be necessary, and, incidentally, enabling the committee to present a more favourable balance sheet. The report thanked the hon. members for their continued support, and the incumbents and churchwardens who had allowed them the use of the bells at the various churches, and expressed appreciation of the efforts of the hon. local secretary of the Derby District, who had been successful in obtaining 20 new hon. members during the past year.

Special reference was made to the Ringers' Pilgrimage to Belgium last August, when a service was held at Menin Gate. This was organised by the vice-president of the association (Mr. W. Willson), and the three handbell peals rung during the tour were under the auspices of the association. Referring to the Stedman Tercentenary celebration, the report said it spoke volumes for the Exercise of ringing that it should be able and willing to rescue almost from oblivion a church tower and bells for the sake of one who for centuries had gone to dust. It stood alone in the history of ringing as an act of romantic gratitude unparalleled.

The accounts and report were adopted.

The general officers were re-elected, viz., Mr. E. Denison Taylor, president; Mr. W. Willson, vice-president; Mr. Ernest Morris, hon. secretary; and Mr. W. E. White, hon. treasurer. The president acknowledged his election, adding that the real thanks of the association were due to the secretary and treasurer.

The Hon. Secretary, in replying, thanked the district officers and especially the Derby secretary for his assistance in connection with the jubilee meeting.

Mr. W. E. White also thanked the members for re-electing him to an office in which he was following some eminent men.

It was decided to hold the next three quarterly meetings at Darley Dale in June, Overseal in September, and Melton Mowbray in January.

Mr. W. E. White referred to the association's monthly meetings, which, he said, were originally arranged with a view to doing missionary work, but he was afraid they had developed more into an afternoon's outing for the more accomplished ringers, who wanted to ring the higher methods. He hoped the real object of the meetings would not be lost sight of, but that everything would be done to help and encourage former ringers.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

FESTIVAL SERVICE.

In the afternoon a festival service was held in the Cathedral, conducted by the Very Rev. Provost H. Ham, assisted by the Rev. L. G. Longer. The singing was led by the choir, and the hymns were, 'Lifted high within the steeple,' the ringers' hymn from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' beginning 'Ring out the grief that saps the mind,' and 'Hark on high the joyful music.' The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Derby from the word, 'Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel.' Those words, he said, were cast upon Great Paul, which hung in St. Paul's Cathedral, and no more appropriate motto could have been chosen for a bell, because it showed at once the main purpose of bells and also implied the position of those who rang them, for bells were part of the furniture of the church, a building which stood as witness for the Gospel, and ringers were part of the staff of the Church. They had their share in the preaching of the Gospel, and he had no doubt that in mediæval days they would have been classed among those in the minor orders of the Church. He was sure, therefore, they all recognised the obligations upon them as to their behaviour in the conduct of their ringing, and the belfry was as sacred to them as any other part of the church. It was because he acknowledged their part in the working army of the Church, that he looked upon it as a privilege to be allowed to address them and to assure them that the Provost and he welcomed them most heartily in their jubilee year in that Cathedral, with its magnificent tower and fine peal of bells. The Bishop went on to refer to the Stedman Tercentenary celebration, in which he had been particularly interested because he was formerly for six years Vicar of St. Benedict's, Cambridge. He then turned to the history of the bells of Derby Cathedral. Happily, he said, the churchwardens' records in that parish had survived since 1465, and they were of untold value for the history of the parish. The earliest mention of bells was in 1510, when there was a payment for ringing on Corpus Christi Day. As the building of the tower of the Cathedral was only commenced in 1509, the bells at that time must have been hanging in some temporary buildings. One of the bells was particularly interesting because it brought the peal right into the middle of the

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BOW BELLS.

CHANCELLOR GRANTS THE FACULTY.

A SURPRISE DEVELOPMENT.

The Chancellor of the Diocese of London (Mr. F. H. L. Errington, C.B., D.C.L.) has sanctioned the proposed work for the restoration of Bow bells.

As reported in our last issue, a Consistory Court was held in St. Paul's Cathedral to hear the petition for the renovation of the famous church, its steeple and bells, together with an application for sanction to carry out other minor matters. The Chancellor reserved judgment, which he delivered on Tuesday in last week. Mr. J. D. Blagden again appeared for the Rector and churchwardens, and Mr. Roger North for Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the bell founders.

As soon as the Chancellor had taken his seat, Mr. Blagden said that since the last hearing a surprise development had taken place which had placed the petitioners in a position of some difficulty. He believed a letter had been forwarded to the Chancellor containing an offer, made through the editor of a well-known journal, by which Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the original founders of the bells, offered to do the work without cost to the petitioners. The petitioners were anxious to avoid doing any injustice, neither did they want to do anything discourteous to Mr. Gordon Selfridge, who had previously made a generous offer to defray the cost on condition that the work was done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The Appeal Committee had not yet had the opportunity of considering the matter, and he suggested that the Chancellor's decision with regard to the bells should be allowed to stand over, so that there might be a meeting of the petitioners to consider what might best be done. It was unfortunate that the offer came at the last moment.

The Chancellor inquired if the views of the Appeal Committee were known.

Mr. Blagdon said there had been no meeting of the committee, but he understood the chairman (Sir Louis Newton) was anxious to go on on the basis of the petition, but the Rector had expressed a different view, so at present their counsels were divided.

The Chancellor said his judgment was directed mainly to approving the work to be done, including the bells, but it would not necessarily include the question as to which contractor the committee should select to carry it out, and if they wished to change their mind they could do so. He had had the evidence on the petition before him, and he felt a difficulty, at the last moment, in postponing judgment. The faculty could be held up while the committee considered whether they would employ another contractor—if it was open to them to do so—and the Court could be notified of their decision. The Court did not prescribe the employment of a particular contractor. Assuming he was satisfied with the specification, it did not matter who the contractor was; that was for the authorities—the petitioners. If they wished to make a change, they might do so; the Court should know before the faculty was granted.

Mr. Blagden: The faculty need not actually be issued until there has been a meeting.

AN ALMOST EXTINCT SPECIES.

The Chancellor then delivered judgment on the petition. He said the church was probably the best-known parish church within the Empire, and to be born within the sound of Bow bells was, in former days, considered the hall mark of that now almost extinct species, the London cockney. The church, with its tower and clock, was one of the landmarks of the city. It was in accordance with tradition that the Lord Mayor should be president of the appeal fund, that Alderman Sir Louis Newton, an ex-Lord Mayor, should be chairman of the committee, that a donation of a thousand guineas should be given by the City Corporation, and that contributions should come from many of the city companies. Some £5,700 had now been raised, but the roof of the church, suffering from the inroads of the death watch beetle and dry rot, would be an expensive item, and a further sum of £7,000 or £8,000 was still urgently needed. There could hardly be a subject more worthy of appeal than this church, so familiar to city workers. The need for repair of the tower had been suspected since the steeple was struck by lightning in 1912, although its urgency was not fully realised until the summer of 1931, when Mr. Underwood, the architect of the church for 25 years, had an opportunity of more closely examining the steeple and tower. Extensive repairs were a matter of urgency, and these were carried out. In doing this, without first obtaining a faculty, the authorities acted irregularly. It seemed to be the general impression that a faculty was not needed for repairs, but that was a mistake. A faculty was needed for any sort of structural repairs, and although the work in this case was really urgent, a license to proceed could at once have been obtained from the Court in anticipation of the faculty. However, the work had been done and the steeple and tower made absolutely secure, and he felt no difficulty in now confirming the restoration work so carried out. He therefore authorised the matters referred to in the petition relating to the repairs and redecoration of the fabric, the new installation of electric light, the erection of the memorial tablet to the Rector's eldest son and the hanging of Rosa's picture of 'St. Paul.'

'THE ONLY POSSIBLE COURSE.'

Continuing, the Chancellor said the only difficulty that arose was with regard to the bells. These famous bells were twelve in number, and dated from 1669 to 1881. They had all been cast at the foundry, which dated back, he believed, to 1565, of the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Staiubank, or their predecessors, who had always, with one material exception, had the bells in their care. The bells now required considerable repairs, and in some cases recasting. The committee naturally desired to keep them in the same hands, and very properly checked that firm's estimate with another estimate obtained from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. He understood there was no appreciable difference, the total amount being nearly £900. There seemed to be little chance of raising this sum, but in August or September last the committee received from Mr. Gordon Selfridge an offer to defray the entire cost, provided the work was given to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The committee realised that some injustice to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank might be involved, and they tried to raise the money elsewhere, but without success; and on September 27th the committee accepted the offer and the conditions. That Court was only concerned with the effectiveness of the works themselves. Provided the specification was satisfactory, it was in the discretion of the responsible authority to choose the contractor; that was, on the presumption that the authority was exercising its free discretion and was not hampered in its choice by some outside influence. He therefore had to look a little further into this offer. Mr. Johnston had given evidence that the condition followed an interview with Mr. Selfridge, for whom his firm was then doing, or had done, a considerable amount of work. Not unnaturally at that distance of time Mr. Johnston could only give them a somewhat meagre outline of that interview. He (the Chancellor) thought he might briefly sum up this conversation not unfairly if he said Mr. Johnston opened his mouth and the plum dropped in. Mr. Johnston wanted the job, and Mr. Selfridge was willing to do him a good turn. Had there been any chance of raising the money elsewhere the committee might have hesitated, but they could not make an heroic gesture of refusal in face of the urgent repairs needed to the bells and the constant and progressive deterioration, and the fact that the contractors were a firm in whom they had shown confidence by asking for an estimate and specification. He thought the committee took the only possible course, and although he might deplore the pushfulness of the contractors, he could not interfere with the discretion of the petitioners, who had taken up an immense financial burden. No change from the faculty would be undertaken without the consent of Mr. Underwood and Mr. Walters, who was a member of the Diocesan Committee and an expert in such matters. The system of tuning to be adopted and any question that might arise as to recasting or the removal of the cannons must be submitted to the Court, and he must have an undertaking from the petitioners that this would be so. On that condition the petition would be granted. The Chancellor added that the bells must not be touched until the faculty was issued.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

'BIG MEN' ALWAYS READY TO HELP.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I take this early opportunity to thank Mr. E. P. Duffield for his reply to Mr. Amos' letter in your issue of March 18th re district meetings. I had not intended to reply, but as Wellingborough has been mentioned, may I say that Mr. Amos is not, and never has been, a member of that belfry. As Mr. Duffield truly says, we have some of the finest ringers to be met anywhere within a few miles of here, and in my eleven years' experience as secretary of that branch, never have I seen our 'big men,' whether at meetings or at any other time, but what they are always ready and willing to help their weaker brethren. I believe that we have as good attendance at our meetings as anywhere in the country, and at a recent one, with 70 present, no one worked harder to help others than these 'big men,' no matter the method. I will go further and give a concrete instance of what one of them in particular is doing at the present time. He is putting himself to inconvenience to go to a neighbouring village to teach a newly-formed band to ring Grandsire Doubles, although he personally, to my knowledge, can ring at least six Surprise Major methods. One could give other instances, but space forbids.

I, too, like Mr. Duffield, cannot say what Mr. Amos has in mind, but I do know that his letter does not apply to the 'big men' of the Wellingborough Branch, of whom I am justly proud.—Yours faithfully,

F. BARBER,
Wellingborough Branch Secretary.

BADGEWORTH, GLOS.—On Monday, February 1st, at the Parish Church, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Doubles consisting of two six-scores each of St. Dunstan's, Grandsire, Old Doubles, Chase, Plain Bob and half of Canterbury Pleasure: A. Newman 1, T. Davis 2, W. Oakey 3, C. Lawrence 4, G. Kilminster (conductor) 5, C. Staite 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and his daughter.

EASTER RINGING.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, for morning service, on Easter Sunday, March 27th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Went 1, E. W. Luff 2, G. Knight 3, E. H. Stradling (conductor) 4, G. Hawkins 5, A. L. Lucas 6, A. Hawkins 7, L. Jones 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. All are members of the local band of Sunday service ringers.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's-Without-the-Walls, for evening service, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 50 mins.: Geo. Lee 1, John Tomlinson 2, Edwin Breeze 3, Harry Lewis 4, John Hayes 5, Gilbert Gerrard 6, Sam Jones 7, Percy Swindley (conductor) 8. Mr. G. Gerrard celebrated his 61st birthday and also completed 45 years as a ringer in Chester district the same day.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, March 27th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local ringers: G. Gregory 1, F. Healey 2, W. Weatherby 3, H. Walker 4, I. Clarke 5, W. I. Chesters 6, A. Hickman (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8. First quarter-peal and first attempt by the ringer of the 2nd.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Easter Sunday, March 27th, for morning service at St. Michael's, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Bull 1, R. Hayden 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Also rung in honour of the christening of the baby daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

BANSTEAD.—At the Church of All Saints, for evensong, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: A. T. Wooloff 1, Col. T. F. Parkinson 2, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 3, N. Hobden 4, J. Hobson 5, F. G. Woodiss 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, E. Wooloff 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 4.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: F. C. Cattermoul 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, H. W. Cooper 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, P. Page 6, W. A. Lewis (conductor) 7, W. W. Webb 8. Arranged for Mr. P. Page, of Ashford, Kent, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

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great movement which led ultimately to the foundation of the United States of America. The date of the bell was 1620, and 1620 was the date when the Pilgrim Fathers sailed from Plymouth in the 'Mayflower' to make a new home in America under what was called the Virginia Company. That company was badly in want of money and floated a lottery, like their friends were doing to-day across the Irish Channel. Some of the parishioners of that parish subscribed three guineas to be ventured in the lottery for the benefit of the Church, and made the rather amusing bargain that if a prize was won the three guineas was to be paid back. They won £12, and were magnanimous enough to refuse to be repaid the three guineas. Of the £12 which they won, £2 was given to the repairing of the church leads and £10 towards the bell. Let us hope, added the Bishop, that the bell has since then been so busily sounding out the Gospel message that the doubtfulness of its origin has been forgiven. That church had records showing the intimate part taken by the bells in the life of the nation and brought home to them once more the close association which existed between Church and State, an association which he hoped would never be broken. The ringing for the accession, the coronation and the death of Kings and Queens, the birth of royal princes and princesses were all entered in the churchwardens' books, judges of assize were greeted with a peal, and sometimes the visit of a bishop was a cause for ringing. Indeed, in these books they could trace the great events of English history, of battles and the celebration of peace. Every event of importance seemed to have been included. The bells were rung on one occasion on the arrival of the vanguard of the rebels in the Jacobite rebellion of 1745 in order that the invaders might not find resentment in their silence, and they were rung on April 19th, 1733, on the arrival of the news that the duty on tobacco had been taken off. That was an instance of what was not the proper spirit in which to ring bells; it was not the way to use the ornaments of the church. Their main purpose was to remind people of the preaching of the Gospel, and he would remind them that their part in the activities of the Church was to call people together for worship, and their duty, when they did that, was to join in the service. He knew their association did not approve of ringers going away from the church after they had rung the bells for service, and it was because he knew they stood for all that was best in ringing and for ringers that he prayed that God would bless their association and give it success and power, and, if it be His will, add jubilee to jubilee.

The collection after the sermon amounted to £2 12s. 6d., and was devoted to the association bell restoration fund.

In the evening, Mr. Denison Taylor presided over a large gathering at the jubilee dinner at King's Cafe. An enjoyable evening was spent, the toasts including the following: 'The King,' 'The Bishop and Clergy,' 'The M.P.'s (town and county), Mayor and Corporation,' 'The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers,' 'The Hon. Members,' 'The Visitors,' 'The Ringing World,' and 'Absent Members.'

It was, altogether, a great day in the history of the association.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, EDINBURGH

RINGERS' SERVICE TO THE CHURCH.

Hearty acknowledgments of the services to the community by the St. Cuthbert's Parish Church Society, Edinburgh, were made by several speakers at the annual dinner of the society, held in the Caledonian Hotel. Mr. T. Drummond Wilson, M.C., presided over a large company of ladies and gentlemen, by far the greater number of whom were the guests of the society. In the course of the evening five members of the society gave a short touch of Grandsire Caters on the handbells—Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote conducting—a performance which was greatly appreciated.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'The Memory of the Donor of the Bells,' said that Mrs. Anderson was a woman of wonderful personality. She was a lady who radiated love and kindness wherever she went, and the beauty of her deeds was that they were mostly done anonymously. The bells were dedicated on February 15th, 1902, and it was not until many years after that that the name of the donor of the bells was made public. That showed what kind of woman Mrs. Anderson was. Mrs. Anderson took a tremendous interest in the society, and one of her last acts of kindness was to provide for each member of the society on the Coronation Day of King George, a very beautiful gift in acknowledgment of their great services and their loyalty. He had observed that at least one of the change ringers was wearing the gift that evening. Mrs. Anderson left a sum of money for the upkeep of the bells and for providing a dinner to be given annually to the change ringers, to be known as 'the donor's dinner.' They reverenced the memory of Mrs. Anderson, and they intended to keep that memory green and fragrant.

The toast was pledged in silence.

'GOOD COMPANIONS'

The Rev. W. White Anderson, M.C., in proposing the toast of 'The St. Cuthbert's Society of Change Ringers,' spoke of the enthusiasm of the bellringers, an enthusiasm which, he said, was conveyed through the bells to those who heard them. Edinburgh would always be a Christian city so long as there were bells in the tower of St. Cuthbert's and change ringers to ring them. Might they long be spared from a mechanical manipulation of those bells. They were all proud of St. Cuthbert's and the change ringers' society—those men and women who devoted so much of their time during the week to practise, and on Sundays to the ringing of the bells. They appreciated the bellringers' labours. They were doing a work the value of which no one could estimate in words.

Mr. D. G. Holland, vice-president of the society, in replying, invited those present to take an opportunity of visiting the tower of St. Cuthbert's to see the bellringers at work and, if they cared, to share in that work. The ringers were a band of 'good companions' under an ideal leader—Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote.

The Rev. John Campbell proposed 'The Church of Scotland.'

The Very Rev. Dr. Norman Maclean, in replying, also paid a tribute to the change ringers, relating a personal experience last Christmas Eve when, he said, he realised as he had never done previously, what the chimes did. Outside the church there was nothing else to evidence that there was a great Christian anniversary about to dawn. The chimes of St. Cuthbert's kept alive the sense of worship in the heart of the city. Proceeding, Dr. Maclean spoke of the spirit of unity that was spreading all over Scotland. It was changing the atmosphere and bringing in a new day.

Mr. W. G. Sym, M.D., in proposing the toast of 'The Ladies,' paid a high tribute to the Hon. Mrs. Maclean, who, he said, had endeared herself to every member of St. Cuthbert's.

Mrs. Maclean replied.—Mr. J. Harold Macdonald, LL.B., proposed 'Our Guests,' and the Rev. W. H. Rogan replied.—Mr. W. H. Stewart proposed 'The Chairman.'

All the arrangements were in the hands of the hon. secretary, Mr. William C. G. Jiukins.

NOTICES.

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ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING.
CROYDON, APRIL 2nd.

There will be over 2,500 visitors.

RINGING during the morning at Croydon Parish Church and St. Peter's, South Croydon, will start at 11.30 a.m. instead of noon.

THE FOUNDRY will be open to visitors at 1.30 p.m. instead of 2 p.m.

COMMUNITY SINGING will be conducted by Capt. T. T. Ratcliffe (Wembley Cup Final and Aldershot Tattoo) at the Evening Concert, which will commence at 7.30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, April 2nd.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at the Priory Church, Worksop. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea and service will be made.—L. Noel Cawthorne, Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m., tea at 5 o'clock, business meeting to follow.—Please notify regarding tea to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest at Halifax Parish Church on April 2nd. Draw 2.45 p m. in the Ring o' Bells. — L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Please note that the next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild (Northern District). For tea please notify Miss Cawthorne at meeting.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Stapleton, Bristol, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Come and make this meeting a big success.—Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec., 80, Carlyle Rd., Greenbank, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—First meeting, Barrow-on-Humber, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15, with an address. Tea 5 p.m., in Vicar's room, 1s. 6d. Business meeting after tea. All welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Kepier School. If Croydon is too far, do the next best thing and come to this meeting. We hope for a bumper meeting.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, April 2nd. Tower open 3 o'clock. All welcome. — C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society). — Meetings at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.: Sunday morning, April 3rd, 10 a.m.; Monday, 4th, practice, 6.30 p.m.; quarterly meeting, 8.15 p.m., and also practice, Monday, April 18th, 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 5th, St. Magnus' on the 7th and 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, 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.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next meeting will be held at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle, Bristol, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly advise me by April 6th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. A good muster is requested. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, April 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 6th.—A. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Newton-le-Willows on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. S. Percival, 71, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows, before Wednesday, April 6th.—Claude I. Davies, J. Grounds, Branch Secs.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9th, at St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst (8 bells) on Saturday, April 9th. Service 4 o'clock, tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly send numbers for tea by April 4th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., and tea provided at 5 p.m. All are welcome. Will all members please notify me of their attendance?—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberdare on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, April 9th. The peal of 10 (tenor 25½ cwt.) at the Abbey will be available for ringing from 1.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. in the choir, followed by tea, which will be served in Mrs. Smith's Café, Finkle Street, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Those requiring same are requested to inform Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, by Thursday, April 7th. Business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held in the Sacristy.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 59, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston Parish Church on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston, not later than Wednesday, April 6th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Pattingham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Scott Rogerson. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Wolverhampton: Queen Square at 2 and Railway Street at 2.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 5th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mark on Saturday, April 9th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Briavels on April 9th. Bells (8) will be open at 3.30 p.m. Tea in School Room. All ringers who require tea must let me know by April 5th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

STANWICK.—A peal board to commemorate the first peal on these bells will be dedicated on Saturday, April 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea MUST notify Mr. W. F. Nutt, The Avenue, Stanwick, Wellingborough, by April 7th.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Brookes, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, not later than Tuesday, April 5th. —A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Jubilee festival at Bromgrove on Saturday, April 9th. Service in the Parish Church at 5.15 p.m., with address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings, Rector of Martley. Dinner at the Golden Cross Hotel at 6 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets, 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to others, must be applied for before Wednesday, April 6th, either of a member of the committee or the secretary. The bells will be available during the afternoon.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD. — Chippenham Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's (8 bells), Chippenham, on Saturday, April 9th, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's will be open. Visitors notify early. —F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Regarding the revision of branch rules a discussion will take place at this meeting on the framing of Rule 1. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business 5.30. Ringing visitors welcomed. Please note change of address of Fylde Branch secretary. — C. Sharples, 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (5) at 2.45. Service in church at 4, tea and meeting to follow.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, April 9th. Service at 5 p.m. Preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord

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Bishop of Willesden. Tea, at usual terms, at 5.45. Please advise Mr. W. H. Hollier by April 6th. Business meeting at 6.30, the President, Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, in the chair. Ringing arrangements: Twickenham, 2.30 to 5; Hampton, 2.45 to 4.30; Isleworth, 2.30 to 4.30. Twickenham after the business meeting. Cheap day tickets, Waterloo to Twickenham. For Isleworth alight at St. Margaret's.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Stockport and Bowdon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Mottram-in-Longdendale on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 5th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec., 36, Dowson Road, Hyde.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — The adjourned annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by April 5th? — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Bottisham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Please come, if possible, and make this meeting a great success. — K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 5th, who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Nunney on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 6th.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.— The fourth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Market Parade), 6 p.m. prompt, Councillor Eggleton presiding, supported by other gentlemen. Tickets 3s. Ladies invited. Ringing facilities in next week's issue. Will ringing friends requiring tickets purchase them from W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, not later than April 14th? All ringers and friends welcome.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on April 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 11th.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 16th. Opening of Guild Library in S. Nicolas' belfry at 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30, followed by tea (1s. each) and business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Bells of Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10) 3.15 to 4.15. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 12th, to J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The annual dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, Leicester, on Saturday, April 16th, at 6.15 p.m. Bells of St. John's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Margaret's (12) will be open for ringing 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, must be applied for before April 12th, latest.—Ernest Bagworth, Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Teynham on Saturday, April 16th. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me before Thursday, April 14th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newton St. Cyres on April 16th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors please notify me by April 11th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas', Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stisted on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please let me know by morning of the 13th to enable me to make the necessary arrangements. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells at St. Gregory's (8), St. Peter's (8), All Saints' (8) available all day. 3.15, committee meeting in St. Peter's Vestry. 4, service at St. Peter's (with sermon by Rev. T. C. Alexander, Rector of Great Waldingfield). 4.30, tea (1s.) in Church House. 5, meeting. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 30th next, at Tackley. Service at the church at 3.30 p.m. Several towers will be at our disposal.—W. Evetts, jun., Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

BUSHEY. — Saturday, April 30th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 6. Business meeting after. Ringing till 8.30.—C. H. Horton, 28, Warwick Lane, E.C. Tel. City 4270.

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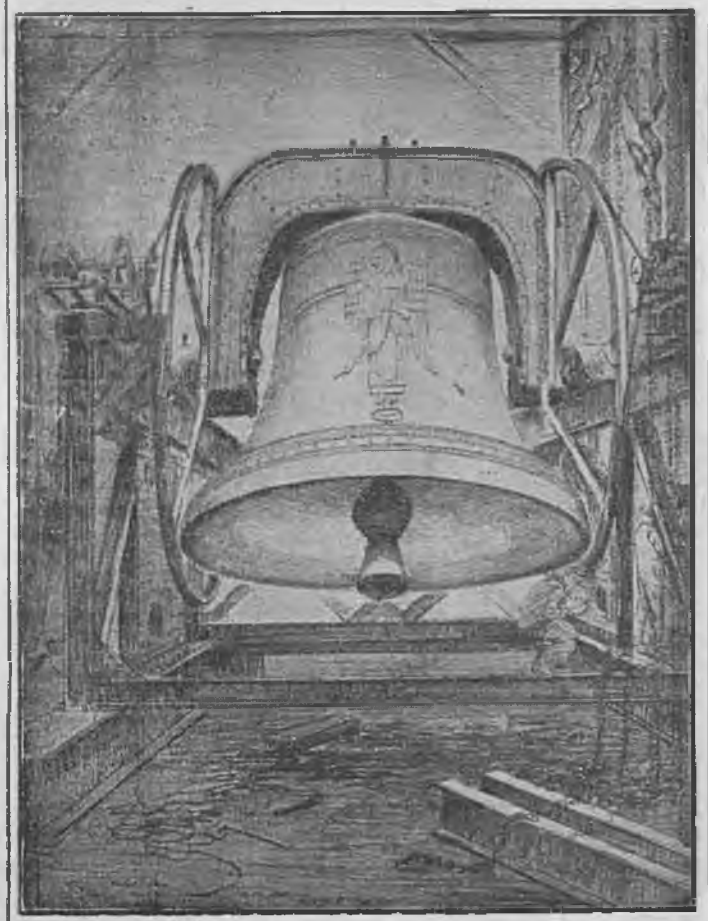

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But if Saturday's gathering was a demonstration of the supremacy of the English bell founder, it was also a convincing display of the brotherhood that exists among ringers. Not the least satisfying part of the occasion to many of the guests was the opportunity it afforded of meeting old friends, and it once more revealed that ringers belong to an organisation which has real life. Saturday's gathering will be long remembered by those who took part in it, not alone as a day of interesting experiences, but because of the spirit of fellowship which it revealed. The Exercise is indebted to Messrs. Gillett

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Tenor 26 cwt.

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JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	8
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Tenor 28 cwt.

P.C. JOHN MULLINER	...Treble	*C.I. JAMES MELDRUM	6
P.C. GEORGE PYE	2	P.C. JOSEPH WILSON	7
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P.C. DONALD BROWN	4	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE	9
P.S. PETER CROOK	5	*P.C. EDWIN BIRKETT	...Tenor

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* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters by the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to P.C. Wm. Robinson, of the Manchester City Police, who was unfortunately unable to stand in the peal. The band represents four ranks.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE WHITING	5
GEORGE BENNETT	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	6
GEORGE PYKE	3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ...	4	T. WILLIAM LAST ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Leslie G. Brett, of Framsden, to Miss Ivy Chilvers, of Stonham Aspall. It was intended to ring a ten-bell peal at Stonham Aspall, where the wedding took place, but, owing to serious illness near the church, Framsden (the bridegroom's native place) was substituted. It was the first peal in the method by the sixth ringer.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

F. W. CECIL CURTIS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE HOWCHIN	5
WILLIAM E. BASON	2	GEORGE MAYERS	6
MISS MABEL R. ROBERTSON	3	WILLIAM G. MAYERS	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Mabel Robertson. This composition, containing extent qualities, is presumed to be rung for the first time.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT FULCHER	5
SALEM GOODSWEN	2	JAMES ELDRIDGE	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
FREDERICK ROOPE	4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by E. WHITING.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART (No. 2). Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

FRANK WEST	...*Treble*	SYDNEY TAYLOR...	5
C. ELLIOT WIGG	2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	3	RICHARD A. POST	7
P.S. CECIL A. SMITH	4	*ROBERT ALLDM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal in the method. The band wish to thank the local foreman, Mr. O. W. Porter, for making arrangements for the peal.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

JOHN W. JONES	...*Treble*	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS	2	ERNEST STITCH	6
CHARLES H. PERRY	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
CYRIL MATHERS	4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

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LANIVET, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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HOLLIS' FIVE-PART Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

HENRY WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS G. MAYERS	5
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ...	6
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN	3	HAROLD BENNETT	7
JAMES E. LILLEY...	4	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ...	...*Tenor*

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Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

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JOHN F. GALYER	2	DANIEL COOPER	6
EDWARD G. TALBOT	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
FRANK JENNINGS	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, March 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

FREDERICK A. SALTER	...*Treble*	EDWARD FRED GOBEY... ...	5
FREDERICK BROWN	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
FREDERICK J. MILNER ...	3	HENRY HARRISON	7
JOHN E. HOBBS	4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

Rung after three attempts for Stedman, in commemoration of the association's jubilee, which was celebrated at Derby on Easter Monday.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve 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.

HENRY HUTTON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	5
NELSON ELLIOTT...	2	GEORGE E. CLODE	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	WILLIAM T. BREESON ...	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JAS. PARKER. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, March 30, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES T. WARD	*Treble*	AMOS SMART	5
*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	2	JOHN J. MAWBY	6
FREDERICK R. PALMER ...	3	THOMAS R. HENSHER	7
WALTER PERKINS	4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.
* First peal in the method and first attempt; also fiftieth peal.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, March 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

JAMES BILBY...	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	5
JESSE FRANCIS	2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER	6
WILLIAM C. WEST	3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... ...	7
CHARLES RAISON	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by CHAS. F. ANDREWS.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss L. Stafford (daughter of Mr. J. Stafford, the local captain and steeplekeeper) and Mr. J. King, which took place at this church on March 28th.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, March 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

SYDNEY TAYLOR	*Treble*	RICHARD A. POST	5
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ...	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	6
WALTER G. BRIGHAM... ...	3	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ...	7
WILLIAM BLAKE	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, March 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM CHALK	*Treble*	HENRY EVERS	5
STANLEY G. MOSS	2	GEORGE GREEN	6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ...	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)
On Thursday, March 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DYKE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
*STANLEY CHAPLIN	2	JACK ROY	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	HENRY CHURCHILL	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	SYDNEY PRIDDLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.
* First peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, April 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES R. GOODBORN ...	*Treble*	HARRY ARGENT	5
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL...	2	JOHN BURLES	6
*HENRY HOVERD...	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	*EDWARD J. BERR ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday peal for F. A. Mitchell and C. R. Goodburn (April 1st), Miss I. McIntier (March 26th), and the Rev. G. W. Mennie, Rector (March 25th).

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ...	*Treble*	ARTHUR PANTHER	5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ...	2	ARTHUR GILL	6
*HAROLD CHANT	3	T. COLIN RYDER	7
CHARLES POULTENEY ...	4	ALBERT NASH	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. NASH.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Cambridge Major by all the band and on the bells.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24¼ cwt.

HENRY C. ALFORD ...	*Treble*	ALAN R. MACDONALD	5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2	ERNEST BRETT	6
JOHN H. B. HESSE	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	7
HERBERT LANGDON	4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. LANGDON.
Rung in honour of the restoration of the church.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*REGINALD J. SCOTT ...	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HELEY	5
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS... ...	2	HARRY TYSOE	6
CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	3	†ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ...	7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ...	4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method 'inside.' A jubilee peal for the Beds Association, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE LIMMER	*Treble*	†REGINALD W. REX	5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ...	2	EDGAR HUMFREY	6
MISS HILDA F. MILLS ...	3	‡JACK CHESTERMAN	7
†CHARLES PULLEN	4	GEORGE GILBERT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent. ‡ First peal of Major.

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ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOSEPH LOVETT ... ...*Treble*	HARRY PAGE 5
*ERNEST STITCH 2	*GEORGE POPNELL 6
*WILLIAM J. CROSS 3	*ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
*GEORGE PALMER 4	HENRY CRABB ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Erin. First peal of Erin on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on the 10th anniversary of his wedding day.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

HERBERT DAVENPORT... ...*Treble*	*WILLIAM HORAN 5
ROBERT WALLWORK 2	†CHRISTOPHER GUEGEON ... 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* 150th peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*HAROLD ASTBURY ... ...*Treble*	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 2	CHARLES H. PAGE 6
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
†ERIC B. ALLMAN 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... ...*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major away from the treble. Mr. C. H. Page's 90th peal, and Messrs. A. and G. H. Crawley's 70th peal together.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. W. WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18 cwt.

SAM GREENHALGH ... ...*Treble*	HERBERT GREENHALGH ... 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
FREDERICK J. STEELE 3	JOHN POTTER 7
WILLIAM EDWARDS 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. POTTER.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss E. J. Steele, eldest daughter of the ringer of the 3rd. Also as a birthday compliment to Miss A. Shuker.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 3⅝ cwt.

HAROLD V. COOPER ... ...*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
SAMUEL GROVE 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
*JOHN BASS 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* 400th peal. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

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LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, March 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

ALBERT J. BROWN ... ...*Treble*	H. F. HYLTON TIDY 4
EDWARD E. TIDY 2	JAMES W. KNIGHT 5
LEONARD A. TIDY 3	JOHN O. WELLER... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

First peal and first attempt by ringer of treble, who is 16 years of age.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, March 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY JOHNSON ... ...*Treble*	JOHN PHILLIPS 4
FRANK P. HARWOOD 2	HAROLD HARPER 5
FRANK DEWEY 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

This peal was arranged for Mr. H. Harper, of Rochester, who was on a visit to this district.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, 12 six-scores Plain Bob, 8 six-scores St. Dunstan's, and 10 six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HENRY PAYNE ... ...*Treble*	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
A. NORMAN GEARY 2	RONALD RUSSELL 5
HENRY FAULKNER 3	*WILLIAM HORSLEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

* First peal. The ringer of the tenor was made a member of the association before starting the peal.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN W. PRESTON ... ...*Treble*	HARRY PIEVILL 4
ROBERT W. BLOOMFIELD ... 2	JOHN HURST... 5
G. FRED BLOOMFIELD ... 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT W STOCKDALE.

A 21st birthday compliment to the 3rd ringer. First peal by all in seven methods.

SHALFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)
On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. HUNTER ... ...*Treble*	HAROLD O. R. SCHUPKE ... 4
ALBERT LAMBKIN... 2	LESLIE C. W. HUNTER ... 5
HUGO E. SCHUPKE 3	KENNETH A. GIRDLER ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE C. W. HUNTER.

First peal by all except the conductor, and first as conductor. First peal by the St. Mary's Society, and rung at the first attempt. The ringers are all members of the church choir. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. David Railton, M.A., M.C., and Mrs. Railton. The last peal on these bells was rung in December, 1913.

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

On Tuesday, March 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM DAVIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM CARTER	4
CHARLES DARBY	2	*REGINALD CHANCE	5
RALPH PARTON	3	ERNEST CALCUTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. CALCUTT.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

HARRINGWORTH, NORTHANTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

HERBERT W. ABBOTT	*Treble*	ERNEST A. MARSH	4
GEORGE A. HOLLICK	2	RONALD RUSSELL	5
ALBERT L. WARD	3	PERCY AMOS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. A. HOLLICK.

The band wish to thank the Rev. Canon B. E. Foyster for this long-standing invitation, and for his kind hospitality in entertaining them to tea afterwards. First peal on the bells since 1913.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN	*Treble*	H. DENNIS W. BISBOP	4
*HUBERT SMITH	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
H. JIM RALPH	3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by E G. L. COWARD.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and thought to be the first ever rung on them.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK CHERRETT	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. TUBB	4
WILLIAM J. NORTON	2	SYDNEY D. CHILD	5
BERTRAM TUBB	3	FREDERICK A. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Ashley Brereton and Miss L. M. Bernays, daughter of the Rector of St. Mary's, which took place at San Paulo, Brazil, on March 30th.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, being two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY RUSHTON	*Treble*	CHARLES OLLIER	4
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD	2	JOHN FEARNHEAD	5
EDWARD F. MAWBY	3	WILFRED J. MOSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Bardsley, a prominent worker at this church. First peal of Minor for all except the conductor. First peal in three methods for all the band.

OXFORD.—On Friday, April 1st, at New College, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,301 changes): W. F. Judge (conductor) 1, S. Hounslow 2, W. G. Brigham 3, F. Exon 4, F. E. Taylor 5, V. J. Bennett 6, W. Blake 7, W. G. Collett 8, R. A. Post (composer) 9, R. Plaister 10.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. ALBANS.

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the president, Mr. F. J. Reeve (Tring), welcomed the members.

The Rev. Leonard Buxton (Vicar of North Mymms) was elected an hon. member, and the election of Mr. G. Smith (Buntingford) was confirmed. Ringing members elected were Messrs. Cyril James Shadbolt (Harpenden) and R. Andrews (St. Stephen's, St. Albans).

In the absence, through indisposition, of the hon. treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham), Mr. R. J. Lee presented the financial statement.

The balance sheet showed receipts during the year of £38 8s., which included £22 12s. from ringing members, £6 5s. 6d. from hon. members, £4 from life members, and 15s. 6d. from peal entry fees and certificates. The expenditure amounted to £38 6s. 1d., the balance in hand at the end of the year being £18 3s. 8d., against £18 1s. 9d. at the commencement.

Mr. Lee stated that £6 8s. 6d. had been credited to the Benevolent Fund, the towers contributing being St. Mary's, Luton, Kimpton, St. Peter's, St. Albans, St. Albans Abbey, St. Michael's, St. Albans, Aldenham, North Mymms, Harpenden and King's Walden.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 47th annual report of the association, submitted by the hon. secretary, was both interesting and encouraging; for the year's efforts constituted not only a record in peal ringing, but other accomplishments, both individual and of outstanding merit. Sixty-nine peals had been rung on church bells and five peals on handbells, making a total of seventy-four. The six-bell bands had scored no fewer than twenty-nine peals, in fourteen varying methods, and the eight and ten-bell lists comprised nearly all the standard methods usually rung. The outstanding feature upon handbells was a spliced peal of Plain and Little Bob Maximus, the first for the association. The tower peals had been rung at forty-one different churches, with twenty-nine different conductors. Messrs. T. Gannon, C. Rush, M. N. Haines, L. A. Harper, W. Kimble, A. J. House, E. Pickett, A. Ewer, R. Ewer, G. Curl, A. Childs, E. Cresswell, F. E. Barker, A. Whitmore, R. W. R. Picton, F. W. Hall, W. Sinn, G. E. Debenham and Mrs. E. H. King, had rung their first peal, and Messrs. C. Jeffs and F. Kirk their first handbell peal. Fifty members had rung their first in a new method, and Mr. W. A. Tack had called his first peal. Mr. J. Malyan's band at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, had also rung its first peal, and Mr. J. Malyan was congratulated upon the realisation of his dreams, and his hand upon their perseverance. The peals had been rung in every division, the greatest number from the eastern side.

An East Herts company had shown enthusiasm and ability by ringing three peals of Minor at Kimpton, Walkern and St. Ippolyts in one day, with seven methods in each peal, and eleven methods altogether. They complimented not only the conductors, Messrs. Robert Howard, Sydney Carter and Barnard Patmore, but also Messrs. Tack, Welch, Stanley and Kimble, the remainder of the band. Mr. Maurice Hibbert had not only rung his 100th peal for the association, but had called J. W. Parker's short-course seven-part peals of Stedman Triples, Nos. 6 and 29, which were rung for the first time, an honour for the association. An umpire checked every call and course-end of each peal. Mr. Robert Howard and Mr. B. Patmore had both rung their hundredth peal on tower bells, and Mr. W. Ayre his hundredth on handbells. The first spliced peals of Treble Bob on six and eight bells had been rung for the association, conducted by Mr. F. Kirk. Such progress was very encouraging to every member, and should be an inspiration to go even one better by the time the jubilee was reached in 1934.

'CONSCIENCE MONEY.'

The Benevolent Fund had not at present received the support that was anticipated, due in a measure probably to indifference or to a lack of appreciation of the merits of the fund. Frankly, the present subscribers' one laudable desire was to help the other fellow in time of adversity. The whole idea rang with the true spirit of brotherhood. There was a balance at the bank of £6 8s. 6d., so the committee were far from being discouraged.

The secretary called the attention of members to the resolution passed in 1923, as to payment of one penny per head for peals. The payments had been unsatisfactory in the past, partly through forgetfulness, with a consequent loss to the exchequer. Four hundred and ninety-six ringers made themselves responsible for fees last year, so he trusted, when the report was published, the treasurer would receive some 'conscience money.'

The report touched on the Stedman Tercentenary, and reviewed the work in the districts. It also recorded with appreciation the continued interest shown to the association by the incumbents in every division of the county. Their readiness in arranging services, giving short addresses, and in many instances providing teas, had been very acceptable. The services formed a fitting conclusion to the week, and were a help and strength to all. The hearty singing of the hymns was a feature of the gatherings, and the printed service paper had been found most useful. The hon. members were thanked for their support, and the general secretary placed on record the association's appreciation of the services rendered by the district secretaries. They had arranged 32 meetings, and given profitable pleasure and practice to hundreds of ringers, both of the older and younger generations.

Without their services much of the success now attained would be impossible. It had been a pleasure to receive their whole-hearted support in his work, and also to receive a continuance of the members' confidence. Regret was expressed at the illness of the Dean of St. Albans, and the secretary concluded by emphasising the importance of the ringers' calling. 'We are,' he said, 'an important branch of a great Christian organisation; consequently, our ministry is worthy of infinite care and patience. Let us go forth to our duties with an enthusiasm that becomes infectious, confident in so doing that we shall capture the younger generation to fill the gaps in our ranks as they inevitably appear. Finally, my brothers, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things," and put them into practice in your belfries and in your daily life.'

The report, with the statement of accounts, was adopted.

THE OFFICERS.

Mr. Robert Howard (Barley) was elected president for the ensuing year, and the other officers were re-elected as follow: Hon. treasurer, Mr. E. P. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; hon. librarian, Mr. Gilbert Debenham; hon. auditor, Mr. W. Mercer; district secretaries for Northern, Eastern, St. Albans, Watford and Western Divisions, Messrs. D. C. Mears, W. H. Lawrence, W. Nash, C. H. Horton and J. C. Puplett respectively.

A vote of thanks was accorded Canon Belcher (St. Albans) for his address to the ringers, which he gave at evensong in St. Albans Abbey preceding the annual meeting.

In his address, Canon Belcher said it was important for ringers to realise that in their work for the Church they must 'keep the balance' and remember that there was the saving of their own souls to consider, as well as the task of ringing. None of them would believe that the ringing of a particular peal was a passport into Heaven, or think that mere proficiency in ringing would make St. Peter ready to open the gate when someone else tolled at their last day. The service was to remind them of their duty to God as well as their work for Him in the ringing chamber.

During the day, touches were rung on church bells in St. Albans, including those of the Abbey, St. Peter's, St. Stephen's and St. Michael's.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, February 28th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. C. Reason 3, A. Wiffen 4, G. Wiffen 5, R. Redgwell 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at Worcester on Easter Monday and was well attended. The Dean, who has been president since 1909, welcomed the members in the Cathedral Chapter House as on many former occasions. In his remarks, he mentioned the death of Mr. Charles Jones, an auditor of the association since 1905. After others had spoken of the esteem and respect in which Mr. Jones was held by all who knew him, and of the great amount of good he had done for ringing in teaching beginners, the meeting stood in silence in respect to his memory.

The report of the committee stated that they had made a grant of £3 to the rehanging of the bells at Scilly Oak, and recommended an alteration to the allowance for tea at these meetings.

This, however, was not agreed to, but instead it was decided to pay the full amount out of the funds.

The officers were all re-elected, Mr. S. T. Holt being appointed an auditor.

It was decided to subscribe £3 to the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

It was a pleasure to again listen to an address by the Dean and to the excellent music at the service in the Cathedral, following which came tea, at which about 120 sat down. The ringing on the various bells available was up to the standard of former occasions, touches in practically all methods being rung. The silence of the bells at St. Helen's is to be regretted, and one can only hope that they may be put in order before another meeting.

This district owes a sincere debt of gratitude to Mr. E. P. Thomas, an esteemed vice-president, who by his generous financial help and advice has been the means of getting several rings of bells rehung and augmented, and possibly by his influence the authorities may be persuaded to restore the bells at St. Helen's.

The jubilee of the association, which was formed at a meeting at Bromsgrove on Easter Monday, April 10th, 1882, will be celebrated at Bromsgrove to-morrow.

THE PEAL AT READING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal rung at St. Lawrence's, Reading, on Easter Monday morning, makes good reading. Will you please allow me space to congratulate Mr. Hayes and the band. I am sure it will be read with pleasure by many of the older members of our Guild. Gatherings of this kind are a real incentive to progress.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Lancashire police ringers have scored the first peal of Grandsire Caters for the National Police Guild. Four ranks—one superintendent, one chief inspector, one sergeant and seven constables—took part. The peal was rung at Manchester Cathedral, and was arranged as a birthday compliment to P.C. Wm. Robinson, of the Manchester City Police, who was unfortunately unable to stand in. The police accorded a vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything ready for them. The ringers of the 6th and tenor were from Liverpool, 5th from Bolton, the rest belong to Manchester City Force.

Listeners on the London Regional wave-length on Sunday evening heard the heaviest ring of eight in this country—Sherborne Abbey—rung before the broadcast service.

Easter Monday seems to have been a day of exchanges at Derby. The Bishop took the Provost's hat and left his own in the Cathedral. We have now been asked to publish the following S.O.S.: Will the gentleman who took umbrella by mistake at the annual meeting of the M.C.A. at Derby on Easter Monday, please return same at once to Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby? Urgent.

One of the meritorious performances recorded this week is a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Shalford, Surrey. Five 'first peals,' the other 'first as conductor,' and all the band members of the church choir! The new Vicar (the Rev. D. Railton), to whom the peal was rung as a welcome, has reason to be proud of his ringers.

The Oxford Society will celebrate its bicentenary next year, having been founded in 1733. On March 19th, a very successful dinner was held, which was attended by the Mayor of Oxford, the City Rector (Rev. W. Manseli Merry) and Alderman C. H. Brown. Mr. W. Collett, president of the society, occupied the chair.

The calling of the 5,056 Oxford Treble Bob Major by Mr. A. J. Pitman, published in 'The Ringing World' of March 25th, was given incorrectly. The 5th course should be 2M 2W 1H, instead of 2M 1W 1H, and the last course is called 1W only.

EARLY LONDON RINGING HISTORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I entirely agree with Mr. Trollope that Howlett's book is of little value as a ringing treatise; but it is perfectly good evidence of the customs of his day—the only purpose for which I have ever quoted it. Its language is quite characteristic of its time, but its value for my purpose consists in its confirmation of the assertion that ringing in the seventeenth century was entirely a recreation.

Mr. Trollope's list of early London rings of bells is very interesting, but it does not help us to solve the problem of the destroyed towers. If St. Andrew Undershaft, for instance, had perished with its records in the Great Fire of 1666, we should not now know that it had a ring of bells before that date. Stow makes no mention of bells there. Bells as such did not interest him enough to give any regular particulars of them. For instance, he does not mention the interesting ring of five then, and still, at Smithfield. Where, as in the case of St. Michael's, we have neither building nor records surviving, we can no more prove a negative than a positive, and for aught we know there may have been a ring of bells in any tower which has left us but a name. I have known all the London City churches well for many years past, and in my belief, when Stow uses the word 'fair' in his description of a church he means what we should now call 'fine.' St. Michael's and St. Andrew Undershaft are both among his 'fair' churches, and we need not be surprised at finding St. Michael's in this company when we remember that it was raised from the status of a mere parish church to that of a collegiate one at the cost of a wealthy founder in that period of fine church building, the fifteenth century, and, as I think old St. Michael's was in the first class of the old London City churches, I think the probability is that it had a ring of bells.

R. A. DANIELL.

DEATH OF A SPADE WORKER.

A LOSS TO WEST SUSSEX RINGERS.

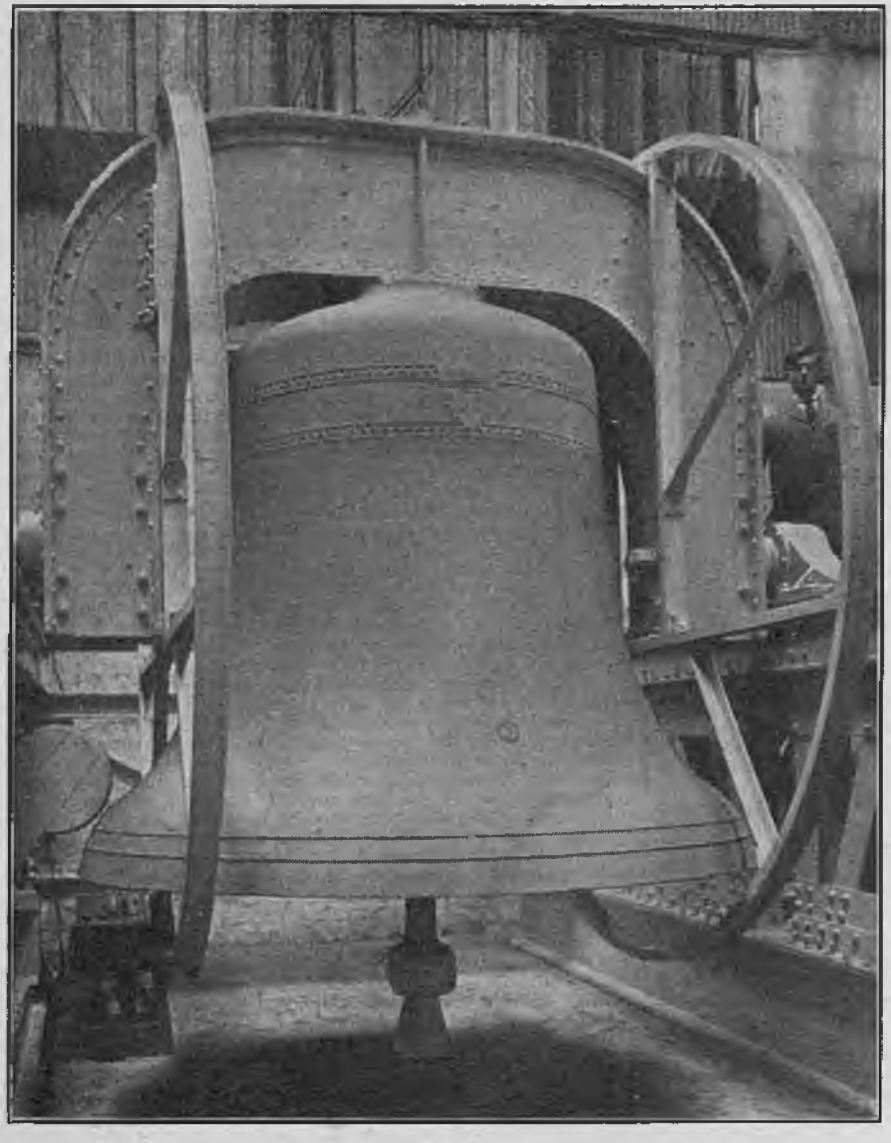
By the death of Mr. Percy Doick the Western Division of the Sussex Association has lost one of its stalwarts. Although deceased had not rung many peals, he had done a tremendous amount of spade work for the association, and many ringers can testify to the help he gave them in their early days of ringing. Of a quiet and kindly disposition, the deceased was very much liked by all who had met him. Mr. Doick was 57 years of age, and for the last 20 years had acted as local agent of the Prudential Assurance Co. For many years he had been captain of the local band of ringers, with whom he had been associated since the age of 15. At the funeral, which took place on Thursday last, the church was filled with friends, including a number of ringers. The service was choral, conducted by the Rev. E. J. Frost, Rector of Pulborough. The well-known ringers' hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul,' was sung, and the 23rd Psalm was chanted as the cortege moved down the aisle. At the graveside the choir and congregation sang the Nunc Dimittis, and the handbells were rung by four of deceased's brother-ringers.

'ALL ENGLAND' RINGERS' RALLY

THOUSANDS FLOCK TO CROYDON

THE WONDERS OF A GREAT CARILLON.

The 'All England Ringers' Rally' at Croydon resulted in another record gathering. Four years ago, on a similar occasion, there was an assembly that numbered over two thousand; last Saturday more than three thousand people — 2,700 of them actually ringers — responded to the invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and invaded the Surrey town. It was a wonderful gathering and an extraordinary illustration of the keen interest which members of the Exercise possess for bells and anything connected with them. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were prepared for large numbers, but applications for tickets came in an avalanche and ultimately, much to their regret, the firm had to apply a limit to the number of non-ringing friends who could be accommodated. The cheap travelling facilities which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were able to obtain from the railway companies added to the inducement which the prospect of an instructive and pleasurable day offered and ringers, singly and in parties, travelled to Croydon, not only from every corner of England, but from Wales, Scotland and Ireland as well. They represented over forty county associations and diocesan guilds; they came from nearly five hundred church towers. From cities and villages they came; every possible type of ringer — men whose names are household words in the Exercise, some who yet can scarce handle a bell; men who have grown old in this branch of service to the Church, lads who are only on the threshold of their ringing career. There were many lady ringers among the company, and there has never been a gathering at which the Exercise has been better represented 'in the mass.'



THE 17-TON BOURDON BELL.

Something of its size may be judged by comparing it with the workman standing on the frame. The bell can be swung by twin electric motors. The carillon hammer, which, although weighing several hundredweight, is delicately counterbalanced, can be seen on the left-hand side of the picture.

The great rally provided much more than 'a day out'; it was a day full of real interest and enjoyment, and to those who had not had a previous similar experience it was a revelation—a revelation of all that the true bell founders' art means; a revelation of the extraordinary spirit of fellowship which binds together those engaged in the ringers' craft. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are not only to be congratulated upon the enterprise which prompted the organisation of the event, but also upon the gigantic success which attended it. One word was on the lips of everyone as the day wore on: 'Wonderful!'

As a preliminary to the proceedings at Croydon, hundreds of visitors had the opportunity of ringing at churches in London and Surrey, and during the morning the belfries at St. Martin's-in-the Fields and St. James', Clerkenwell, as well as those at Streatham, Clapham Park, Banstead and Beddington, were constantly occupied by bands. In Croydon itself the bells of both the Parish Church and St. Peter's were in request at intervals throughout the day, and an enormous number of ringers got a pull in these two belfries.

The foundry itself was opened at one o'clock, and from this hour onward visitors rolled up in a steady stream. Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston received their guests, and a large body of stewards was on duty to explain the principal objects of interest and to facilitate the smooth flow of the great crowd through the works. In the first shop to be inspected were the ringing peals in various degrees of construction or restoration. Complete in their new teak frame were the bells of St. Giles' Church, Norwich. Five of this ring are pre-Reformation bells, and, while they are now hung on modern principles, their cannons have been preserved by the use of special cannon-retaining headstocks. Adjoining this was an iron frame for six bells, carrying a solitary recast tenor. This is destined for West Drayton, Middlesex, where the other five bells have been stored in an outhouse, awaiting the time when funds are forthcoming to place them once more in the tower. The old inscription on this tenor bell has been reproduced in facsimile.

Side by side with the West Drayton frame was a wonderfully neat job, which probably before these lines appear in print will have been dismantled and dispatched to its intended destination—Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, Manchester. It consisted of a recast peal of eight bells, packed into a two-tier frame, 'four up and four down,' which looked a perfect example of strength and lightness. The treble was fitted with a sound shute.

CLOCKS.

Leaving this shop, in which there were numerous other 'exhibits' of interest, the visitors climbed the stairs to the clock factory, where they could see the latest thing in clocks—if they could be recognised as clocks. Those that had dials, of course, were clocks, but there were other pieces of machinery which the uninitiated had to be told were clocks before they could realise it. An electric motor and a few wheels is all they seemed to consist of, and one little affair, which stood on a base about ten inches by six inches, was, we were assured, all that was needed to keep the exact time on four five-foot turret dials. Indeed, it is a troubleless timekeeper—you just 'plug in,' as you would with your radio set, and the power station does the rest. It is a waistcoat pocket arrangement compared with the clocks of only a few years ago, with their comparatively cumbersome wheels, their wire ropes and weights, and frequent winding. Self-winding electric chiming clocks, which wind themselves up whenever necessary, were on view, but the chief attraction was the mechanism for the great clock to be erected at the new Shell-Mex building in the Strand, London. There are to be two clock faces, each 25ft. square—2ft. 6in. larger than Big Ben—one on the south side overlooking the Thames, the other on the north, overlooking Trafalgar Square. The minute hands are 11ft. 6in. long, and the hour hands 8ft. 8in. long, and are balanced inside the building, so that no unsightly balance weights are visible. A model of these giant clock hands was on view in another part of the works. The spindle of the minute hand is 4in. diameter and 7ft. long, and that of the hour hand 5in. diameter and slightly shorter; they are supported on very heavy roller bearings, both at the dial face and inside the building. The balance weights of both hands are secured to long steel arms attached to the spindles immediately behind the wall of the building. The gearing to connect these two pairs of hands to the actual clock mechanism has been made abnormally strong and large to overcome the great wind pressure at this elevation, the bevel wheels, which are usually 4in. or 5in. diameter on ordinary tower clocks, being in this case 26in. diameter, and all other wheels and connections in proportion. The clock mechanism which operates the hands is placed a few feet below the centre of the dials, and consists of an abnormally powerful train of gears operated by an electric motor and controlled for timekeeping by the electric pendulum of a precision master clock synchronised from Greenwich. It is expected to be able to read the time on the 25ft. dials from Highgate and from the Crystal Palace.

Leaving the clock factory, visitors passed through the moulding shop and foundry, where they gained a good insight into the methods of bell making by inspecting the cores and copes, already prepared for a future casting. Next, in one of the smaller tuning shops, they were able to see something of how modern bells are given their wonderful tones. At least, the vertical lathes and the tuned bells were there; the mechanical process was obvious, but the secret of the tuner's art remained a secret still.

Everywhere as one passed through the works there were bells to be seen, in all sizes and in all stages of manufacture, including a carillon of 42 in progress for Seclin, France, and at frequent intervals there burst upon the ear the sweet music of the distant carillon or the sonorous boom of the great bells which everyone was anxious and pressing forward to see. At last the tour of the works brought them to the great erecting shop, where this latest and, in some respects, most wonderful creation of the bell founder's art was displayed. Here, set out before their eyes, was the carillon of 72 bells for the Chapel of the University of Chicago, the largest set of bells, we are assured, ever seen complete in any one bell foundry. It is difficult to describe the impression created when one first gazes upon this really gigantic collection of bells, hung in frames of massive proportions, towering up towards the roof.

THE CARILLON DESCRIBED.

In the foundry the carillon stood in four sections; in the tower where it is to be hung it will be in three tiers. Over the pit, which has been excavated for the accommodation of the clavier, is the section in which hang the numerous small and medium bells which form, as it were, the backbone of the carillon. These bells range from 12lb. upwards, and here can be obtained an excellent idea of the mechanical operation of the instrument. Near at hand is a section containing five bells, rising to a size in which 'tons' come into the weights, and adjoining them, in a wonderful two-tier frame of the gantry type, are six monstrous bells weighing between them no less than 45 tons, the biggest being a bell of over eleven tons. But even these pale into insignificance by the side of the bourdon, which hangs majestically in a massive frame consisting of compound girders seven feet high, the bottom members of which are two feet deep by fifteen inches wide. Supporting this wonderful bell are two of its smaller brethren—but smaller only by comparison, for they are each of several tons' weight—and they swing—yes, they actually swing—in a frame 22ft. long.

The feature of this carillon is that five of the giants, forming a perfect chord, are hung in yokes, and can be swung frame high. They are pulled by electric motors, started by push button. The weights of the bells which are thus hung are approximately 17 tons, 7 tons, 5 tons, 3¼ tons and 2½ tons respectively. The great moving masses of these bells have been most delicately counter-balanced to prevent undue stress on the structure of the tower, but even so, the building, which was not originally intended to take swinging bells, has had to be specially reinforced. Built of masonry, the tower has had put into it a steel lining as an additional strengthening factor, and as the bells will be over 200ft. up in the tower, this would seem to be a wise precaution. The tower itself is 297ft. high, and 23ft. square internally.

It is, however, as a carillon that the bells are primarily intended to be used. They will be operated by the carillonneur from an elaborately carved oak console, which, when in position in the tower, will be between the upper and second tiers of bells. The heaviest six bells are fitted with electro-pneumatic mechanism, for reinforcing the blow, and thus retaining the light and delicate touch of the upper range of bells. Eventually the carillon will be equipped with full automatic playing mechanism, to be used for daily bell music, apart from carillonneurs' recitals, and this, when fitted, will embody a device patented by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, by which loud and soft notes can be produced, which is a new departure in mechanically-operated bell music. In a chamber below the bells will be the mechanism of one of the largest clocks in the world striking the hours on the Bourdon, and chiming the quarters on four octaves of bells by means of a drum 5ft. in diameter, drilled with 36,000 holes, for the movable electrical contacts, which can be changed as required to vary the music chimed at the quarter hours.

The 72 bells cover six chromatic octaves (except low D), and range from 17 tons C sharp to 12lb. C sharp. The bourdon ranks after Riverside bourdon, erected by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in New York in 1931, as the second largest tuned bell in existence and the second largest carillon bell.

The very framework in which the bells are hung is a really fine engineering job. It has been specially designed, not only to support the heavy weight of ninety tons of bells, but also for the unusual task of carrying some thirty-five tons of swinging metal, 200ft. above the ground. Everything about it denotes strength and solidity, and is a wonderful testimony to British workmanship. The frame and the fittings—apart from the bells—weigh 97 tons.

WONDERFUL BELLS.

Visitors to the foundry on Saturday not only saw this great carillon but heard it played by expert carillonneurs. Carillons cannot be heard to best advantage when one is actually among the bells; they need to be high up in a lofty tower if their effect is to be most appreciated. Nevertheless, the frequent short recitals on Saturday demonstrated the remarkable qualities of this latest Croydon product. The heavy bells were noble—majestic in tone; those in the middle compass perfect specimens of the tuner's art, while the small bells, whose tones are always most difficult to control, were a revelation in their purity and the perfection of their harmonics. Heard in a number of popular selections, they were cheerful and well balanced, and the high notes filled the air with rippling melody. And then in contrast came the great clashes and chords of the five bells, swung in their frames, much as bells are clashed in Spain and other continental countries. The lighter ones would first give tongue, to be joined soon by the 7-ton monster, and into this medley of sound, like a giant organ in full blast, would presently come the deeper, vibrating boom of the bourdon, crashing out with deafening roar a note the depth and grandeur of which must be heard to be realised.

Then these swaying giants, looking, as they swung, like ships rolling in a heavy sea, would gradually settle and become silent again, while the crowd, in admiration, discussed the wonders of the carillon. And then, once more, the voices of these great bells would be heard; this time tapped in changes; sometimes in Cinques, sometimes in Caters or Royal, sometimes in Maximus—just an excerpt for a minute or so from some well-known method, and the effect was really thrilling. The carillonneurs who performed for the edification of the visitors were Mr. H. S. Wesson, Miss Nora Johnston and Mr. S. C. Potter; while the changes were tapped by Messrs. H. Withers, T. Groombridge, jun., and A. R. Price.

The inspection of the carillon was the grand climax of the tour of the works, and the visitors spent the rest of the afternoon in a variety of ways. No fewer than half a dozen rooms in the drill hall opposite the foundry were set aside for handbell ringing, and here many touches were rung, and hundreds of visitors rested and watched the ringing with interest. A fleet of double-decker buses was also engaged to convey ringers to the neighbouring towers, and, as the afternoon developed into an extremely wet one, full advantage was taken of these vehicles, not only to reach the different churches but also the tea halls, to which everyone made their way at five o'clock.

A GREAT TEA PARTY.

So large was the number of guests that it required the ten biggest halls in Croydon to accommodate all the party, but the difficulties were surmounted with complete success, and everyone enjoyed the hospitality extended by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who kindly entertained all the visitors to a bountiful meat tea, served by Messrs. Slaters. The main party was accommodated in the Baths Hall, and here Mr. Cyril Johnston presided, supported by the Lord Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Pollock) and Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Cyril Johnston, the Lord Bishop of Croydon and Mrs. Woods, Sir Louis and Lady Newton, Mr. Herbert G. Williams, M.P., and Mrs. Williams, the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge, Mrs. A. A. Johnston, Princess Wiasensky, Lady Newnes, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Capt. Paul Bennett, V.C., the Rev. N. Mellish, V.C., Mr. and Mrs. C. E. O'Leary, Sir Howard d'Egville, Lady King, etc. In the other halls the chairmen were the Rev. W. Parkes Gascoigne, Rev. C. A. Martin, Rev. C. W. Budden, Rev. Gerard Coleridge, Rev. G. Davison and Rev. C. B. Deane. Each table was under the supervision of a hostess, no fewer than 70 ladies discharging this task. The tea was served by a host of well-drilled waitresses, who immediately upon its conclusion rapidly cleared and removed the tables in the Baths Hall, upon which the guests from the other halls afterwards converged for a mass meeting. It was an inspiring sight to see that audience of three thousand in the one vast building, to realise that nearly all of them were ringers, and that they had been drawn together with a bond of common interest.



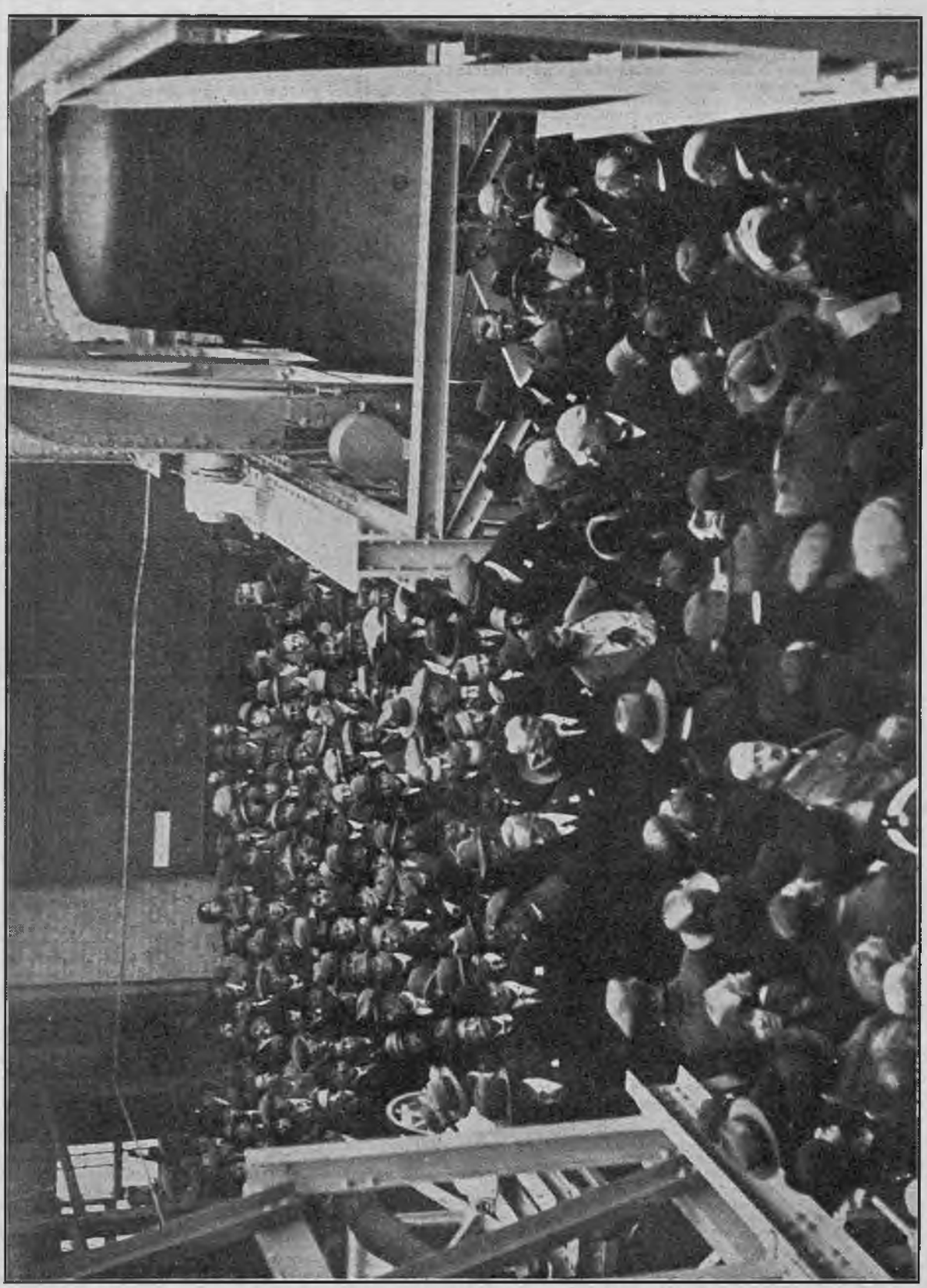
THE CHAPEL AND TOWER OF CHICAGO UNIVERSITY.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, addressing the gathering, said: This is the fifth anniversary of our first ringers' rally. Five years ago our first attempt took place on April 2nd, and the following year over two thousand ringers attended a similar meeting. Some of you may remember that we then had the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury. I explained on that occasion that Croydon was a kind of nursery for Bishops. We have been fortunate in this town, because my invitation then made to headquarters for the promotion of a certain clergyman resulted in the elevation of our Vicar to episcopal rank, but we would not let him leave the town, and he is in the unique position of being three persons rolled into one—he is Vicar of Croydon, Archdeacon of Croydon and Bishop of Croydon (applause). Some people may enquire on whose authority we dared convene an 'All England' gathering. I can say, speaking ecclesiastically, we have a faculty (laughter and applause). It was granted or issued morally because I had an interview with our Bishop before fixing the date, and consulted the president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, who gave us counsel as well. I have to apologise on behalf of the Mayor that Croydon cannot yet meet an occasion of this kind and find a hall big enough to hold a really big gathering (laughter). Therefore, I had to put the forty-one names of the diocesan guilds and county associations into a hat, and I can assure you I played the game. I shut my eyes and drew them out one by one, a bell badge with the name of the particular association or guild on it, and that settled which hall each guild should have tea in. I must confess we cheated only once (laughter). It seemed to us that those nine ringers who preferred to live in England, at any rate for a week-end, rather than in Ireland, deserved preferential treatment (applause). We have one regret, and that is that we offered as far as possible to entertain non-ringing friends, but, unfortunately, out of a total of over three thousand applications five hundred referred to non-ringing friends, and we were absolutely compelled to restrict the number to two hundred and twenty. We have ample proof in this room, continued Mr. Johnston, that ringing is a health-giving occupation. Mr. Nevard, of Great Bentley, is 78, and Mr. James George, formerly of Rugby and now of England, is 78, and on Monday last, I understand, he rang for 8¼ hours the twenty-six cwt. tenor at Painswick (applause). We have other celebrities in the room, we have two V.C.'s—one of them a V.C. parson (applause)—two lady champions—I refer to the leading lady ringer of England, who married the gentleman who is now secretary of the Central Council of Church Bellringers; and also to another bashful lady who is not a ringer but who has been for quite a long time English lady golf champion (applause). We have ninety clergy and one hundred and two churchwardens here to show what interest they take in our fascinating art (applause). Of those clergy at least ten or twelve are actual ringers. There are also eighty-seven ringing ladies in the room. We have further evidence that ringing is more active than ever it was before. This gathering proves, I think, that we in England are interested not only in swinging bells and change ringing, which was started in the days of Fabian Stedman, the Cambridge printer, whose tercentenary was so successfully celebrated last December in Cambridge, but that we are also interested in carillon making, which requires the same art as in the making of bells for ringing, and I would like you to carry your thoughts to a spot fourteen thousand miles away, where a young Croydon man is fixing in Wellington, New Zealand, a great carillon ready to be opened on Anzac Day, and also to Jerusalem, where another young Croydonian is fixing a carillon ready for inauguration in a few weeks (applause). I know you will join with me in welcoming our special guests. We are particularly honoured in having the presence of two Bishops and other distinguished people with us, including, as an example of the health-giving attributes of change ringing to which I have referred, Mr. Joseph Waghorn, who is going to be 90 in a few months' time (applause).

THE MAYOR'S WELCOME.

The Mayor of Croydon, on behalf of the municipality, extended to the gathering a cordial welcome to the borough. With regard to the lack of a hall sufficient to provide accommodation for so large a party, he said that Croydon had many amenities, and they had given attention to the question of providing a large hall, but the matter had been deferred owing to the pressure of the economic crisis. When that had passed they would turn their attention again to the provision of such a place. The Mayor added that in visiting the Foundry Mr. Johnston's guests were following some very distinguished visitors to the works. In 1925 their Majesties the King and Queen came down to Croydon and visited those same works, and in addition they had had there the Duke of Connaught, Princess Beatrice, the late Archbishop of Canterbury, the Prime Minister of Canada, the American Ambassador and the Belgian Ambassador. 'We in Croydon,' continued the Mayor, 'are proud of the firm of Gillett and Johnston. I have been reminded that it was in 1844 that the firm first opened up in Croydon, and during the years that have intervened they undoubtedly have made the name of Croydon reputed throughout the world (applause). We are hoping, in fact, that through this firm Croydon will obtain even further fame, for I hope that at no distant

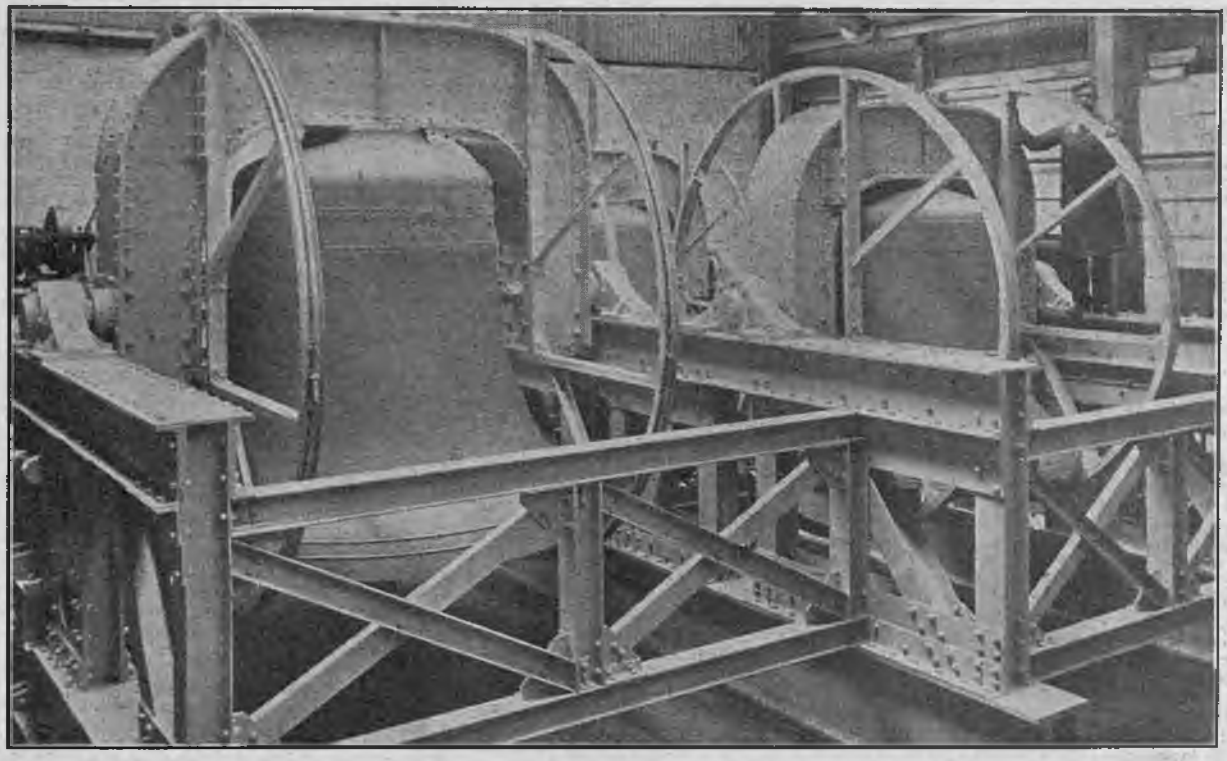


IN THE FOUNDRY. INSPECTING THE GIANT CARILLON. ON THE RIGHT IS THE BOURDON BELL.



MR. C. F. JOHNSTON AND SOME OF HIS DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

From left to right: Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge, Princess Wiasensky, the Lord Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Pollock), Mrs. C. F. Johnston, Princess Wiasensky's daughter and Mrs. Pollock.



THE BOURDON AND TWO OTHER GREAT BELLS,

hung for swinging. The bearings are m ounted on compound girders 7ft. high.

date we shall have the very distinguished Bow bells in Croydon for renovation' (applause). Mr. Johnston had made a remark about the health-giving attributes of bellringing. It was rather strange that almost at that identical moment Lady Newnes had made to him a somewhat similar observation. She had said, looking round, 'What a wonderfully healthy lot they look!' (laughter and applause). Lady Newnes was accustomed to looking at large audiences and to making a comparison between them. Never had she seen a mass of people who, on the whole, looked healthier than those sitting in front of her that afternoon (applause). 'I extend to you,' concluded the Mayor, 'a most hearty welcome to the confines of our borough.'

MAKING CHURCH-GOING ATTRACTIVE.

The Bishop of Croydon added his welcome to that most wonderful meeting of ringers. The gathering was, he said, a most inspiring sight. On behalf of those sections of the Croydon community for which he could speak, and in a special sense for the churches and churchmen, he was delighted to see present so many brother clergy. Had it been possible, the Archbishop of Canterbury would have been there, but he was away having a very much-needed holiday and rest. Mr. Johnston had reminded them that on the last occasion the Archbishop's great predecessor, Lord Davidson, was there on a very memorable occasion. That night they had with them one other Bishop who was a 'real' Bishop—the Bishop of Norwich—he (the speaker) was only a Suffragan, but, as Mr. Johnston had told them, he was many things rolled into one. They had in him at least an Archdeacon, a Rural Dean, a Vicar, a Bishop and a Surrogate for Marriage Licenses, and, added the Bishop amid laughter, 'we are very glad to see you.' Those who were present were a great collection of experts, and, speaking for the great mass of churchpeople, he would like to say that they appreciated most deeply all that their own loved land stood for and all that the Church itself meant. The kind of occasion that came into his mind was when one was away on a summer holiday, and on a beautiful still Sunday evening when they heard coming across the fields the sound of the bells of the old village church. That was in its way something unique, something which could be heard in this country alone, and he would like them to know, they who provided that sound, how deeply it was appreciated. 'You do your best,' continued the Bishop, 'to make church-going attractive. When you have got the people to church by the sound of your bells, it is up to us, the Bishops and the parsons, to do our best to give them something which they will find really and permanently satisfying (applause). It is a splendid thing, this work you do. I am proud to see you all in Croydon, and I trust every good will continue to attend your efforts, and that you will continue to provide the people of this land with melody and harmony in every sense of those words' (applause).

A WARNING.

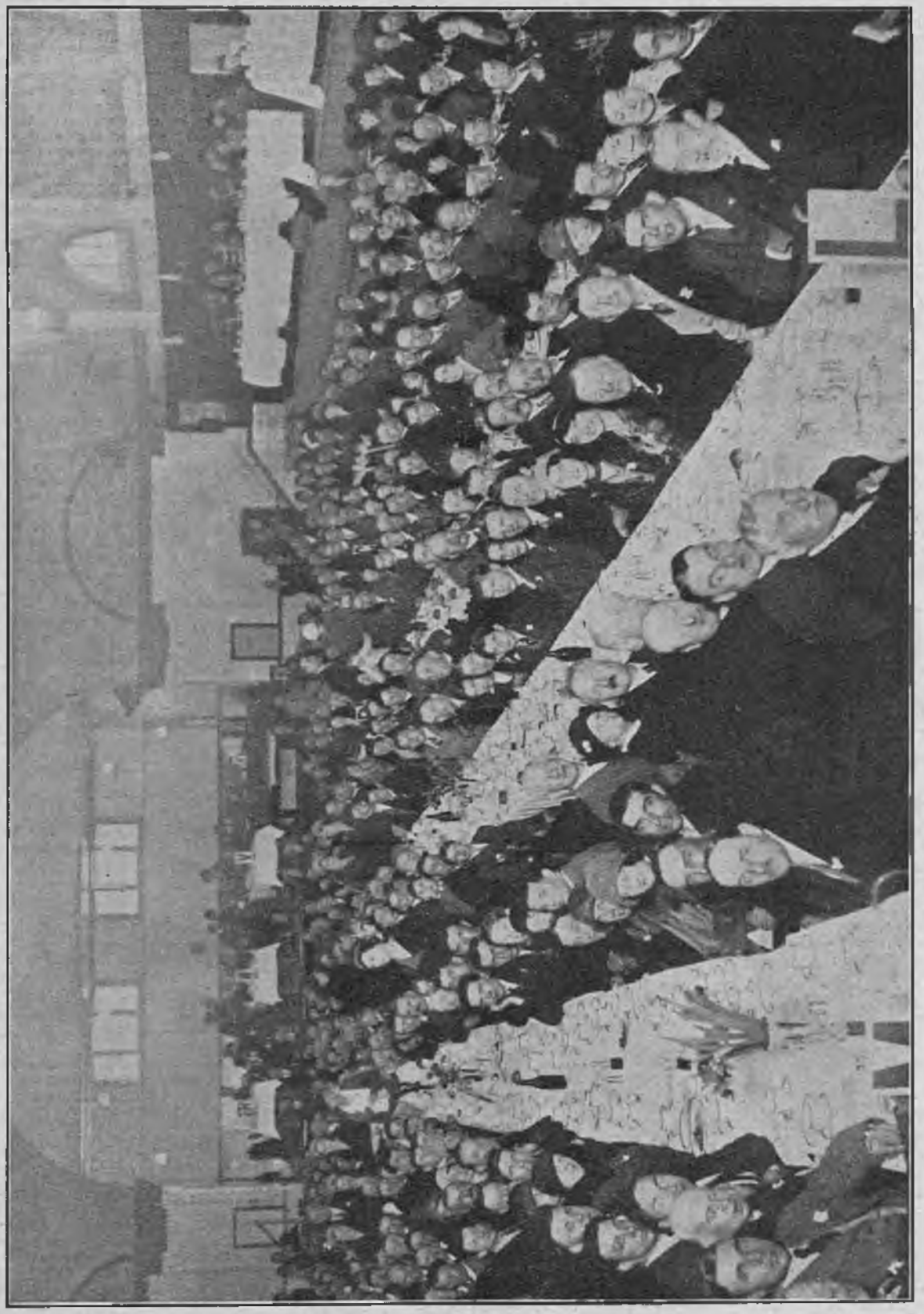
Mr. E. H. Lewis said he thought they would wish him, first of all, as representing the ringers, to thank Mr. Johnston for his hospitality (applause). They appreciated very much his kindness in allowing them to see the Foundry and all the wonderful work that it contained. They were grateful, also, for his giving them the opportunity to meet friends from every corner of England and from Ireland and Wales—he did not know if there was anyone present from Scotland. We have seen to-day, continued Mr. Lewis, some examples of the extraordinary activity of the bell founders which has been going on in recent years, and I would like to say one word of warning, if I may. I have not had the opportunity of speaking to so many ringers before, and I am sorry to say that some of you at your association meetings do not receive a report from your Central Council representative. You do not always know what is happening in the Central Council, but in that respect I would only ask you to read this week's editorial in 'The Ringing World.' I need not say any more. As to this word of warning, there has been an enormous increase in recent years in the number of ringing peals of bells, and we must be careful that we do not overtax the patience of the public. There are two ways in which we can help. Very often when new peals of bells are put in no consideration is given by the local authorities to the proper modification of the sound outside the tower, and I think it is up to us, as ringers, to see that in all such cases the Parochial Council take proper steps to see that the sound of their bells is modified outside the tower and inside in the belfry. This is all the more important with modern bells, because they have so much more breath than the old bells had. I have heard of an old peal of bells in the North described in the following way: 'The treble was a pan, the second was a pot, the third was a kettle and the fourth sounded like a bar. The sound of the fifth, sixth, seventh and tenor was as if they were made of wood, stone, lead and leather' (laughter). Nowadays no such bells go out from the foundries, particularly not from the Croydon Foundry, where so much attention is paid to the proper tuning of the harmonics. Therefore it is all the more important we should see that that sound is properly modified. There is one other point I want to make. You have seen to-day what founders can do. See what you can do that you do not make the public tired of bells. The way you can do that is to strike properly (applause). I would like many of you to take a holiday in Devonshire and hear bells properly struck, even if they are only struck in rounds and call changes. It would be a revelation to you. There are two reasons for a good deal of the unnecessary bad striking. May I appeal to you when trying a new method—I am not speaking to all of you, but to some of you—to pay a little more attention to practice on paper before you try to ring a new method in the tower (applause). A very large proportion of the bad striking is due to bad handling of the bells—you will not mind my speaking straight on this subject. I am glad to see that Canon Coleridge is going to bring it up at Plymouth, but this is a unique opportunity of having a word with ringers. A fortnight ago some of us on the banks of the Thames watched a procession of two boats (laughter). The one which was hindmost in the procession was a good boat and a very good crew, there was no question of that; but the one in front was a particularly good one. There are many points of resemblance between eight-oared rowing and eight-bell ringing, but there is one real difference, because if you want to annoy the crew of an eight-oared boat you say their finishing is 'like a peal of bells.' Those two boats racing up the Thames were propelled with most extraordinary unison and rhythm in their movement. That is only attained after years of most careful coaching in every little detail of handling oars, and I wish the same trouble was taken when young ringers are taught to handle a rope. I am sorry to say that since my return from exile in Scotland, I have seen something like sixty or seventy per cent. of ringers who do not properly handle the tail of their rope. I leave that with you. It is up to us to back up the founders in the wonderful work they are doing and the wonderful bells they are producing, by ringing them properly, and to ring them properly one of the first essentials is to handle the ropes properly (applause). It is in such a way that we can produce the melody and harmony which the Bishop of Croydon has mentioned. I would ask you, concluded Mr. Lewis, to express your thanks to Mr. Johnston for the wonderful hospitality extended to us to-day and for the opportunity of this wonderful meeting (cheers).

A GREAT FELLOWSHIP.

The Lord Bishop of Norwich, in his wife's name and his own, added his tribute of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston. He said his memory went back to a day not so long ago when he was dedicating a renewed peal of bells in one of their small Norfolk parishes, and to their great delight and to his admiration they found that Mr. and Mrs. Johnston had motored all the way from Croydon to be present at that service (applause). It was because Mr. Johnston did his work in that spirit that he had achieved world-wide fame. On the previous Monday he was present at the Norfolk Diocesan Association meeting. It was not often that in one week he had the honour and privilege of meeting bellringers twice over. As he spoke to them he could not help saying that he was delighted to observe that the art of bellringing was continuous from generation to generation and from age to age. There were elderly people, those of the second generation and also some small boys. That day he could make that remark with even greater emphasis. They had already saluted the gentleman of ninety summers, and he had observed that there was a young man, held in his mother's arms, and at that moment fast asleep, who already, before he was able to speak, was enrolled in the number of bellringers. It augured prosperity for this great art and craft, if it could enlist old and young to work together. One of the things the world was looking for to-day was this fellowship between the older and younger generations, pulling together, not only pulling the ropes, but in other ways, and they (the ringers) seemed to have solved that puzzle which had perplexed many people—the way in which old and young could work side by side, each helping one another and assisting one another in the common good. It was very delightful to see that great gathering. He could not help thinking that they would carry away with them the thought of that great fellowship to which they belonged. He rejoiced to know that theirs was a sacred fellowship, because they all met in the House of the Lord as friends, and the blessing of God rested on the work, a work of beauty and skill which they undertook in His name (applause).

EXAMPLE OF MANY ARTS AND SCIENCES.

Mr. Herbert G. Williams, M.P., said that he had had some experience of public gatherings and their organisation, and he was not only grateful to Mr. Johnston and his staff for their hospitality, but he was filled with admiration at the splendid way in which the whole occasion had been organised (applause). Every one of them had had the opportunity of seeing round the works and hearing the great carillon; they had been brought to their respective halls, properly fed and put into that condition in which they could listen without boredom to the speeches inflicted upon them (laughter and applause). He happened to be an engineer, and bell founding and the subsequent operations were scientific engineering processes; it was engineering applied to the production of great musical instruments. The process of tuning done on a machine, which engineers termed a machine tool, was the application of something purely mechanical to something which constituted one of the great arts. What interested most of them there, probably, was what the thing would do when it was made; some of them, however, were interested in how it was made and the things used in making it. The whole factory was an interesting example of many arts and many sciences. The Mayor had made reference to the pride which Croydon had in the Foundry. If he might say so the Foundry had made Croydon's name ring throughout the world (applause). When he was a small boy he used to attend



A SECTION OF THE BIG TEA PARTY IN THE BATHS HALL.

a church in Cheshire where there was a fine peal of bells which used to be set ringing for the service. During the last minute the ringing of one bell summoned them to prayer, five minutes before the service began, a little procession came out of one door of the church and, after a pause, re-entered another door, and he had never been able to find out what those people did in the meantime (laughter). 'Apparently,' said Mr. Williams, 'you know (laughter). Now, I understand why it is in every country district the two most important public buildings are always close together' (loud laughter). When Parliament was not sitting, continued Mr. Williams, and there was nothing of interest to write about, the papers often took up the subject of why don't men go to church. Many men did go to church, but if all the churches had got Johnston's bells—he was respectfully going to pass on that suggestion to the high dignitaries of the Church there that day—they would not only be doing something for the prosperity of Croydon but they would probably fill their churches. Moreover, there would be no need for the municipality of Croydon to wait for better times before they built a larger public hall; Mr. Johnston would be able to present it to the town (laughter and applause). It was extremely fortunate that they had a man of public spirit like Mr. Johnston, who had sufficient interest outside the merely commercial aspect of his business to organise that great gathering and give them the generous hospitality which he had shown them that night (applause).

THANKS TO HELPERS.

MR. JOHNSTON expressed appreciation on behalf of the staff and himself for the kind words expressed by the various speakers. It had been a great pleasure, he said, to have that large gathering, but it would be ungracious if he did not make mention of just a few of the people who had been their mainstays in organising the event. He thanked the Vicars, Rectors, churchwardens and steeplekeepers of the eight belfries where they had been ringing that day. Over five hundred ringers applied for ringing in the various towers, and he hoped that all the visitors had been able to exercise their art in Croydon, in the country, and in London as much as they desired. The owners and superintendents of the halls had been splendid in giving them every facility. Without the assistance of the general and district secretaries of associations and guilds, and the captains of the 467 belfries, that meeting could not have taken place. He also thanked the 80 stewards, reinforced by the 50 stewards from their own works, reinforced again by 70 charming Croydon ladies who had acted as hostesses at the tea tables and tried to make them all feel at home. The carillonneurs must not be forgotten: Mr. Wesson, from Nashville, Tennessee, who was in Belgium studying the art of carillon playing, Mr. Potter, who came at short notice from Loughborough, and Miss Nora Johnston, who was studying at Malines, and had come over specially to play to them that day (applause). They must not forget either those marvellous ringers who had come there to tap changes for them on the keyboard of the carillon, men who could divide their brain into ten or twelve parts at one time and give them the effect of change ringing on the bells. These were Mr. Tom Groombridge, Mr. Harry Withers and Mr. Price. They were indebted to Mr. Ratcliff, of Wembley Cup Final fame, who was coming to lead the community singing, and especially to Messrs. Slaters' manager, who was a marvellous organiser, for the way in which he had carried out the arrangements for the tea in the ten separate halls. Their own staff at the Foundry, including Mr. Housman, their general manager, who had been reinforced by a temporary staff, had worked for many days and nights in order to make that day's proceedings a success, and he would like to thank them all. In conclusion, Mr. Johnston added that he could only say that he wished everyone a safe journey home, and he hoped each of them would be at the end of their own rope in their own tower in the morning (applause).

THE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT.

At the conclusion of the speeches, there was a short interval while the great hall was converted into a concert room, and at 7.30 Mr. T. P. Ratcliff took the platform and conducted half an hour of community singing. Mr. Ratcliff is widely experienced in handling large gatherings, such as Wembley Cup Final and the Aldershot Tattoo crowds. The audience on Saturday fell at once into his inspiriting grip, everyone was quickly in a happy humour, and, led by the energetic conductor, put all they know into their singing. It was a great success. Then followed a concert, in which some delightful songs were sung by Miss Elsie Short, a talented soprano, Mr. Rex Harold, better known as 'Sunny,' entertained with humorous song and story—his beaming face and broad smile were in themselves a tonic—and Miss Nora Johnston exhibited another of her many-sided talents by singing songs at the piano. Each of the artistes had to respond to an encore, and afterwards there was another bout of community singing under Mr. Ratcliff's direction.

At the conclusion of the concert, the floor was cleared, and from that hour until midnight there was dancing to the strains of Leslie Dangerfield's orchestra, the M.C. being Mr. E. Brown. Hundreds of couples joined enthusiastically in this part of the proceedings, and although, as the evening wore on, many had to leave to catch trains to distant parts of the country, the dance was kept up with spirit.

From beginning to end, the day was packed with interest and pleasure for all the participants, who will long look back with happy memories to the 'All England Rally,' which was made possible by the kindness of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Many ringers travelled through the night on Friday in order to be at Croydon, but many more spent the small hours of Sunday morning in the train in order to be in their places in the belfry on Sunday. Two from the West of England, 140 miles from London, reached home at 5.45 a.m. One attended church at 8 a.m., the other was in the tower for ringing at ten o'clock.

The Bishop of Guildford had intended to be present at the gathering, but at the last minute was called away to another part of the country to the bedside of a sick friend.

The photographs illustrating this report are by C. Friend-Smith, 239, Norbury Crescent, S.W.16.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, April 3rd, at Great St. Mary's, 1,008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major for evensong: T. Chenery 1, C. Robinson 2, P. Webb 3, M. Ginn 4, C. S. Smith 5, A. G. Rivers 6, T. R. Dennis 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Rung on back eight.

REIGATE, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Sunday, March 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): G. Stemp 1, M. A. Northover 2, *R. V. Fuller 3, F. Jeal 4, *R. Tuffin 5, J. Foster 6, *C. Hygate 7, *W. Wells 8, G. Hoad (conductor) 9, *G. Swallow 10. * First quarter-peal of Caters.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, March 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, in 1 hour, a date touch (1,932 changes, consisting of 312 London Surprise, 180 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford and 720 Kent Treble Bob): W. G. Gridley 1, H. Stebbings 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, R. G. Harvey 4, H. S. Barker (conductor) 5, E. J. Howard 6. For evening service, 816 Minor, consisting of 216 London Surprise, 360 Kent and 240 Oxford Treble Bob: A. H. Stebbings 1, W. G. Gridley 2, H. Stebbings 3, R. G. Harvey 4, H. S. Barker (conductor) 5, E. J. Howard 6.

STAFFORD.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): H. Bailey (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, H. F. Evans 3, J. W. Riddington 4, A. E. Garbett 5, G. Booth 6, W. G. Curtis 7, A. H. Taylor (first quarter-peal of Caters as conductor) 8, J. Warrilow 9, W. H. Jones 10.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—At All Saints' Church, on Palm Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): J. Shipley 1, Miss G. Burchnall 2, Miss C. Eling 3, Miss K. Burchnall 4, N. Moxon, jun., 5, H. Denman 6, E. Midwinter 7, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 3 and 5, and first of Major as conductor. N. Moxon only took up change ringing in January, and it was his first attempt.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held at Tibshelf on Easter Monday, when a goodly number of members were present to enjoy a very successful meeting. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. James Ducker), who delivered an inspiring address, and extended a hearty invitation to the visitors. The Vicar, churchwarden and organist joined the members at the splendid tea served in the Church Hall adjoining.

The president occupied the chair at the business meeting which followed, when the balance sheet, auditors' report and secretary's report were unanimously adopted, and the following officials were re-elected: President, Mr. Wilson Dobb; vice-presidents, Mr. W. Allin and Mr. M. Slater; treasurer, Mr. T. Stimpson; secretary, Mr. J. W. England. The executive committee were re-elected en bloc, and Mr. F. Clark was appointed Ringing Master.

Several matters of interest were keenly discussed, and the members showed keen interest in the work of the association.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and ladies concluded the meeting, and the company adjourned to the tower for further ringing until 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal.

THE HEAVIEST SIX IN BERKSHIRE.

On Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on Bray bells in 50 mins., the striking of which was a pleasure to hear. This ring, with a tenor of 27 cwt., are certainly not 'boys' bells' to ring, and for a local band to accomplish a quarter-peal is no mean feat. The band who took part are all Sunday service ringers under the conductorship of Mr. Frederick J. Russell: *W. Blackall 1, H. Russell 2, *C. A. Gilder 3, B. G. Ludlow 4, F. J. Russell 5, J. Russell 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. A. Gilder. * First quarter-peal.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP MEETS THE RINGERS.

For the first time in the history of the Norwich Diocesan Association the Bishop of the diocese preached at the annual festival—the 54th—on Easter Monday at Norwich. The celebrated Mancroft bells were, as usual, a great attraction for visiting ringers, and the rings at St. Michael-at-Coslany and All Saints' were also well used. The special service was held in St. Peter Mancroft Church, and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Hugh McMullan). The Bishop of Norwich based an inspiring address on the words, 'O come, let us worship.'

A company of about sixty, representing all parts of the diocese, were at the luncheon, which was presided over by the Archdeacon of Norwich (the Ven. G. M. MacDermott), who is president of the association. He was supported by the Bishop of Norwich and Mrs. Pollock, the Rev. Hugh McMullan and Mrs. McMullan, Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (hon. secretary), etc.

After the toast of 'The King,' the Hon. Secretary proposed 'The Bishop and Clergy.' He said it was a great honour to the association to have with them that day the Bishop and Mrs. Pollock, and the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft and Mrs. McMullan. That was the first time in the history of the association that the Bishop of the diocese had given the address at the annual service. That, however, was not the Bishop's fault, because in 1914 he was going to do so when the event had to be cancelled on account of the war. Mr. Coleman declared that but for the good fellowship between the clergy and the ringers, the ringers could do nothing at all. Unless they got the permission of the clergy they could not ring the bells, but, on the other hand, without the ringers the bells could not ring for Sunday services. He appealed for further co-operation on the part of the clergy. It would bring a good influence to join up the bells from the tower at the west end of the church to the altar at the east end.

HOW A SHORT ROPE LED TO TOWER RESTORATION

The Bishop said he appreciated the chance of seeing the bellringers. So often they were out of sight. As Mr. Coleman had said, they were frequently out of reach, and though he always liked to thank all his friends in the various parishes, by the nature of the case he could not thank the bellringers as he would wish to do. Mr. Coleman spoke of it as being part of church work, and he (the Bishop) was delighted to think so many there that day took up bellringing not merely as an interesting art and craft but as a part of the work of the church, and it was a particular delight to him to see the varying ages of those present. He was glad bellringing was going on into the next and the next after generation, and that in every age we should have those who did care to offer the tribute to God of the ringing of the bells of His house. Mr. Coleman had spoken of the importance of keeping up the spirit of fellowship of the clergy and the bellringers. In recent years, far more than usual, he (the Bishop) had had before him offers and applications for the repairing of bells. That might be due to the fact that all their towers were cracking together—he hoped not—or to the fact that the clergy were taking a greater interest in their bells. 'They are an expensive item in church building and in church work,' he continued. Some years ago someone thought that the bell rope of one bell was rather short, and in making it longer found it to be very rotten, and the whole thing came down. When he went to fix it at the top he found the support of the bell was also rotten, and at last it was found that the tower itself needed some hundreds of pounds to repair. When a clergyman thought if he bought a small piece of bell rope that he might have to collect £500 for a tower, no wonder he was a little bit cautious on the subject (laughter). But the clergy were delighted to know bellringing was going on. 'I believe in our village England—we do not want to see it entirely suburbanised—church bells have a music of their own that appeals to many souls. I believe,' added the Bishop, 'that bells have the power of touching our hearts and speaking to us.' But bells would be nothing without the ringers, and that day they were among those 'who make the bells speak, and, secondly, make them speak in the name of the Lord' (applause).

Mr. Coleman thanked the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft for the great kindness they had always received from him.

'A YEAR OF QUIET PROGRESSION'

The fifty-fourth annual report chronicled a 'year of quiet progression by our branches in the association's work.' The necessity for bringing new members was emphasised. The total membership was 828, and active efforts were urged to increase the total membership to 1,000. Records of peal performances for the past year showed that 59 peals were rung in 14 different methods, 119 members taking part in these peals, which were conducted by 14 members. Four performances called for special mention. A peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 11,264 changes, was rung at Saxlingham on December 12th in 6 hours 41 mins., composed and conducted by F. Nolan Golden. The other three peals were the first by the association—5,064 Erith Little Bob Major at North Lopham, February 15th, 5,040 St. Simon's Bob Triples at North Lopham, March 15th, and 5,320 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Great Yarmouth, September 19th, all conducted by F. Nolan Golden. Hearty congratulations were offered to all the ringers who took part in these peals.

Proposing the adoption of the report, the President expressed the view that as soon as we stabilised our commercial and industrial system we should find by the aid of machinery we could produce enough commodities for everybody to live very comfortably off. He was not

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A GHASTLY HOLOCAUST RECALLED.

EATON SOCON'S NEW BELLS DEDICATED

In February, 1930, the charming 14th century church of Eaton Socon, Bedfordshire, situate on the Great North Road, was entirely destroyed by fire. Under the guidance of Professor Richardson it has arisen phœnix-like from its ashes, and the progress of the restoration bears ample evidence of the skill of the British workman. None but the best of craftsmen in their respective spheres have been employed, and the confidence placed in them has repaid itself.

On Saturday, March 19th, 1932, the first part of the restoration work, viz., the bells, was rededicated by the Archdeacon of Bedford. As will be recalled, in the height of the fire the old peal of six bells crashed to the ground with consequences which can be realised only too well—three of the bells were smashed to pieces, and the others were badly cracked. All the old metal was salvaged and used in the making of a splendid ring of eight, with a tenor weighing 14 cwt. This part of the work was entrusted to the famous Loughborough firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have produced another masterpiece. The new framework is of best English oak, which, when compared with many frames constructed of the same material, puts them completely in the shade. Its arrangement, the massiveness of its component parts and workmanship, are typical of the Loughborough productions.

For some time the chancel—screened from the nave—has been used as a temporary church, but for the service of the dedication of the bells the partly completed nave was used for the first time, and all the available chairs were occupied, but, as there was ample standing room, the less fortunate visitors were able to make use of the space available. A good number of ringers from far and near were present, who took turns on the bells after the service until quite a late hour. Their voluntary services were very much appreciated by the Church authorities and parishioners, who were enraptured by the music of the bells, which reverberated throughout the village. The manner in which the bells were rung ably demonstrated the thorough way in which the work had been carried out.

The appreciation of the ringers' services was expressed in a most practical manner by the provision of a splendid tea in the Parish Hall, at which the Vicar took the opportunity of voicing his pleasure at having the company present, who responded in the usual way by 'clearing' the tables.

Lying among the debris outside the church, rusty and charred, were the remains of the old clock which has been replaced by a new movement, resplendent in new blue paint and polished brass. This has been made by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Ltd., of Derby. A note of distinction has been added to the clock, which in future will be known as 'The Eaton Chime.' This is a new arrangement for chiming the quarters, operating on all the eight bells, and has been specially composed by Dr. Sidney Nicholson, M.V.O., Mus.Doc., of St. Nicholas' College, and formerly organist of Westminster Abbey.

It is anticipated that the complete church will be rededicated on Saturday, June 25th, by the Lord Bishop of the diocese.

YOUNG BAND'S START.

At Woodbridge, on Sunday, April 3rd, for evensong, and in honour of Mr. H. A. Shaw on his election as churchwarden of St. Mary's Church, the following rang a touch of 490 Grandsire Triples: J. Sawyer 1, F. Troiman 2, G. N. Blake 3, A. Rudd 4, F. Woodruffe 5, J. Woodruffe 6, J. Troiman (conductor) 7, G. Warner 8. This is the longest touch of Triples by all the band, who, except the ringers of the 3rd and 7th, two years ago could not handle a bell. It is the longest touch by the St. Mary's band for about 35 years, and the longest permissible on the bells in their present condition. The ringer of the 2nd is only 13 years of age.

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talking politics, but telling them simply what was true. By the aid of machinery we could produce so much 'that I believe the day will come,' he said, 'when instead of having to work for eight hours a day you will only want to work six or even four (laughter and applause). What are you going to do with all your spare time?' He would suggest that many might come and take up the noble art of ringing. It would be a most excellent way of spending their leisure time. It was a very healthy thing, and those engaged in it seemed to live long.

The president (the Archdeacon of Norwich), the general secretary and treasurer (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman), and the hon. auditor (Mr. G. P. Burton) were re-elected.

The Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken, M.A., Vicar of Great Yarmouth, and the Rev. H. J. Enraught, M.A., Rector of Lowestoft, were elected vice-presidents, and the other vice-presidents were re-elected.

Miss H. W. Bill, Messrs. G. Bailey, Arthur G. Bason, R. W. Cooke, J. F. Duffield, W. C. Duffield and J. Taylor were elected on the Standing Committee, and ten new members and two old members were elected members of the association.

The general secretary was instructed to get an estimate for a new certificate with the corrected title, etc., and to meet the West Norfolk Branch on the matter of the boundaries of that branch.

A sub-committee was appointed to report upon the Attleborough and Wymondham resolutions, and the meeting then closed, and the members adjourned to the belfries for further ringing until the evening.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE JUBILEE DINNER.

The jubilee celebration of the Midland Counties Association at Derby on Easter Monday concluded with a dinner at the King's Cafe, at which close upon 140 members and friends were present. Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Very Rev. Canon H. Hall (Provost of Derby), the Rev. W. G. Clark-Maxwell (Mackworth), Rev. Canon J. H. Cooper (Darley Abbey), Rev. Dr. D. M. Irwin (Duffield), Rev. L. G. Pronger (Derby Cathedral), Sir Henry Fowler, K.B.E. (Spondon), Mr. F. Ruffell (Duffield) and Mr. J. W. Downing (Derby). Among those present were three of the original members (Messrs. J. Griffin, J. Jaggar and S. Maskrey), who were given places of honour, Messrs. W. Willson (Leicester), vice-president; W. E. White (Colgrave), hon. treasurer; E. Morris (Leicester), hon. secretary; Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall), Mr. J. H. Swinfield (Burton), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. Beamish and Mrs. Beamish, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild (Nuneaton), and the following district secretaries: Messrs. A. Sharp (Burton-on-Trent), J. P. Tarlton (Chesterfield), G. Freebrey (Derby), A. E. Rowley (Hinckley), E. H. Bagworth (Leicester), D. S. Collins (Loughborough), and E. C. Gobey (Nottingham), etc.

After dinner, the loyal toast was proposed by the President and cordially honoured.

In proposing the toast of 'The Bishop and Clergy,' Mr. W. Willson expressed to the Bishop and clergy the members' appreciation of the many privileges they had had at their hands. They regretted the Bishop was not there, but he was well represented by the Provost. There were none more welcome at their associations meetings than the Bishop and clergy. 'It may appear to you,' continued Mr. Willson, 'that we ringers live in a world of our own. We do. And when we do anything worth recording we make a song about it. We do. But we are in very good company. Look where you will, the music of the bells has penetrated to every civilised country on earth, it has permeated the literature of all nations, and inspired the poets of all ages. There is another side,' continued Mr. Willson, 'a spiritual side. It is just possible the sound of our bells has made some wayfarer pause and think, and when a man thinks, the battle is half won. The misdeeds of the past cannot be recalled, but they may not be repeated.'

'PARSONS ARE HUMAN.'

The Provost, who replied, caused much amusement by relating how, after that afternoon's service, the Bishop of Derby had gone off with his (the Provost's) hat, leaving his own behind. He (the speaker) was left in a difficult position. If he wore it he felt he would certainly be accused of having deliberately stolen the Bishop's hat (laughter). But he boldly put it on, feeling most unworthy and unepiscopal (laughter); he borrowed an umbrella, and pressed it down on his head, although it was not raining, and, by by-ways and side-streets, furtively found his way home. He hoped he would get his own hat back on the morrow (laughter). Continuing, the Provost said it had been his good fortune to be able to do something in the cause of bells and bellringing. When he had the honour of taking his post at the Cathedral Church the bells of the church were in a very sorry condition. For years they had been getting worse for wear, and the tower itself was not particularly safe. There was need for a great deal to be done. It was necessary for the whole tower to be reconstituted. The bells had to be retuned and rehung and placed in a lower position in the tower. That was a big undertaking in face of the enormous sum that was needed for the division of the diocese. However, they put their hands into their pockets and got it done, and the success of the work was largely due to the help of their president, Mr. Taylor, who did, as he always does, a good job (applause). Continuing, the Provost said the Bishops and clergy owed a very great debt of gratitude to the bellringers, who served them so splendidly Sunday by Sunday all the year round. We parsons, the speaker continued, cannot help every now and then—it is our job—telling the bellringers they must turn up in church as well as in the belfry. Yet even parsons are human (hear, hear). Supposing I took off my 'dog collar' and went and rung for an hour. I don't say I would not go to church every time, but I say I might not go always. I want you to feel we do understand, but what we are afraid of is lest there should be a complete severance between the belfry and the nave of the church. We look to you to see there is no such severance, but to maintain the real church spirit. We appreciate all that ringers do, not only because they serve the church as they do so splendidly, but because bellringing itself is, to my mind, a most noble art. Change ringing which we get in England is the highest form of bellringing, and I hope it may long maintain its position (applause).

DUFFIELD BELLS TO BE RECAST.

Mr. F. Ruffell, in proposing a toast to 'The M.P.'s (town and country) and the Mayor and Corporation of Derby,' made an appeal for funds for the recasting of Duffield bells, with which, in the past, the late Sir Arthur Heywood was so intimately associated. The Duffield ringers had worked their hardest, he said, and had raised somewhere about £120, and a bazaar was to be held this year in the hope that they would get the bulk of the remaining money required. He appealed to the Midland Counties Association to make as generous a grant towards the fund as they could. The speaker then went on to refer to the support which that association received from the M.P.'s of Derby and the county and from members of Derby Council, and pointed out it was well that representative men of this kind should be interested, for they never knew when their help and assistance might be valuable, should an attack upon bellringing be made from outside.

In the absence of Alderman Sir J. Ferguson Bell, the toast was responded to by the Rev. L. G. Pronger, who paid a tribute to the services rendered to ringing at the Cathedral by Mr. J. Paget.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson submitted the toast of 'The Midland Counties Association,' first remarking on the honour it was to be present on that historic occasion. They had met, he said, to do honour to the early founders, and some of them could realise what these pioneers were up against in 1882, when they met in St. Luke's belfry to plan out the association for the first time. In the years just before that the columns of 'Church Bells' frequently contained letters from clergy, asking what they could do with those 'impossible' people called ringers (laughter); how could they get them reformed? Throughout the years that had passed since its foundation their association had kept before it the two objects of belfry reform, as regards the condition of belfries and the behaviour of ringers, and scientific change ringing—two great objects which had transformed the character of change ringing and the character of bellringers. As an illustration of the misuse of bells in the early days to which he had referred, Mr. Wilkinson mentioned that in one place a ringer was a publican and lost his license. Throughout the whole of that night the ringers rang a muffled peal (laughter). That, he said, was the spirit all over England.

WHAT THE M.C.A. STANDS FOR.

The subject of his toast was, he continued, on the back of their souvenir menu—fifty years of progress and the names of the general officers who were to-day carrying on the work. In all work for the Church, if it was to prosper for many years, they must exhibit three things. There must be enthusiasm, the spirit of progress and a high standard among those who claimed to be doing the work. He thought it could honestly be said of the Midland Counties Association that it had tried to carry forward that spirit of enthusiasm, always progressed, and had always a high standard of ringing. To some of them the Midland Counties Association represented all that was best in the history of change ringing, and all that was best in the work of bellringers in England to-day. Fifty years was a long and noble record to have behind them, but they must not forget the names of those who began the work. There were three of them present that night—Mr. Joseph Griffin, Mr. John Jaggar and Mr. S. Maskrey (applause). He knew the company was delighted to see them; they were honoured men. What wonderful changes they had seen, and what marvellous stories they could tell them. All honour to the pioneers of those early days; their work was harder than ours is now. They had carried on for fifty years—and paid their subscriptions. That alone was a splendid example (applause). A great deal, continued the speaker, depended upon the officers who were carrying on the work to-day; the spirit in which they fulfilled their office meant so much to their association. He eulogised the work which Mr. E. Denison Taylor was doing as president, and referred to the great interest he had displayed in the association. He spoke of the great services which Mr. William Willson had rendered in various ways, and they had honoured him now by making him their vice-president. If sometimes he had been called to do battle, it was only because he was always anxious to uphold the honour and traditions of ringing in the Midland Counties Association, and because he was jealous for what was best and highest in the art. Among the many achievements of their hon. secretary, Mr. Morris had written a most wonderful book, and they were really proud that he had been the one to set forth this splendid history of change ringing. He had many other personal achievements to his credit, and he had served the association with great industry and success. He was not afraid of doing things, and if they all had his enterprise, his courage and his enthusiasm they would be a still more wonderful association (applause). Lastly, there was their hon. treasurer, who was their secretary for many years. He had served them ably and well. In casting their minds back to honour the men of the past, let them also honour the men who were carrying on to-day, the officers and the unknown ordinary ringers, who were doing so much for the association, and who had been faithful to it in past days (applause).

Mr. W. E. White (the hon. treasurer), in a few fitting words, acknowledged the toast.

Mr. Ernest Morris (the hon. secretary), gave 'The Honorary Members,' who, he said, were their very good friends, and without whom they could not make the association a financial success. The happy position which the association was in rested entirely with the hon. members, and he expressed appreciation of the support which they gave.

Sir Henry Fowler responded in a happy speech, in the course of which he humorously referred to the fact that, as he put it, for two years they had at St. Andrew's, Derby, unsuccessfully tried to teach him to ring. He was, however, still persisting, and, when he gave up all other work, he thought he should go into a belfry and live there until he had mastered the art (laughter). He enjoyed bells if they were well rung and properly struck, and he particularly enjoyed listening

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FULL REPRESENTATION ON THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Dursley, Glos, on Easter Monday. The bells of Cam (six), Stinchcombe (six), and Dursley (eight) were made good use of before 2.15 p.m., when a service was conducted by Rev. E. G. Benson in Dursley Parish Church. The text, 'Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called' was taken by Rev. E. G. Benson, who reminded the members that bells were prominent at Eastertide, and that it was fitting that the annual meeting should be held at Eastertime. He urged ringers to do their utmost for Sunday service ringing; the bells were not for their own amusement. All ringers should be communicants, was his concluding remark in an inspiring address.

The business meeting, attended by over 100 members, was held in Dursley Town Hall, and in the absence (through illness) of the Master (Rev. E. S. Saleby) Mr. S. Romans, of Gloucester, was unanimously voted to the chair.

On business arising out of the minutes, the Hon. Secretary stated that a steel cabinet had been purchased to protect the peal books, and was installed at Church House, Park Street, Bristol, where at any time the Church House secretary, Rev. C. Alford, would welcome anyone interested and show the peal books.

Apologies for absence were read from Rev. E. S. Saleby, Rev. M. E. Thorold, Mr. J. Gould, Mr. A. Wright and Mr. Merrett.

Mr. E. Guise (the hon. secretary) reported that 47 peals had been rung during 1931. Finances had been less progressive, but this was readily accounted for in members' arrears. In other directions steady progress had been made. Restorations were above the average number, and the association's advisers had done useful and appreciated work during 1931. Tewkesbury Abbey Guild had 22 members, thanks to Rev. E. G. Benson for much encouragement. The secretary also gave details of the proposed memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

Mr. J. Austin proposed the adoption of the report.—Mr. Davis (Lydney) seconded, and it was carried.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the receipts were down on the year, and that items of extraordinary expenditure, such as books of instruction free to all towers, Morris' books (2), and steel cabinet for peal books caused a rise in the other expenditure.

Mr. J. W. Davies said that the congratulations of the association were due to Mr. Williams. It had been a bad year in every sphere of life, but he considered the balance sheet very satisfactory. He proposed its adoption.—Mr. Thomas seconded, and the motion was carried.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REAFFILIATION.

The report of the special committee on reaffiliation to the Central Council was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Rev. E. G. Benson, seconded by Mr. J. Austin.

The Hon. Secretary, speaking for the various committees recommending this course, thanked the members, and mentioned that as the Management Committee had been entrusted with the affiliation in future, and that as they would not meet again before the Council meeting, he asked the meeting to elect, perhaps, two representatives this year. It was only a suggestion—four could be elected now.

Mr. Yeend spoke in favour of four, and Rev. E. G. Benson said four were necessary to the association now. The report was adhered to, and the nominations were as follows: Mr. J. Austin, Gloucester Archdeaconry; Mr. E. Bishop, Swindon Archdeaconry; Mr. W. Rose, Cheltenham Archdeaconry; and Mr. E. Guise, Bristol Archdeaconry. All these were elected without any additional nominations.

It was decided that a form be printed for annual returns from all towers of ringers, bells practices, augmentations, etc.

Donations to the belfry repair fund will be acknowledged by receipted forms in future.

The Hon. Secretary reported for the committee set up to outline the scheme for a memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. The committee had recommended that the memorial should be at Tewkesbury; that the wishes of Mrs. Davies should be agreed to; that the memorial should be in the dual form of bells and Ringers' Chapel; that the sum of £250 be appealed for, so that the bells could be provided and leave a large sum towards the chapel. Memorial forms had been printed and were being circulated all over England and Ireland, and even abroad, as it was decided that the memorial should be a national one.—The report was adopted.

CONFIDENCE IN THE OFFICIALS.

Before proceeding with the election of officers, a reference was made to a recent letter in 'The Ringing World,' asking for the removal of the executive members in Bristol. A member said the best reply to that letter was to elect them again, and he hoped that the officials concerned would carry on. The association would not have been so flourishing had it not been for those members of the executive.

All the vice-presidents were re-elected, and Mr. S. Romans, of Gloucester, added.

Mr. J. W. Davis was proposed as Master, but immediately withdrew. Mr. J. Austin then proposed Mr. J. Gould, of Henbury, Bristol, as Master, and said he was sure that no other member with a greater claim could be found.—Ex-Sergt. Williams (Newent) seconded, and there being no other nomination Mr. Gould was elected unanimously.

On the election of the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary, a member said he considered it the most important part of the agenda. They had all heard the report of the special committee with reference to the memorial to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and other important items which had passed, and with all sincerity he would ask the meeting to inspire the officers of the association with wholehearted support and the backing of every member. He asked that the election of Mr. P. C. Williams, the hon. treasurer, and Mr. E. Guise, hon. secretary, be coupled together, and that they be re-elected with every confidence.

The Chairman asked the meeting if they agreed to this course, and it was agreed to with prolonged applause.

Mr. F. Skidmore then proposed the re-election of these two officers, and Mr. Fussell seconded.—The motion was carried nem. con.

All the remaining officials were re-elected, and Mr. Dewdney, of Lydney, was added to the Management Committee.

The next annual meeting is to be held in Gloucester on Easter Monday, 1933.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Master for his services to the association, and it was decided that the hon. secretary should convey the gratitude of the association to Rev. E. S. Saleby.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. Romans for taking the chair and to Rev. E. G. Benson for giving the address and conducting the service.

Mr. Fussell and the lady organist were also thanked.

A vote of condolence was extended to the relatives of Mr. F. Edwards, so recently deceased, and also on the loss of Rev. H. Law James.

This concluded the meeting, and tea was partaken of at the Cotswold Cafe. There was then more ringing, and late in the evening Bristol and Cheltenham ringers again met at Painswick with disappointed faces. Nevertheless, an enjoyable time was spent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION.

Two hundred and fifty members of the Kent County Association visited Tenterden on Easter Monday for their annual meeting. It is 26 years since the meeting was last held in the borough, and among those who attended on that occasion was Mr. P. Hodgkin, one of the founders of the association, who has been ringing for over half a century. St. Mildred's Church tower was open for ringing, other towers available being those at Rolvenden, Benenden, Biddenden, Appledore and Cranbrook.

The association service was held in St. Mildred's Church at noon, and Canon T. G. Gardiner, of Canterbury, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Dover, gave the address. Bells, he said, became wonderfully human in the hands of the ringers, who could make the bells speak of sorrow, joy and worship. The clergy were grateful for the service they rendered to the Church. May bellringing never die out in the parishes, and the ringers never give up practices.

The offertory for the Benevolent Fund realised £3 12s. 8d.

The Drill Hall was filled to its capacity at the dinner which followed. The Mayor of Tenterden (Cclr. Lt.-Col. W. A. V. Findlater) presided, supported by Canon Gardiner, the Revs. M. L. Mun (Vicar of Tenterden), Hugh B. Langton (Rolvenden), C. Bailey (Benenden), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, and Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary and treasurer).

Mr. F. White (Cranbrook) proposed the toast of 'The Archbishop and Clergy,' and in responding Canon Gardiner said he had heard a good many peals all over the country, and every year those bells were rung on in spite of many difficulties. He hoped that they would keep alive the traditions of bellringing throughout the country, because he honestly believed that the bellringers were unequalled in any part of the world.

The Vicar of Tenterden, also replying to the toast, said they all valued the work of the association. He was glad to see a number of young people becoming ringers, and hoped more would do so.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in proposing the toast of 'The Chairman,' first thanked the members for electing him as a vice-president of the Kent County Association.

Responding, the Mayor said their art was a very ancient one, and it should be encouraged.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Mr. E. H. Lewis presided at the business meeting, and asked the company to stand in silence as a mark of respect to the late Lord Harris, who had been a foundation member. His Lordship was present at the inaugural meeting of the association 52 years ago, was one of the first vice-presidents and a life member.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, in his annual report, stated that the membership was steadily increasing, and larger numbers were attending the district meetings. During 1931 they had 110 towers in the union, just over half of the towns in the county possessing bells. They comprised two 12-bell towers, five 10 bells, fifty-one 8 bells, forty-one 6 bells, and one 5 bells. The total membership was 1,371, as against 1,329. Life members totalled 27, honorary members 84, non-resident life members 295, and practising members 965. The increases showed seven hon. members, nine practising, and 26 non-resident life members. In addition to the late Lord Harris, seven members had also been called to 'higher service,' and to the relatives they extended their sympathy. The number of peals rung during 1931 was 146, an advance on last year. These peals were: Twelve

bells 3, ten bells 12, eight bells 118, six bells 10, five bells 1, and handbells 2. These peals were rung in 65 towers, with 52 conductors; 28 rang their first peal, five first on a bob bell, 116 first in the method, and three had conducted their first peal. The hon. auditor, Mr. C. H. Drake, of Faversham, who had acted in that capacity for the last ten years, had resigned. The committee decided, by virtue of his residence in the county, and the valuable assistance rendered as president of the Central Council of Bellringers, to place the name of Mr. E. H. Lewis on the list of vice-presidents. They also decided that the names of the serving foundation members, Messrs. H. G. Fairbrass, P. Hodgkins, J. W. Leonard, E. S. Ruck, and C. Slingsby, be added to the list of life members as a token of appreciation of their 50 years' membership. It was also desired to be made known that all members of 20 years' standing, on attaining the age of 70, shall become free practising members. Bell restoration had taken place at Littlebourne, Sandhurst and Speldhurst, all by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

GROWING BENEVOLENT FUND.

The finances showed the association to be in a very flourishing condition. The balance on the general fund showed £46 14s. 5d. A grant to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund of £5 5s. from this fund was made. From the Belfry Repairs Fund £10 10s. had been paid, leaving an increased balance in this fund of £120 5s. 5d. Grants to the extent of £15 had been made to deserving cases from the Benevolent Fund, yet the balance had increased by £14 5s. 4d. to £172 7s. 10d. This fund had been considerably augmented during the past year by offertories at district meetings, and it was hoped it would be generally adopted to enable the Benevolent Committee to benefit the aged and disabled members of the association. The invested funds amounted to £547 3s. 8d., making a total balance of £886 11s. 4d.

On the proposition of Mr. Leason (Maidstone), seconded by Mr. J. Steddy (Edenbridge), the report and balance sheet were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted.

An important alteration of rule was made on the proposition of Mr. Barnett, jun., as follows: 'Previous to starting for a peal, provided that a majority of the band are already members, they may elect the remainder as members of the association. This is to apply if the candidates are not resident in the county, but not more than two may be so elected if resident within the county.'

With the exception of the hon. auditor, the whole of the officers were unanimously re-elected. The office of hon. auditor, rendered vacant by the regretted resignation of Mr. C. H. Drake (Faversham), was filled by the election of Mr. G. H. Cross (Barnehurst).

Mr. F. White (Cranbrook), in proposing their thanks to the hon. secretary and treasurer, said that the high standard that had been set by their late hon. secretary, Canon F. J. O. Helmore, was being maintained by Mr. Mitchell, as the report and balance sheet showed.

The vote was carried in true Kentish style, musical honours being accorded.—Mr. Mitchell, in reply, said he had the valued assistance of six district secretaries throughout the county. He thanked them for their help, and was pleased to know that his services for the association were so heartily appreciated.

A vote of thanks was also accorded the retiring auditor for his past services.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said he was pleased to inform them that the committee had that morning provisionally granted £5 5s. from the funds to the Rev. C. P. D. Davies' memorial, and solicited personal donations to this fund.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Other than the jubilee meeting, at Canterbury, this was the best attended annual meeting in the annals of the association. The choice of Tenterden was generally accepted as an ideal town for the gathering.

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to bells as they were rung down in Cornwall. In spite of the advances made in the Midlands in change ringing, he did not think the striking, as a whole, was as good as down there. He added that the position which the M.C.A. had attained with regard to its hon. members was largely due to the work done by the late Mr. Chambers.

Mr. E. C. Gobey, in the absence of Mr. J. H. Swinfield, who had had to leave early, proposed 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. John Jaggar responded. Mr. Jaggar, who was an original member, said fifty years was a great span in a man's life, and he was thankful to be spared to be there that day. They had all been made very welcome. He noticed among the visitors several young people, some of whom, he hoped, would be spared to be present at the centenary of the association.

Mr. Colin Harrison, in a felicitous speech, proposed 'The Ringing World,' and said how much they welcomed the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith. He urged ringers everywhere to support the paper and increase its circulation, and congratulated it upon having just reached its 'majority.'—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith acknowledged the toast.

'Absent Brethren' was the concluding toast, honoured on the call of the Rev. Dr. Irwin.

The musical programme was sustained by Mr. Lowe Drury, Mr. Harry Gilbert and Mr. Fred Price (comedian), while a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Paget, C. Harrison, E. Morris, A. Ward and R. W. Braines.

The earlier part of the day's proceedings was reported in our last issue.

NOTICES.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

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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, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, 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.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next meeting will be held at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle, Bristol, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. A good muster is requested. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, April 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Newton-le-Willows on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting to follow. Bells of St. Oswald's, Winwick (6), will also be available from 3 to 5 p.m.—Claude I. Davies, J. Grounds, Branch Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., and tea provided at 5 p.m. All are welcome. Will all members please notify me of their attendance?—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9th, at St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst (8 bells) on Saturday, April 9th. Service 4 o'clock, tea and business meeting to follow.—M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberdare on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, April 9th. The peal of 10 (tenor 25½ cwt.) at the Abbey will be available for ringing from 1.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. in the choir, followed by tea, which will be served in Mrs. Smith's Café, Finkle Street, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held in the Sacristy.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 59, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston Parish Church on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Pattingham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Scott Rogerson). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Wolverhampton: Queen Square at 2 and Railway Street at 2.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mark on Saturday, April 9th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Briavels on April 9th. Bells (8) will be open at 3.30 p.m. Tea in School Room. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 2.30. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's (8 bells), Chippenham, on Saturday, April 9th, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's will be open. Visitors notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Jubilee festival at Bromgrove on Saturday, April 9th. Service in the Parish Church at 5.15 p.m., with address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings, Rector of Martley. Dinner at the Golden Cross Hotel at 6 p.m., followed by social evening. The bells will be available during the afternoon.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Regarding the revision of branch rules a discussion will take place at this meeting on the framing of Rule 1. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business 5.30. Ringing visitors welcomed. Please note change of address of Fylde Branch secretary. — C. Sharples, 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (5) at 2.45. Service in church at 4, tea and meeting to follow.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, April 9th. Service at 5 p.m. Preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Tea, at usual terms, at 5.45. Business meeting at 6.30, the President, Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, in the chair. Ringing arrangements: Twickenham, 2.30 to 5; Hampton, 2.45 to 4.30; Isleworth, 2.30 to 4.30. Twickenham after the business meeting. Cheap day tickets, Waterloo to Twickenham. For Isleworth alight at St. Margaret's.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — The adjourned annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Bottisham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Please come, if possible, and make this meeting a great success. — K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Nunney on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at St. Giles' on Saturday, April 9th. Ringing from 3. Tea at 5 in Parish Hall. Service at 6. Address by Rector (Rev. E. Janson Smith).—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting at Sproughton (6) and Bramford (6) will be held next Saturday, April 9th. Tea in the Church Hall, 9d. each. A whist drive will be held later.—C. Mee, Sproughton, Ipswich.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rushton (6 bells) on Saturday, April 9th. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild. — A meeting will be held at Sunderland on Wednesday, April 13th. Bishopwearmouth, St. Michael's, in afternoon, St. Ignatius' in the evening. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.—George Siddle, Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on April 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 11th.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 16th. Opening of Guild Library in S. Nicolas' belfry at 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30, followed by tea (1s. each) and business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Bells of Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10) 3.15 to 4.15. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 12th, to J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The annual dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, Leicester, on Saturday, April 16th, at 6.15 p.m. Bells of St. John's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Margaret's (12) will be open for ringing 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, must be applied for before April 12th, latest.—Ernest Bagworth, Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Teynham on Saturday, April 16th. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me before Thursday, April 14th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newton St. Cyres on April 16th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors please notify me by April 11th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas', Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stisted on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please let me know by morning of the 13th to enable me to make the necessary arrangements. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available at 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.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 16th. Bells of the Parish Church (8) available from 3 o'clock. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall. Business meeting to follow. Visitors will be welcomed. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stratton St. Margaret on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. A large attendance is hoped for, as there is important business to be done. A card from those who require tea will assist arrangements.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, April 16th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 13th. All ringers welcome. — W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Munden on April 16th. Bells open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Address by the Rector (Rev. Canon Green). Tea in the school close by at 5.30. All ringers and ringing friends will be welcome. Buses now run conveniently from Ware. Priory buses for Dane End (outward): 2, 2.55, 3.45, 4.50 and 6 o'clock. We shall be pleased to see any old friends, also new ones. A card would be appreciated and a help towards catering.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Badby (6) on Saturday, April 16th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, April 13th? — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Bells available 3.30. Tea (near by) 5.30. Business in tower 6.30. Ringing after. — J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — The fourth annual dinner will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel at 6 p.m. Chairman: Councillor Eggleton, supported by other gentlemen. Following towers open for ringers during the afternoon: St. Mary de Crypt, 3 to 4; St. Mary de Lode (6), 4 to 5; St. Michael's (10) 4.45 to 5.45; Barnwood (8) available at 2 p.m. if required. Cathedral bells not available. Ladies invited. Tickets, 3s., obtainable from W. H. Harris, 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester. Closing date for tickets April 14th.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, April 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. — J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Puddletown on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Drayton on Saturday, April 16th (8 bells). Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 13th inst.?—R. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Mickleton, near Campden, on Saturday, April 16th. Service, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Lacey), at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, near Evesham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at North Stoneham on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea must please notify me by April 13th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on Saturday, April 16th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch, arranged for April 16th, will not now take place, a postponement having been arranged in favour of the reopening of a peal of bells at Brookfield, Gorton, on the 23rd inst. For further particulars watch 'The Ringing World.'—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, April 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, April 13th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Claybrook on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. Also Winford bells (6) available from 6.30 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business at 7.30 p.m. — H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells at St. Gregory's (8), St. Peter's (8), All Saints' (8) available all day. 3.15, committee meeting in St. Peter's Vestry. 4, service at St. Peter's (with sermon by Rev. T. C. Alexander, Rector of Great Waldingfield). 4.30, tea (1s.) in the Parish Hall. 5, meeting. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Will those desiring tea kindly advise by April 20th, J. D. Buckingham, Rectory Cottage, Goldhanger? Come and make this meeting a big success.—A. E. Coomber, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Brookfield Church, Gorton.—A special invitation meeting in connection with the dedication and reopening of the bells at Brookfield Church, Gorton, will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Dedication service at 3 p.m., with ringing by local band. Tea, free to all ringers and 1s. per head for others, will be served in Schoolroom at 4.30 p.m. Ringing between service and tea and after tea until 9.30 p.m. All intending to take tea please notify C. Ollier, 29, Thornley Lane, Reddish, not later than Wednesday, April 20th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchling on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room, 1s. 3d. Secretaries must notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Stret, Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lower Heyford, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Steeple Aston tower will also be available 3 to 4 o'clock and after tea.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 23rd. The following towers will be open for ringing at 2.30 p.m.: E. Retford (10), W. Retford (6) and Ordsall (6). Good bus service to and from Ordsall. Service in E. Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., the business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford. A good attendance is requested. Special business. — R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by White's, Appleton, will be re-dedicated by Bishop Shaw, on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Institute (1s.) at 5 p.m. Please notify by April 20th.—B. D. Costar, Standlake, Witney, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 30th next, at Tackley. Service at the church at 3.30 p.m. Several towers will be at our disposal.—W. Evetts, jun., Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

BUSHEY. — Saturday, April 30th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 6. Business meeting after. Ringing till 8.30.—C. H. Horton, 18, Warwick Lane, E.C. Tel. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Wigan on Saturday, April 30th. Bells of Wigan Parish, Poolstock, Hindley and Standish available from 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church at 5. Tea at Vose's Café at 6, at 1s. 9d. each. Tables reserved for those who send names in to J. W. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Wigan, before April 17th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

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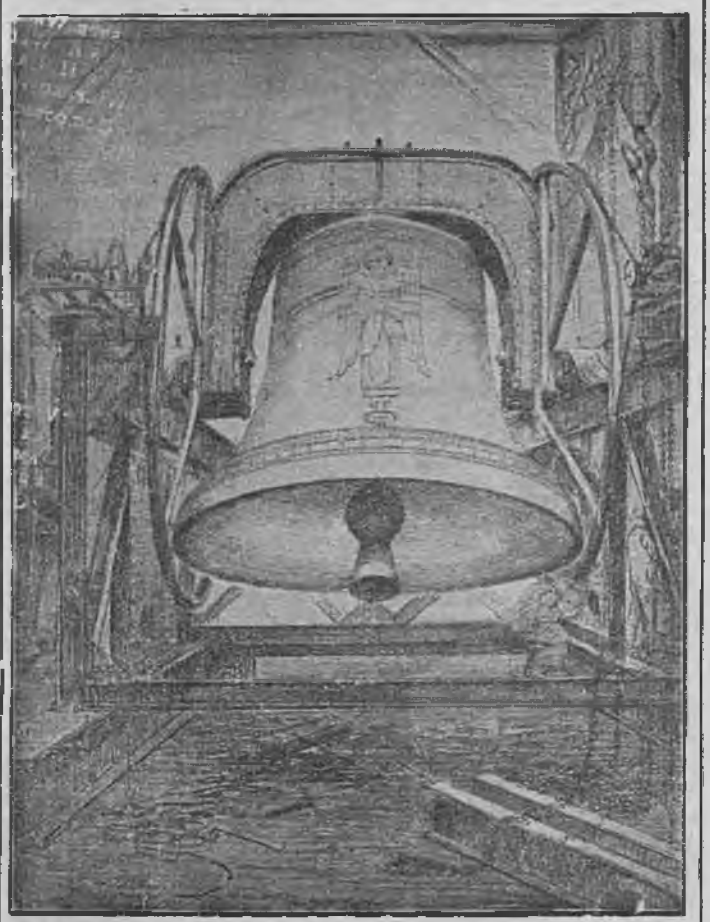

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A REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

One of the most gratifying things which has emerged from the numerous recent association meetings has been the decision of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to reaffiliate to the Central Council, after a lapse of three years. In 1929 the association felt that it had a grievance against the Council, and as a protest it severed itself from that body. The position was, in a sense, an artificial one—the association was not a scrap less interested in the work of the Council than when it was affiliated; the Council, while it made no approaches—in open meeting at any rate—for a reconciliation, was distinctly the poorer for the absence of one of its earliest adherents, and the members were individually as keen for the return of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, as, we believe, were the majority of the association members to return to the fold. We are not going to say that the association had no ground for the protest which it made, although many people regretted the form which that protest took, but the action of the association was doubtless one of the factors which led the Council to consider an overhaul of its rules, while the fact that the Council was obviously prepared to review its constitution has led the association to rejoin the central body and assist in remodelling the rules as far as may be deemed necessary to meet the changed circumstances in the Exercise to-day compared with conditions which existed when the Council was inaugurated over forty years ago.

It is of the utmost importance to the future of the Exercise that all the leading ringing organisations should be affiliated to the Council, prepared to take their part in furthering those special interests of ringing which only a representative central body can efficiently promote, and to act loyally to the Council in any decisions arrived at. Even the absence of one important association or guild is like a cog missing from the machine, and while it is not to be expected that everything the Council does will meet with the unanimous approval of all the affiliated organisations, yet the work which the Council is doing is such that disagreement on any one point can well be forgotten in the larger issue of the general good of the Exercise which the Council is stedfastly promoting. The Council is building up an influence which is becoming felt more and more in a number of the directions where our art is concerned; that influence must be all the stronger if it has behind it the whole of the associations and guilds in the kingdom. When the Council meets at Plymouth it will, we believe, represent a larger body of ringers than at any time in its history; indeed there will be few change ringers in this country sufficiently interested in

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their art to belong to an association who will not be represented on the Council. That is a great thing to say, and it only remains for the individual members of the Exercise to back up the Council in its work. The Council has done and is doing a great deal for the art; with the genuine interest and complete support of ringers as a whole it could do much more.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, April 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	HECTOR G. BIRD	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	*FREDERICK W. BAILEY	8
HENRY H. FEARN	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	9
JAMES GEORGE	4	A. PADDON SMITH	10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	5	JOHN NEAL	11
GEORGE E. LARGE	6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on twelve tower bells, and hails from Leiston, Suffolk.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

GEORGE LARGE	*Treble*	*HUGH THOMAS	6
CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH	2	ERNEST COOMBES	7
ERNEST HUNT	3	ERNEST STITCH	8
CHARLES H. PERRY	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
FRED CHAMBERLAIN	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of Mr. William Evans, of Cardiff. This was the one hundredth peal on the bells.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. WILLIAM EDGE	*Treble*	JAMES H. RIDING	6
HARRY OVERTON	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
HARRY F. HOLDING	3	†WALTER LONGMAN	8
*R. THOMAS HOLDING	4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	9
*GEORGE PACKER	5	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Royal.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ARTHUR DEAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. CHEESMAN	6
*ARTHUR C. OTWAY	2	SYDNEY ELTON	7
†W. CYRIL SMITH	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	8
GEORGE MARRINER	4	ALAN R. PINK	9
*WILLIAM J. WHITING	5	ALBERT HARMAN	*7 cwt*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. Mr. A. R. Pink's 50th peal for the Guild.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Tuesday, March 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in one hour: Ben Thorpe 1, P.C. W. Robinson 2, P.C. W. Pye 3, W. H. Shuker 4, P.C. G. Pye 5, P.S. P. Crook 6, P.C. J. Wilson 7, Supt. R. F. Wilson 8, P.C. F. Page 9, P.C. J. Turner 10.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	*Treble*	GEORGE H. GRAINGER	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	7
ERNEST J. KING	3	HARRY MANCE	8
WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	9
FRANK C. NEWMAN	5	GEORGE HAYDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

Rung as a 58th anniversary birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Newman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, No. 3. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

VICTOR APPLEGATE	*Treble*	WILFRED APPLEGATE	5
HARRY BROWN	2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE	6
ARTHUR GILL	3	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	4	GEORGE W. STEEL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12⅞ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	GEORGE H. CROSS	6
MRS. G. H. CROSS	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	HARRY HOVERD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERBY	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. CHESTER	5
*ALAN M. HICKMAN	2	HARRY OVERTON	6
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	3	JAMES H. RIDING	7
HARRY F. HOLDING	4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal of Oxford 'inside.' Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. O. Kerrison and Miss H. M. Donaldson-Hudson. The band were afterwards entertained to tea by the bride's father.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*MANSFIELD GINN	*Treble*	*BERRY WAYMAN	5
*CHARLES ROBINSON	2	*RUPERT THODAY	6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	*ARTHUR J. GINN	7
*FRED C. GINN	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells as an octave. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alan, eldest son of Mr. C. Robinson.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's Church, on Monday, March 21st, when the first service in Holy Week was held and the address given by the Lord Bishop of Ely, a non-conducted 720 of Bob Minor with the tenor covering: E. Crwston 1, R. D. Buttress 2, H. J. Hazell 3, C. W. Smith 4, A. G. Rivers 5, S. Banyard 6, J. Quinney 7.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	EDWARD J. BEER	5
FREDERICK A. COLEY	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS	3	GEORGE H. CROSS	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT	*Treble*	RONALD H. BULLEN	5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
FREDERICK DIGBY	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Rutland by all the band, except the ringers of 5th and tenor.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	JAMES HAYWOOD	5
MISS LUCY M. KELLY	2	FREDERICK CARDWELL	6
JAMES KNOWLES	3	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	7
*MISS MILDRED HIGGINS	4	FRED WATKINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal away from treble.

RISHTON, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

RICHARD ATHERTON	*Treble*	FRED COCKSHOTT	5
ALBERT YATES	2	ARNOLD BRUNTON	6
*ARTHUR HUTCHINSON	3	FRED READ	7
WILLIE AARON	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. READ.

* First peal in method. First in method as conductor. Rung fully muffled as a mark of respect to the mother of R. Bolderstone, who was interred the same day.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

REG. HARPER	*Treble*	JAMES WILDBLOOD	5
EDWARD HARPER	2	WILLIAM RIGBY	6
WALTER LONGMAN	3	THOMAS ARROWSMITH	7
GEORGE BIDDULPH	4	ROBERT ARROWSMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. RIGBY.

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BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 7, 1932 in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH	5
GEORGE R. PYE...	2	*ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	6
*HARRY TURNER	3	JAMES BENNETT...	7
FRANK G. RINGE	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. R. PYE.
* First peal in the method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Friday, April 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM G. WHITING	...*Treble*	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	5
†ALBERT E. WHITING... ...	2	WILLIAM J. BOTTON	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	GEORGE WHITING	7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ...	4	T. WILLIAM LAST ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by G. WHITING.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to ringers of 3, 6 and tenor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY JENNINGS...	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
CHARLES E. BASSETT	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ...	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS
First peal in the method in the county, by the Guild and by all the band.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*HERBERT C. BEARD ...	...*Treble*	HENRY W. GAYTON	5
EDWARD WHITLOCK	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE	6
†AMOS SMART	3	HARRY SEAR	7
*REGINALD A. HALL	4	WILLIAM F. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.
* First peal, and belong to the local band. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY NOBLE	...*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON... ...	5
THOMAS POTTS	2	JACK TIPPER	6
WILLIAM GAYBS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
ALBERT V. REES	4	JACK WAUMSLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
First peal of Major on the bells.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven 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.

JOHN R. MAIN	...*Treble*	GEORGE M. ETTE	5
*WILLIAM H. ETTE	2	HARRY RICHARDSON	6
ALBERT BODDINGTON ...	3	THOMAS R. HENSHER	7
†CHARLES RICHARDSON ...	4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF SHILTON MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

T. HENRY WRIGHT ...	...*Treble*	T. KELHAM DEACON	5
C. HENRY WEBB	2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	6
A. PERCIVAL ALDHAM... ...	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
First peal rung in this method. A. Ballard has now rung each bell in this tower to a different Major method, each called by the same conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

PERCY AMOS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ...	5
RONALD RUSSELL	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	7
*JOHN H. BLUFF	4	*SYD. H. TOWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. CHAMBERLAIN.
* Elected members of the M.C.A. previous to starting. Rung to commemorate the association's jubilee. A birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the tenor.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES INGHAM	...*Treble*	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	5
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ...	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	7
*ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	WILLIAM HORAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

KEITH HART...	...*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	5
JACK M. CRIPPS	2	CECIL NICE	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	7
GEORGE OLLIVER	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

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ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ...	... 5
ALFRED H. POLLING ...	... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	... 6
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ...	... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...	... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ...	... 4	FRANK BELSEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Caters, Mr. E. J. Allen kindly standing out.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JAMES WM. BAXENDALE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON ...	... 5
SAMUEL WARD ...	... 2	GEORGE AMBLER ...	... 6
WILLIAM SENIOR ...	... 3	HARRY MARSDEN ...	... 7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ...	4	GEORGE W. STEEL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal in the method by all but ringers of treble and 2nd. First peal of Surprise by Messrs. Senior, Marsden and Steel. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*DENNIS ADAMS	...*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	... 5
*MANSFIELD GINN	2	*ROBERT SMITH	... 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ...	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ...	... 7
CHARLES W. COOK	4	T. REGINALD DENNIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS

* First peal in the method. Mr. Smith had not rung a touch in the method before starting for the peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*GORDON LIMMER ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES PULLEN ...	... 5
GEORGE H. GOTTERIDGE...	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	... 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR...	... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ...	... 7
†GEORGE LIMMER ...	... 4	PERCY J. DYKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Golden wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carter, of Burnham, a 'crystal' wedding peal for the conductor, and a birthday peal for Miss Mary Biggs, of Maidenhead (niece of W. R. Madgwick).

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ORWELL, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, March 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 120's of Stedman, 20 of Grandsire and 20 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS VIOLET E. SHORTER	*Treble*	JOHN W. WARD	... 3
REGINALD L. LATHBURY ...	2	FRANK HARPER	... 4
JAMES W. R. QUINEY ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by REGINALD L. LATHBURY.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(OVER SOCIETY.)
On Friday, April 1, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN... ...	...*Treble*	FRED C. GINN	... 4
DENNIS ADAMS	... 2	ARTHUR J. GINN	... 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ...	... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Cecil Francis, son of Mr. F. G. Gleaves.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, tenor covering. Tenor 17 cwt.

HUBERT BIRD	...*Treble*	ALBERT MASON	... 4
ALFRED E. BACON	2	JOHN BUCKENHAM	5
FRED MATTHEWS... ...	... 3	EDWARD BARKER	6
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

CADOXTON.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN L. BLOXHAM ...	...*Treble*	CYRIL LAKE	... 4
EDWARD PHILLIPS ...	... 2	GWYN I. LEWIS	... 5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM ...	... 3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Evans-Bevan, the former being the son of the donor of the bells.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED HONEYWOOD ...	...*Treble*	*ERNEST DURRANT ...	... 4
CHARLES HONEYWOOD ...	2	†MAURICE J. LING ...	... 5
GEORGE W. MOSS	3	STANLEY G. MOSS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY G. MOSS.

* First peal in the method and is from Thorpe. † First peal of Minor, and is from Kirby.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

BRYAN EVERTON	...*Treble*	THOMAS M. JORDAN ...	... 4
WILLIAM NEWTON	2	FRANCIS R. DEACON ...	... 5
LEONARD P. WARD	3	E. ARTHUR HALL... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. P. WARD.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. L. Pocock (son of the Rector of Peckleton), also a popular member of the local band, whose wedding to Miss M. Bowley took place on Saturday, March 26th. First peal as conductor.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, 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, called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM WATHEN ...	...*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER ...	... 4
KEITH W. WHITTELL ...	2	SHELFORD SPARROW ...	... 5
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal of Minor.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Christ Church, Southgate, Society.)
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Alfred R. Glasscock	*Treble*	Edward H. King	4
John G. Nash	2	Norman A. Tomlinson	5
Gilbert E. Plater	3	John Armstrong	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Armstrong.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band. The conductor has now rung peals of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the daughter of the conductor and Miss M. Miller, of the Southgate band, also as a birthday compliment to Miss J. Glasscock, daughter of the treble ringer, on her 14th birthday.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wellingborough Branch.)
On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores of Antelope, St. Dunstan's, London Singles, Grandsire, Canterbury, Old Doubles and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Sidney Corby	*Treble*	Henry W. Gayton	4
*Horace Tyler	2	Alfred J. Elliott	5
Joshua J. Partridge	3	Walter Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. J. Partridge.

* First peal.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, April 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Pitman's and one 720 of Morris' arrangement of Grandsire, and 720 each of Morning Star, St. Dunstan's, April Day and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9 cwt.

Reginald Morris	*Treble*	G. James R. Price	3
James P. Hyett	2	Edmund Morris	4
James T. Randle	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. P. Hyett.

First peal in five methods for all. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. L. W. Richings, for 25 years Rector of the parish.

NORTH TAMERTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Monday, April 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Walter Bond	*Treble*	William Shears	4
Thomas G. Myers	2	Frederick Sangwin	5
John W. Sangwin	3	William Martin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas G. Myers.

* First peal, at first attempt. The first peal on the bells.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Ernest E. Woodage	*Treble*	James Bassett	4
Thomas Fuller	2	William Durham	5
Albert Relfe	3	James Waghorn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert Relfe.

FIRST 'LOCAL' QUARTER-PEALS.

At St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, Bamber Bridge, Lancs, on Wednesday, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Hardicker 1, J. Jackson 2, R. Hardacre, jun., 3, H. Hardacre (conductor) 4, F. McCarthy 5, T. Harrison 6, C. Hardacre 7, R. Hardacre, sen., 8.

Also on Sunday, March 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,344 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Molyneaux 1, J. Jackson 2, T. Harrison 3, H. Hardacre (conductor) 4, R. Hardacre, jun., 5, F. McCarthy 6, J. Molyneaux 7, R. Hardacre, sen., 8. These are the first quarter-peals on the bells by all local ringers at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BILDESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thursday, March 24, 1932, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At No. 3, Council Houses,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

Palmer Whittell	*Treble*	Keith W. Whittell	3-4
Jack Whittell	2	Harry D. Lister	5-6

Conducted by H. D. Lister.
Witness—S. Taylor.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, March 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
At 16, Godstone Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Mrs. T. Colin Ryder	1-2	William Barton	5-6
Albert Nash	3-4	T. Colin Ryder	7-8

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by William Barton.
Attested by Sidney Briggs. Witness—Miss Doreen Ryder.

HAPPY CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION MEETING.

PROBLEMS BEFORE THE MEMBERS.

The Easter Monday meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Richmond, some 30 members attending from Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Thirsk, Ripon and Sharow. The ringers were welcomed to the tower by the local band, and the bells were ringing merrily by 11 o'clock, and continued throughout the day till a late hour. Touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman, Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob and Grandsire were obtained during the day, and many had their first touches in the various methods.

The dinner, served in the Bishop Blaize Hotel, was honoured by the presence of the Rector of Richmond (Canon Sullivan), who expressed the pleasure of the Richmond Church in the visit of the association, and hoped that the members would make use of the bells to their hearts' content.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the ready permission granted for the use of the bells, and afterwards outlined some of the problems of the association to be decided at the next annual meeting. He asked the members to give their consideration to the question of the adoption by the association of a ringer's badge, the purchase through the association of the Jasper Snowdon books, and the continuation or otherwise of the ringing competition.

An expression of appreciation of the report which has been issued recently by the association was voiced by several of the members, and several suggestions for its improvement put forward.

All who attended voted the meeting to be still another success for the Cleveland Association.

SUDDEN DEATH OF CROFT RINGER.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Tom Atkins, of Croft, Leicestershire. Born at Stoney Stanton 36 years ago, he learned to ring in his native tower, and went to reside at Croft just prior to the ring of six being installed in May, 1928. He joined the local band at its formation, and did much for the progress of the company. He was elected steeplekeeper, and held the office for the first two years. He was a good striker in the standard methods. He was of quiet disposition, rarely spoke in the belfry, and seldom made a trip.

Mr. Atkins worked and appeared in his usual health up to the Easter holidays, but was taken ill on Sunday. He was conveyed to the Leicester Royal Infirmary, where he passed away early on Wednesday morning.

The funeral took place at Croft on Saturday, April 2nd, many ringing friends attending. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Charles Brown (Sapcote) 1-2, Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A. (Stoney Stanton) 3-4, Charles Hy. Webb (Croft) 5-6, Geo. A. Newton (Earl Shilton) 7-8. A wreath was laid on the grave by Mr. F. Bailess on behalf of the deceased's fellow-ringers of the Hinckley District, M.C.A., and the bells were rung half-muffled. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung 36 times by the local band, after which three extents of Oxford Treble Bob were rung by the following representative company: T. Cooper (Sapcote) 1, A. Ballard (Stoney Stanton) 2, Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) 3, C. E. Carr (Broughton Astley) 4, P.C. F. E. Wilson (St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester) 5, A. E. Rowley (Higham-on-the-Hill), district hon. secretary (conductor) 6.

Mr. Atkins joined the M.C.A. in 1921, and had rung 26 peals in the standard methods, his last peal being at Stoney Stanton on January 16th, 1932—the treble to Bob Major. He still had the tenor to ring to a peal to complete the circle in his native tower. Mr. Atkins leaves a wife and three young children to mourn their loss.

C. H. W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EASTERN DIVISIONAL SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, 45 members attending from Battle, Brighton (St. Nicholas and the Church of the Good Shepherd), Eastbourne (All Saints', St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), Hastings (All Saints'), Lewes, Lindfield, Mayfield, St. Leonard's, Uckfield and Wuldron. Dr. Taylor, of Sevenoaks, was also present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. P. Hughes, who gave a most interesting address. He also kindly presided at the tea which followed at the Pitman Institute.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. Franks, of Battle, occupied the chair, and reminded the members that since the last meeting was held they had lost by death an old and respected member in Mr. Jas. Livermore, late of Christ Church, Blacklands. He had been a member of the association from its inception, and had also been a member of the committee for several years.—As a mark of respect the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

Prior to reading the minutes, the divisional secretary (Mr. G. W. Stokes) informed the meeting that he was not standing for re-election again.

The following new members were elected: Roy Mewitt and Edward Kenyon, St. Mary's, Eastbourne; and John Brewer, All Saints', Eastbourne.

The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Stokes had written to the committee of the division, intimating that he did not desire to stand for re-election as divisional secretary, and that it is was therefore up to the meeting to find a successor.

Several members present were proposed, but each in turn declined to stand. Eventually Mr. A. C. Pankhurst, of St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, was prevailed upon to accept office.—Mr. A. R. Miles therefore proposed that Mr. Pankhurst be elected hon. secretary.—This was supported by Mr. Medhurst, put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

Messrs. A. R. Miles, W. Franks, and W. Booth were re-elected to the committee, and Mr. G. W. Stokes was elected to the Committee of Advice, vice Mr. Pankhurst.

Mr. A. R. Miles expressed thanks on behalf of the association to Mr. Stokes for his services as local secretary during the past 12 years, and in response Mr. Stokes said that he would give any necessary help to the new hon. secretary during the ensuing year.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells, and for the splendid welcome he had given to the members. The bells of St. Saviour's and All Saints' Churches being also available, good practice was obtained in various methods until 8.15 p.m.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RETIREMENT.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Selby Abbey on Saturday, April 9th, by courtesy of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D., and was attended by upwards of 30 members, representing Beverley Minster, Goole, Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Patrington, Pontefract (St. Giles' and All Saints'), Selby, Sutton-on-Hill, Thorne, Withernsea and York Minster.

A choral service was held in the choir, where a cordial welcome was extended to the members, and a most helpful and instructive address was delivered by the Vicar. A word of praise must also be conferred on the six choir boys who sang the descants to two of the hymns with brilliant effect, accompanied on the fine organ by Mr. F. Ellis, deputy organist.

An excellent tea was afterwards served by Mrs. Smith in the cafe, Finkle Street, and the gastronomic capacity of the members was taxed to the utmost by the sumptuous fare provided.

The business meeting followed in the sacristy of the Abbey, the vice-president (Mr. F. Cryer, Selby) presiding. Four new members were elected, viz., Mr. E. Dove, of Sutton-on-Hull, and Messrs. D. Hatfield, R. Faithwaite and H. Sweeting, of Hemingbrough. Invitations from the Rectors of Market Weighton and Patrington to hold the next two quarterly meetings at those places in July and September respectively was moved and carried.

The three retiring committee men, Messrs. G. T. Miller (Hull), R. B. Smith (Howden), and F. W. Dale (Hull), the last named also to serve on the general committee, were re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. H. Fairlam (Selby), and seconded by Mr. A. West (Sutton), Mr. H. Morley (Selby) was elected as hon. district secretary in place of Mr. A. B. Cook (Hull), who has found it necessary to relinquish office.

A unanimous and hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Cook for his services of the past twelve years, and regret at his enforced resignation was expressed by Messrs. F. Cryer, F. W. Dale, H. Morley and H. Fairlam, to which Mr. Cook suitably responded.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, service and address, Mr. F. Ellis (deputy organist), and the choir, and to the local company for their excellent arrangements, Mr. F. Ellis replying for the choir and Mr. W. A. Hall for the local company.

This concluded another delightful and harmonious meeting, and members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers in general, especially members of the Truro Diocesan Guild, will congratulate Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., Master of the Guild, on his recent promotion to the rank of Lieut.-colonel.

Last Saturday a peal of Minor was rung at Biddenham, Bedfordshire, by officers of the Bedford District to commemorate the jubilee of the Bedfordshire Association. It was in this tower on April 26th, 1884, that the first peal for the association was rung. After the peal, Mr. and Mrs. 'Harry' King extended hospitality to the band. Mr. King is the only surviving original member of the association, and he received the congratulations of the company.

Two fourteen-year-old lads—Albert Cadwell and Aubrey Atkins—are to be congratulated upon ringing their first peal on Saturday at Hanslope, Bucks. They are members of the local band. It was also the first peal for two others of the local company, and this peal of Minor was a distinctly good performance.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the popular secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, has made such a complete recovery from his long illness that he has now been able to resume duty at St. Paul's Cathedral. Mr. Cockerill celebrated the 73rd anniversary of his birthday on Wednesday.

Sunday is the anniversary of the Treble Bob Maximus record, set up at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1911. It was 12,240 of Kent rung in 8 hours 39 mins. Mr. James George rang the tenor.

Thirty-eight years ago next Monday the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 13,440 Double Norwich Major in 8 hours 16 mins. at Romford after having lost it three weeks before at Brentwood, when a rope broke after 15,000 changes had been rung.

Monday is also the anniversary of the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung at Hoptonstall, Yorks, by the Lancashire Association in 1927.

Last Sunday was the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Cinques 'in the North of England.' It was rung at Sheffield, and composed and conducted by Charles Henry Hattersley. Only three of the company survive, and these three are all in London—Messrs. J. W. Rowbotham, C. F. Winney and F. E. Dawe.

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' MEMORIAL.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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Dr. A. Alexander (Bristol)	1	0	0
Mrs. Laura and Miss Snowden (Cartmel)	2	2	0
Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Reading)	1	1	0
Rev. and Mrs. Staley (Stapleton)		10	0
R. and J. Prout (Coaley)	1	1	0
J. White (Cranbrook)	2	2	0
Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (Woking)		10	6
William Storey		2	6
J. M. S. Venner		10	0
A. E. Allen	3	3	0
M. E. Sterling	2	2	0
Evelyn Dorrell	1	1	0
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore	1	1	0
Rev. A. W. R. Charles		2	6
Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge	5	5	0
*Kent County Association (voted)	5	5	0
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KATE ON THE WARPATH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Sherlock Holmes and other inquirers, Kate does not reside at the 'Lincolnshire Rest Home for Ringers.'

I also understand she has no further designs on any of the band who rang in the peal at St. Giles', as she hears there is a much better-looking ringer, whose enthusiasm failed him at the last moment, owing to a pressing engagement in another direction.

But there is no escape. Kate is on the warpath, and 'By Gosh' she means you! Run, boy, run!—Yours,

DR. WATSON.

THE EATON CHIME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your report of the dedication of the bells at Eaton Socon mentions Dr. Sidney Nicholson, M.V.O., Mus.Doc., as having composed this chime. Allow me to point out that this is incorrect. The composer of the chime to the Eaton Church was Mr. S. G. Wilkinson, of Eaton Socon, and as chief bellringer I shall be glad if this regrettable mistake can be rectified in your next issue.—Yours faithfully,

W. SMITH.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP OF WILLESDEN ON THE RINGERS' FELLOWSHIP.

Twickenham, where the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met for their annual meeting on Saturday, was a centre of ringing activity nearly two hundred years ago, and there are records of peals going back to the year 1749, when the Society of Twickenham Scholars rang a peal of 6,000 Bob Major. At present it is the church at which the president of the Middlesex Association (the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane) is Vicar, and the members turned up in large numbers to participate in Saturday's proceedings, not merely as a compliment to their president, but to show their real interest in the affairs of their association, which is one of the livest ringing organisations in the country. Ringing took place during the afternoon at Twickenham, and also at the neighbouring towers of Isleworth and Hampton, and there was quite a good congregation at the service, which was conducted by the president, and at which the Bishop of Willesden was the preacher. The singing of the first hymns was led by the organ, but as, despite all the efforts of the organist, the instrument resolutely refused to emit any sound after the Bishop's address, the final hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul,' was sung unaccompanied.

The Bishop of Willesden gave an inspiring address based upon the first verses of Psalm xix., which begins, 'The heavens declare the glory of God.' He spoke of the love which, he supposed, every man had for the glories of the skies, and the depths of the country, and said that the voice of the bells, as they rang out, declared the glory of God in the heavens. He went on to refer to the ringers' fellowship, the ringers' work, and the ringers' life. Their fellowship, he said, was far wider than that of the particular belfry in which they rang, or even the particular generation in which they were now taking their part in 1932. The fellowship of the ringers was the fellowship of all the men who had been engaged in their art right back through English history, and even beyond that time to the days of the Old Testament, to those who sounded the trumpets to summon the people to worship; it extended to the architects who had built their church towers, those wonderful towers which were the glory and pride of the English countryside. It was a fellowship which was embraced in a motto in one of the oldest belfries, the fellowship of the hand, the head and the heart—the hand for work, the head for wit, the heart for worship. It was a wonderful and complete fellowship which rolled back through the centuries, and it would go on through the years yet to come. Then the ringers' work. He would call it definitely a work of witness. The bells rang the changes of life, the joys and sorrows of man's course upon earth, the joys and sorrows of the nation, as well as ringing the people to church. In many old belfries of cathedral cities one of the bells used to belong to the burghers of the town, and not all of them to the dean and chapter. There was the right not only to call the citizens to worship, but to call them to defend the town when attack came. That was why the Conqueror melted down the bells to mark his victory and show that he had control of the towns. But whether it was ringing for events in the life of the nation or for events which brought changes in private lives, such as weddings or deaths, all the time the work of the bells was the work of witness, in which they as ringers had their part. And in a generation like this, when people were inclined if not to forget God, were at any rate inclined to forget to worship in God's house, the ringers took an important place in carrying on a witness which went right out across the heavens, over the fields and over the roof tops. Thirdly, as to the ringer's life, how vitally important that was. The old rules which used to hang in belfries governing the ringers' conduct were there as a guard against the dangers and difficulties in a ringer's life. Ringers got thirsty, and they were warned by those rules against over-indulgence. They were taught to know how to control their tongues, and the last rule was one which said that every ringer, before he pulled a bell, should pray to God, as every Christian man should do. The ringer's life meant a great deal to the Church, and, although they were often out of sight of the public, they should remember that their work was carried on in the sight of God, and, just as was often the case in the building of their fine old churches and cathedrals, some of the best work was in the places where it could be seen least by the public, the ringers, although out of sight in the belfry, should give their best in the service which they undertook. He commended to them a little motto which he found a few days ago in the porch of an old Wiltshire church: 'Somewhere, some way, some time each day, I will turn aside and stop and pray that God will make my church a way of blessing unto men.'

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Tea was served to over a hundred, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by the president, who was supported by the Bishop of Willesden, the churchwardens of Twickenham, the vice-presidents of the association (Messrs. J. A. Trollope and W. Pickworth), the joint hon. secretaries (Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier), Mr. W. Pye (Master) and the district officers. Among the visitors were Mr. Gabriel Lindoff and his son, Mr. G. G. Lindoff, of Dublin.

At the outset of the business meeting the President referred to the death of the Lord Bishop of Kensington, who had been with their association on many occasions, one of the most memorable being last year, when he dedicated the two new bells at Isleworth. They would all long remember his fine encouragement of their work, and how the Bishop seemed to be at home amongst the fellowship of change ringers. He asked the meeting to stand in silence and to pass a vote of condolence with the Bishop's widow and family.

This was accordingly done.

The report for 1931 referred first to the augmentation of the ring at Isleworth, the two new bells, cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, being fitting companions to the original octave. The conception of the scheme to place these bells in the tower was due to Mr. W. H. Hollier, who, in spite of many discouragements, persevered until the necessary money was raised and the work completed. A board now hangs in the church recording that the two smallest bells in the tower were erected by members of this association, generously assisted by parishioners and friends. It also records the date and details of the dedication service, as well as the names of the persons responsible for the carrying out of the augmentation. The board was the gift of Mr. Hollier, to whom their best thanks were due for his untiring efforts to bring this work to a successful conclusion.

The report also referred to the completion of the memorial at Barnet Church to the late president (Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.) and to the Stedman memorial at Cambridge.

During the year two honorary and 53 ringing members were elected, and St. Catherine's, Feltham, was reaffiliated. On the other hand, it was regretted that St. Mary's, Norwood Green, had lapsed from membership.

In spite of the satisfactory number of new members, continued the report, there is a slight falling off in the total membership, which now stands at 858. Most of the lapses are due to non-payment of subscriptions, doubtless due in quite a number of cases to lack of enthusiasm. In connection with the difficulties experienced by those in charge of bands, we venture to make a few suggestions as to the best means of instilling sufficient interest in young ringers to cause them to remain members of the band until such time as their proficiency in ringing itself will be enough incentive. Each band of ringers should be formed into a proper Guild, with the Vicar or Rector of the parish as one of the chief officers. At least one business meeting of the Guild should be held every year, when the year's work could be reviewed. The social side of ringing might be cultivated much more than it is at present, and it will be found that an annual outing is a great urge to loyalty, and an incentive to progress. The same might be said of an annual supper, which is already one of the chief events of the year in some of our most successful local Guilds. Much more use might be made of handbells, both with change ringing and tune playing, and a peal of handbells should be in the possession of every band. At times when the church bells cannot be rung, the handbells might be the means of keeping the band together when it would otherwise drift apart for lack of opportunity of meeting.

OUTSTANDING PEALS.

The peals rung during the year numbered 76, of which all but two were rung on tower bells at 32 different churches. Two handbell peals were accomplished. Eleven members rang their first peals, and 97 their first peals in a new method, or on a different number of bells. Many members rang their first peals in the higher Surprise methods. Special mention must be made of the first peal rung by Mr. George B. Collins, of St. Andrew's, Enfield, who accomplished a peal of Bob Royal on handbells, doublehanded, on July 9th! There were 23 conductors, whilst 145 members took part in the peals. Amongst the peals themselves were several fine performances. On January 17th, the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus rung in London was accomplished at Southwark Cathedral, conducted by Mr. W. Pye. The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal rung by the association was conducted by Mr. W. H. Hewett, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 30th. A peal in twelve Surprise Major methods, spliced, was rung at St. Mary's, Ealing, on July 1st, by the band that had previously rung peals in five, six, ten and eleven Surprise methods. Later in the year this band rang a 5,760 in nine Surprise Major methods, this being the extent on the plan and a record number of changes. This peal was rung at Willesden on December 1st, and, like the twelve method peal, was conducted by Mr. W. Pye. The first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal ever rung was also conducted by Mr. Pye at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Thames Street, on July 25th, this being in three methods. The first peal on the ten bells at Isleworth was one of Grandsire Caters, rung by a band of officers of the association on June 27th. Two peals were rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King, whilst four were rung in connection with the Stedman Tercentenary celebrations. A peal of Bob Major was rung on January 10th by a band of policemen, conducted by Inspector W. Bottrill. In addition to the augmentation at Isleworth, restoration work had been done at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Finchley and Sunbury. Reference was made to the death of Mr. Tom Beadle, of Isleworth, who was greatly responsible for the spread of change ringing in West Middlesex over a generation ago, and the report concluded with a reference to the retirement of Mr. W. H. Hollier from the position of joint hon. secretary of the association. Mr. Hollier had served them faithfully and well since 1921, and deserved their sincere thanks for the immense amount of work he had done on behalf of the association. The best way in which to show their gratitude to Mr. Hollier was to give his successor, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, their loyal support at association meetings, and in assisting him as much as lay in their power by prompt payment of subscriptions and

a special effort to increase the efficiency of themselves and the particular band to which they belonged.

The balance sheet showed receipts from members' subscriptions £24 13s. 4d., and from other sources 18s. 9d. The expenditure, including £5 voted to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, had been £27 13s. 6d., reducing the balance in hand from £30 10s. 8d. to £28 9s. 3d. The hon. secretary and treasurer explained that since the accounts had been completed the £5 for the Stedman Fund had been reimbursed by the districts (£3 from the North and East and £2 from the South and West), so that the actual balance in hand was £33 9s. 3d., a gain of nearly £3 on the year's working. It was one of the best years they had had since the war (hear, hear). Those who remembered the struggle they had to make ends meet in the few years after the war would be glad to see they seemed to have got to the end of their difficult period, and could now go along year by year pretty easily paying their way.

The report and balance sheet were both adopted, as was the statement of accounts relating to the Milne memorial, which showed a credit balance of 3s. 6d., which had been carried to the central fund.

Mr. G. A. Parsons (St. Giles'-in-the-Fields) and Miss O. Ashbrook (Isleworth) were elected members of the association.

The president was re-elected, and nominated as acting vice-presidents Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. W. Pickworth.

Mr. William Pye was re-elected Master, amid applause, and Mr. W. H. Hollier (who was retiring from the joint hon. secretaryship) was appointed hon. treasurer.

Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (South and West District secretary) were elected joint hon. secretaries, and Messrs. Miller and Pickworth were re-elected auditors.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop of Willesden for coming among them, not only to be at the service and giving them the address, but also for joining them at that meeting. The service was the most appreciated and helpful part of their annual meeting, and the Bishop's address would be remembered with gratitude.—The motion was carried with applause.

The Bishop expressed his pleasure at the opportunity of attending such a gathering of ringers. Theirs was a fellowship which embraced men of all ages, and he was glad to see they were getting hold of the young folk and teaching them to love the art. They wanted to see every belfry manned, and he wished it were possible in every church where there were bells to have, from the staff of curates, a chaplain of the belfry. He hoped some of the younger clergy would take a part in this great art, which drew men together in an extraordinary way. He recognised to the full that they were a body of people who were doing a most important work for which not only the Church but the whole nation ought to be grateful (applause).

The Bishop then left the meeting.

Mr. Trollope proposed a vote of sincere appreciation of the services of Mr. W. H. Hollier as one of the secretaries of the association, and moved that he be elected a life honorary member of the association. This was seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, who referred to the wholehearted support which he had received from Mr. Hollier during the past eleven years during which they had been associated.—The motion was carried with applause, and Mr. Hollier, in replying, said he had always striven to carry out his duties faithfully and diligently, and he trusted he had succeeded.

On the motion of Mr. C. T. Coles, it was decided to alter rule 7, which fixed the annual meeting for the first Saturday after Easter in each year, to 'the second or third Saturday' after Easter, the principal reason being that it was often difficult to get a preacher for the Saturday immediately after Easter.

Mr. Coles next moved that a sum of not less than two guineas be voted from the central fund for providing tea for members and friends of the Central Council after the meeting in London in 1933. Mr. Coles pointed out that of late years, when the Council met in the provinces, it had been the habit of the local association to entertain the Council, and it was felt that it would be ungracious if, when the Council visited London, they did not do something to reciprocate the kindness of the provincial associations. It would be impossible to do in London what was done at Liverpool last year and in other places in previous years, as the Council visited London every three years and the other places only once in a lifetime, but that did not preclude them doing something by way of entertainment. Out of an estimated cost of about £12, some members of the Central Committee had promised about eight guineas, and the motion was proposed to enable the association to issue an official invitation to the Council and to defray the balance of the cost.—Mr. Hollier seconded the motion, which was carried.

It was resolved that the peal books and other volumes of the association remain at St. Giles-in-the-Fields for the next twelve months.

Mr. J. A. Trollope brought forward a motion with regard to the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street. He pointed out that it had been decided to remove the church to one of the London suburbs, and there was some uncertainty as to what was to become of the bells. These bells had a special interest to ringers. By some they were said to be the finest eight in London. He was not prepared to go as far as that, but the bells were in some respects rather unique. They were cast by a man named Lewis, an organ builder, who had some theories on the matter of bells. One of his theories was that the outside of the casting was a sort of skin, and if they wanted a fine bell they must not break through the skin. Therefore the bell

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DEATH OF THE REV. R. H. WHITFORD.

A BRISTOL RINGER.

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 57 years, of the Rev. R. H. Whitford, of St. Raphael's, Bristol. He passed away on Sunday after a protracted illness and much suffering.



Mr. Whitford joined the Cambridge University Guild nearly forty years ago, and rang one or two handbell peals at the University. In 1905 he was hon. secretary of the Guild. When he was appointed to the living of St. Raphael's he became a member of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, and took part in eleven peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, viz., two of Bob Major, two of Cambridge Surprise Major, six of Stedman Caters, and one of Stedman Cinques. He also rang a few peals with other associations.

He was chairman of Bristol United Ringing Guilds in 1929, and was in office during the production of the first edition of the Ringers' Directory, to which he gave great help and encouragement.

Mr. Whitford was a very popular figure among Bristol ringers, and his death is deeply deplored by his friends in that city.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at Canford Cemetery, where three members of St. Stephen's Guild, who have passed away in the last ten years, now rest.

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should be cast true to note. That was an exceedingly difficult thing—so difficult that ordinary bell founders did not try to do it, but cast the bell thicker than they wanted it to be, and then put it on a lathe and turned it down. In order to get the eight bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, Lewis is said to have cast 20 or 30 bells. It was, of course, an expensive job, but they were a 'maiden' peal and a good peal of bells. The church was now coming down, and the bells had got to be moved. There were three things which might happen which would prevent their future use as a peal. They might be sold and broken up. He did not think that was at all likely to happen. There were 45 new churches to be built, and these eight bells might be distributed between eight of them, or they might be put into a tower that would not be sufficiently strong to hold them if rung. He proposed that the following resolution be sent to the Bishop of London: 'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers desire most respectfully to call the attention of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to the great artistic and historical value of the bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, and express the earnest hope that if it is not possible to build a sufficiently strong tower at the new Church of St. Andrew, they will not be either broken up, dispersed or placed in a tower not suitable, but will be given to some church in the diocese where there is a tower sufficiently strong to enable them to be hung for proper ringing.'

Mr. W. H. Oram seconded, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mrs. Fletcher, a vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the invitation extended to members of the Middlesex Association in connection with the Croydon Rally and for the hospitality of the firm.

The appeal from the Gloucester and Bristol Association for funds to erect a memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies in Tewkesbury Abbey was laid before the meeting. Mr. J. A. Trollope spoke of the services rendered to the Exercise by Mr. Davies, who was one of the leaders of the reform movement of fifty or sixty years ago, and did so much for ringers and ringing by his work to put the more scientific side of ringing on a sound basis. He proposed that a sum of two guineas be voted to the memorial fund.—Mr. J. H. Hunnisett seconded the motion, which was adopted.

It was resolved to hold the next annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

Mr. Hollier proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of Teddington, Isleworth and Hampton for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and to the steeplekeepers for their assistance.—The Chairman, in replying, mentioned their indebtedness to Dr. Nicholl, who deputised for the organist, and remarked that when the organ failed them in the last hymn he thought the ringers covered themselves with glory in singing without any other adventitious help.

This concluded the business, after which ringing was kept up in a variety of methods on the Parish Church bells for a considerable time.

LEEDS BELLS TO BE RECAST.

COMPLETE RESTORATION SCHEME.

A large scheme of restoration of the bells of the Parish Church, Leeds (Yorks) is shortly to be taken in hand by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Foundry. The present peal of twelve, tenor 35 cwt., was cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1840, and hung in a bell frame which was taken from the previous tower and reconstructed to suit the new tower, which was completed about that time.

All the bells are now to be recast into a noble ring of twelve, tenor weighing well over 2 tons, and a flat sixth is also to be provided which will give a handy ring of eight, tenor about 17 cwt., for practice. The peal will be hung in a massive iron and steel framework, and will, of course, be equipped with up-to-date and modern fittings throughout; an Ellacombe chiming apparatus is also to be provided.

It may be of interest to note that Leeds bells will make sixteen entirely new or recast rings of twelve bells to have been installed during the past sixty years. Of these sixteen rings, twelve have been cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

SIXTEEN NEW PEALS OF TWELVE.

The fifteen new peals of twelve bells which have been cast during the last sixty years are as follows:—

	Weight of Tenor.	Date.	Founder.
London, St. Paul's Cathedral	62 cwt.	1878.	Taylors
York Minster (also a semitone bell)...	60 ,,	1926.	Taylors.
Worcester Cathedral (also a semitone bell	50 ,,	1929.	Taylors.
Dublin, St. Patrick's Cathedral (also two semitone bells)	45 ,,	1909.	Taylors.
Shrewsbury, St. Chad's	40 ,,	1914.	Taylors.
Newcastle-on-Tyne Cathedral (also a semitone bell)	38 ,,	1892.	Taylors.
Birmingham Parish Church	37 ,,	1928.	Mears and Stainbank.
Chelmsford Cathedral	35 ,,	1913.	Warners.
Oldham Parish Church, Lancs... ...	35 ,,	1923.	Taylors.
Leicester, St. Margaret's	33 ,,	1922.	Taylors.
Wolverhampton	33 ,,	1911.	Gillett and Johnston.
Buckfast Abbey, Devon	28 ,,	1912.	Warners.
Macclesfield Parish Church	26 ,,	1923.	Taylors.
Walsall Parish Church	26 ,,	1929.	Taylors.
Lincoln Cathedral	24 ,,	1928.	Taylors.

The peal of twelve bells with semitone bell, which Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to cast for Leeds Parish Church, will make the sixteenth peal of twelve to be cast during the last sixty years, all but three of them having been made within the last twenty years.

A JOINT MEETING AT WORKSOP.

The Sheffield and District Society of the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild held a joint meeting at Worksop on Saturday, April 2nd. A visit to this beautiful and historical Norman church provides a great amount of interest. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m., the ladies taking their share in conducting as well as ringing, and several good touches were brought round in grand style.

After tea at a nearby cafe, a short business meeting of the Sheffield and District Society took place in the belfry, the chair being taken by the newly appointed president, Mr. C. Haynes. A vote of thanks was given to the Worksop company for helping to make the meeting such a successful gathering, also to the Vicar for the use of the bells. Further ringing took place until time for bus and train.

At the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild, members were present from Sutton-on-Trent, North Collingham, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Thurcroft, and Handsworth, Sheffield. Mrs. East, of Collingham, took the chair. Mrs. Sanders, of Duffield, was elected a member.

A minute of silence was observed in memory of the late Miss Leach, of Leeds, who had passed away since the November meeting.

The annual meeting is to be held in June at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

The meeting concluded with the usual vote of thanks to all who had helped with the arrangements for the meeting.

DEATH OF NORTH LINCS RINGER.

The death of Mr. Charles H. Bird, of Scunthorpe, which occurred on Monday, March 21st, removes a well-known and much respected member from the ranks of the Exercise in the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He had been a ringer at Scunthorpe Parish Church since the bells were hung in 1893, and for the last ten years the captain.

His peals (about 35 in number) have been rung with two exceptions for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and in the following methods: Minor (one to five methods), Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Little Bob Major.

A reliable ringer and excellent striker, he will be sadly missed by the Scunthorpe band in particular, and by a wide circle of ringing friends generally.

A PEAL THAT MADE HISTORY.

OLD FRIENDS CELEBRATE RINGING OF 'THE ORIGINAL.'

On March 11th, 1887, the first non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths. That performance made ringing history. At that time there was in London a brilliant young band that made handbell ringing their special hobby, and who achieved much success with peals. Eventually they determined to attempt Holt's Original, non-conducted, and at the third attempt they were successful.

In those days the ancient hostelry known as the Goose and Gridiron, adjoining St. Paul's Churchyard, was an informal meeting house of the society, and it was there, in a room on the first floor, that this great performance was achieved. The band was John Christopher Mitchell, then aged 19, 1-2, William H. L. Buckingham, aged 20, 3-4, Challis F. Winney, aged 29, 5-6, George T. McLaughlin, aged 28, 7-8. There were three umpires—John W. Rowbotham, representing the College Youths, and George Wild and William Barron, representing the rival society of Royal Cumberlands. Outside the door of the room were many more listeners, and when the bells came truly home there were scenes of great enthusiasm.

The Goose and Gridiron has gone; George McLaughlin and William Barron have joined their fathers; but time has dealt kindly with the rest of that little company, and in celebration of the forty-fifth anniversary of the peal the survivors, with the exception of Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, who was too unwell to join them, were the guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mitchell, at their delightful home at Streatham Hill on Monday evening. They were joined by a few other old friends, the company including, in addition to Messrs. Buckingham, Winney and Wild, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Young, A. A. Hughes, F. E. Dawe and J. S. Goldsmith.

What a wagging of tongues there was; what reminiscences! How many times was the question asked, 'Do you remember ——?' Challis Winney, with his wonderful memory, which even the passage of 74 years does not seem to have impaired, was in great form. The enthusiasm of those days, now nearly half a century ago, was brought back in vivid patches. For instance, it was recalled that one evening it had been intended to attempt a handbell peal at Mr. Winney's house, but Mr. Mitchell was detained by business and did not arrive on the scene until a quarter to eleven. Nevertheless, the peal was begun—and successfully finished in the early hours of the morning! Challis' bed that night was given up to two of the visitors, and he had to sleep on his billiard table!

When the Original had been rung non-conducted (and we do not think anyone has repeated the performance on handbells), Holt's Ten-Part was similarly rung by the same band. Afterwards, the company turned their attention to Stedman Triples, and Mr. Winney conducted a peal of it. This was all within a few months. On Monday evening three of these 'old hands' sat down with the handbells, and, with Mr. Cockerill filling the vacant place, once more rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples, although Mr. Mitchell had been for years without practice. Once again they made a non-conducted attack on the opening leads of Holt's Original, and, although they did not get very far, it was a happy link with 45 years ago. Indeed, there was a very tangible connection with that now distant performance, for Mr. Wild produced the original figures by which the umpires checked the peal. None of your rough and ready bob lead-ends about this; not even the whole of the 360 lead-ends would suffice for that task. The book, in Mr. Wild's own writing, contained the whole of the 5,040 changes, and there was the pencil dot placed against every row as the peal proceeded. That was Umpiring, with a capital U.

Thus the delightful evening quickly fled, with handbell ringing in which all present took a share, with stories that recalled incidents almost forgotten, and people who had played their part in the Exercise and passed on. There was no formal speechmaking, but a toast was drunk to 'the anniversary' and to the gracious host and hostess. That peal of March 11th, 1887, must have lived again in the memories of at least four of those present; the celebration of the 45th anniversary will long remain a pleasant recollection with those privileged to enjoy Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell's kindness and hospitality.

It is interesting to recall that the 'silent' Original was rung on the 33rd anniversary of another famous handbell peal—the non-conducted Stedman Triples rung on March 11th, 1854, by John Cox, William Cooter, Henry Haley and Matt. Wood.

THREE DEATHS IN THREE WEEKS.

The Church of the Saviour, Bolton, has lost by death, within three weeks, its Vicar, Rev. Arthur Pearson Bradshaw, who was always interested in his ringers, Mr. Sylvester Worthington, a ringer there over 30 years (both were interred at St. Mary's, Deane, on the same day, when the bells were rung fully muffled for the service), and then the leader of the tower, Mr. Robert Fiddies (who had taken part in this ringing). Mr. Fiddies was interred at Deane on the 24th ult., when the bells were again rung muffled. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1888.

Two peals were rung by members of the Bolton Branch to show their respect—one on March 11th and the other on April 1st.

THE FIRST PEAL AT ST. DAVID'S.

AN ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY.

Almost at the extreme end of West Wales, in Pembrokeshire, amongst the wilds, situated sixteen miles from the nearest railway station (Haverfordwest), and reached after negotiating seventeen steep hills, lies the magnificent old Cathedral of St. David. When it was known a new ring of bells was to be installed, a few of the enthusiasts of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association decided to go there. An attempt was made to arrange the visit last year, but permission for the bells could not be obtained, as the dedication did not take place until July, so it was decided to wait until Easter Monday. True to promise, the eight mustered, the first of the party having to leave Newport with the morning mail at 2 a.m. Two more joined the trained at Bridgend, a further three at Port Talbot, one more at Neath, and the last at Swansea, and thus, to the joy of all, the band was complete. Haverfordwest was reached about 6.30 a.m.



ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL.

The first bus due to leave being timed for 11.20, arrangements were made for a 'special.' After what seemed a tremendously dangerous ride by taking sharp turns and ups and downs, St. David's and a good breakfast were reached.

The peal was started just before 10 a.m., and successfully brought home by the able conductor and well-known composer, Mr. A. J. Pitman.

The foregoing information may interest those who have in their mind a peal on St. David's bells.

An inspection of the Cathedral was made during the afternoon and details explained by Mr. Owen Harries, the local leader. Afterwards the tedious return journey was made for home, the last to reach there arriving about midnight.

The bells were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and are a very fine ring with a tenor of 25 cwt. They hang, not in the Cathedral tower, but in the 13th century octagonal tower at the south-east entrance to the close. It can be seen in the picture, between the central tower of the Cathedral and the western pinnacle. The tower is unusual in its proportions. Its height from the ground to the top of the parapet is about 46ft.; the internal span of the belfry is approximately 28ft., and from the belfry floor to the ground is about 20ft. The ringing chamber on the ground floor is heavily vaulted and impressive, but, while the sound of the bells outside has been pleasantly modulated by closing the louvres and providing a lantern in the roof of the tower, the noise in the ringing chamber is very considerable owing to the close proximity of the bells.

BOW BELLS.

RESTORATION TO BE CARRIED OUT BY MESSRS. GILLETT AND JOHNSTON.

The committee responsible for the restoration of Bow bells have decided to place the contract with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

They had previously accepted the offer of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge to defray the cost on the basis of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's specification, but an offer made while the case was before the Consistory Court led to the matter being further considered. The committee, however, decided to adhere to their previous decision.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

INSUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR RULE AMENDMENTS.

The annual general meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Reigate. Seventy-six members were present, and among the visitors were Messrs. Keith Hart and Jack Cripps (Brighton) and Mr. Oliver Sippetts (Crawley). Tea was served at the Tudor Cafe, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, supported by Mr. Temple Muir (Deputy Mayor of Reigate), Mr. C. H. Kippin (secretary), Messrs. D. Cooper and A. J. Ball (district secretaries), Mr. M. Northover, etc. The treasurer's statement of accounts was approved.

The committee's report showed that 35 peals had been rung by the association during 1931, being two less than the previous year. The association had a balance of £46 8s. 8d. at the end of 1931, as against £60 5s. 9d. at the beginning of the year. The loss of £13 17s. 1d. was caused by an expenditure of £21 upon printing certificates, which would not occur again for many years to come. Three members had passed away during the year, viz., R. J. Loveland (Croydon), J. Currell (Mitcham), and J. W. Knight, sen. (Limpsfield). In the North-Western District five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 34; in the Southern District the average attendances at meetings was 33 against 24 for the previous year. A joint meeting had been held with the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and this event still proved popular. The bells of St. John's, Redhill, had been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The committee recommended that a peal book be purchased at a cost of £6 15s. in an endeavour to get some of the peals written up.—The report was adopted.

St. Peter's, Croydon, St. Martin's, Epsom, and Southwark Cathedral were proposed for the next annual meeting. After considerable discussion upon the ability of members to ring 12 bells, St. Martin's, Epsom (10), was chosen.

All the retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, no other nominations having been received.

Mr. Reading moved a vote of thanks to them, especially to Mr. Birt (Master) for what he had done during the year.—Mr. Birt, in replying, said he had been out of the country for the major part of the year, and had only just returned. He gave an interesting account of some of his experiences in South Africa.

The following alterations to rules were recommended by the committee:—

(a) That the last sentence of Rule 10 be deleted (this related to the 2s. 6d. re-election fee).
(b) That Rule 21 be deleted (peal booking fee).
(c) That Rule 17, second paragraph, be amended to read 1s. 6d. per member, instead of 6d.

As the 69 supporting votes required to alter a rule were not forthcoming, all the recommendations were lost.

A vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success was carried, and concluded the meeting.

The bells of St. John's, Redhill (8), and Reigate (10) were made good use of, and methods up to four-spliced Surprise and 'Boat-race' Surprise were rung.

Service was held in Reigate Parish Church, and an interesting address was given by the Vicar.

WEDDING OF MANCHESTER RINGER'S DAUGHTER.

BRIDAL COUPLE RECEIVE PAPAL BLESSING.

Considerable interest was evinced in the wedding of Miss Ethel Josephine Steele and Mr. Eric Williams, M.P.S., which took place on Easter Monday, at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, Stretford, Manchester.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Steele, of 21, Henshaw Street, Stretford, and the bridegroom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Williams, of Mayfield, Brook Lane, Newton Park, Chester. The ceremony and nuptial Mass were performed by the Rector (Rev. J. W. Edmondson), and at the sanctuary were Rev. W. Lawlor, assistant priest, and Rev. P. Kennedy, St. John's, Chorlton.

The bridal pair enjoyed the unique privilege of receiving the blessing of His Holiness the Pope, Pius XI. This was bestowed at the end of the nuptial Mass by Rev. J. W. Edmonson. Bridal music was played by Miss L. Hughes.

The wedding reception was held at the Angel Hotel, Stretford, attended by 40 guests, who showered their good wishes on the happy pair, who later left for a honeymoon previous to going on to Chester, where the bridegroom is in business as a chemist.

A peal of Stedman was rung at Pendleton in honour of this event. Mr. F. J. Steele is a well-known ringer in Lancashire and the Midlands.

NOTICES.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

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P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.
E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 21st, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, 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.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on April 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 16th. Opening of Guild Library in S. Nicolas' belfry at 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30, followed by tea (1s. each) and business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Bells of Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10) 3.15 to 4.15.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Teynham on Saturday, April 16th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newton St. Cyres on April 16th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas', Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stisted on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available at 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.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 16th. Bells of the Parish Church (8) available from 3 o'clock. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall. Business meeting to follow. Visitors will be welcomed. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, April 16th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Munden on April 16th. Bells open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Address by the Rector (Rev. Canon Green). Tea in the school close by at 5.30. All ringers and ringing friends will be welcome. Buses now run conveniently from Ware. Priory buses for Dane End (outward): 2, 2.55, 3.45, 4.50 and 6 o'clock. We shall be pleased to see any old friends, also new ones. A card would be appreciated and a help towards catering.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Bells available 3.30. Tea (near by) 5.30. Business in tower 6.30. Ringing after. — J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, April 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. — J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at North Stoneham on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, April 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Claybrook on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. Also Winford bells (6) available from 6.30 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, April 16th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify the undersigned? All ringers welcome.—George Case, Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD. — Ashford District. — A combined meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at Saltwood. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Hythe tower will open at 6.30 for after-tea ringing. All ringers heartily welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford; P. Page, R.M. Guild Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business at 7.30 p.m. — H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells at St. Gregory's (8), St. Peter's (8), All Saints' (8) available all day. 3.15, committee meeting in St. Peter's Vestry. 4, service at St. Peter's (with sermon by Rev. T. C. Alexander, Rector of Great Waldingfield). 4.30, tea (1s.) in the Parish Hall. 5, meeting. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Will those desiring tea kindly advise by April 20th, J. D. Buckingham, Rectory Cottage, Goldhanger? Come and make this meeting a big success.—A. E. Coomber, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Brookfield Church, Gorton.—A special invitation meeting in connection with the dedication and reopening of the bells at Brookfield Church, Gorton, will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Dedication service at 3 p.m., with ringing by local band. Tea, free to all ringers and 1s. per head for others, will be served in Schoolroom at 4.30 p.m. Ringing between service and tea and after tea until 9.30 p.m. All intending to take tea please notify C. Ollier, 29, Thornley Lane, Reddish, not later than Wednesday, April 20th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchling on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room, 1s. 3d. Secretaries must notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Stret, Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lower Heyford, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Steeple Aston tower will also be available 3 to 4 o'clock and after tea.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 23rd. The following towers will be open for ringing at 2.30 p.m.: E. Retford (10), W. Retford (6) and Ordsall (6). Good bus service to and from Ordsall. Service in E. Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., the business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford. A good attendance is requested. Special business. — R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by White's, Appleton, will be re-dedicated by Bishop Shaw, on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Institute (1s.) at 5 p.m. Please notify by April 20th.—B. D. Costar, Standlake, Witney, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Beaconsfield. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please send your name for tea not later than April 18th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—The next meeting has ben arranged for Saturday, April 23rd, at All Saints', West Ham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, E.1.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in St. Faith's Hall, by kind invitation of the Archdeacon of Portsmouth. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 20th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Members are requested to attend.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing from 5 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. Important routine and other business to discuss.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Littleport, Cambs., on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Chippenham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Please look up College Exercise. — K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A practice meeting will be held at Brede on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. All ringers are very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Numbers for tea to me by Wednesday, 20th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, April 23rd. 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. Will those who wish to accept the invitation please notify me, without fail, by Thursday, April 21st?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch. —The spring meeting will be held at Hampstead Norris on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. W. A. Lowsley, Hampstead Norris Vicarage, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, April 20th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 30th. Service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 3 15 p m. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, 4, at 1/8 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolphs, from 1.45 p.m. All requiring tea please send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Caroline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wed., April 27th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Wigan on Saturday, April 30th. Bells of Wigan Parish, Poolstock, Hindley and Standish available from 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church at 5. Tea at Vose's Café at 6, at 1s. 9d. each. Tables reserved for those who send names in to J. W. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Wigan, before April 17th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Queenborough on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Half railway fares (maximum 2s.) will be allowed all members attending.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Stone), followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 26th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. ALL ringers cordially invited.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 2.45. Return fare 1s. 6d. Will those who wish to travel by bus and require tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 26th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

YOU can easily make a 'bob' by spending an afternoon at Bushey, April 30th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 6. Cheap tickets either by train or coach.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, on usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. Bells at St. Andrew's also hoped to be available.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 30th next, at Tackley. Service at the church at 3.30 p.m. Several towers will be at our disposal.—W. Evetts, jun., Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and application for same should be made to Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, Hatfield, near Doncaster, not later than first post May 5th. Buses leave Christ Church, Doncaster, every ¼ hour, and from Goole every ½ hour.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, May 7th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Full particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Jubilee Festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 7th. Annual meeting in Chapter House at 12 noon. Luncheon in Palace grounds at 1.30, 1/6. Festival Service in Cathedral with military band quartet at 3.30. Preacher: The Bishop of Salisbury.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

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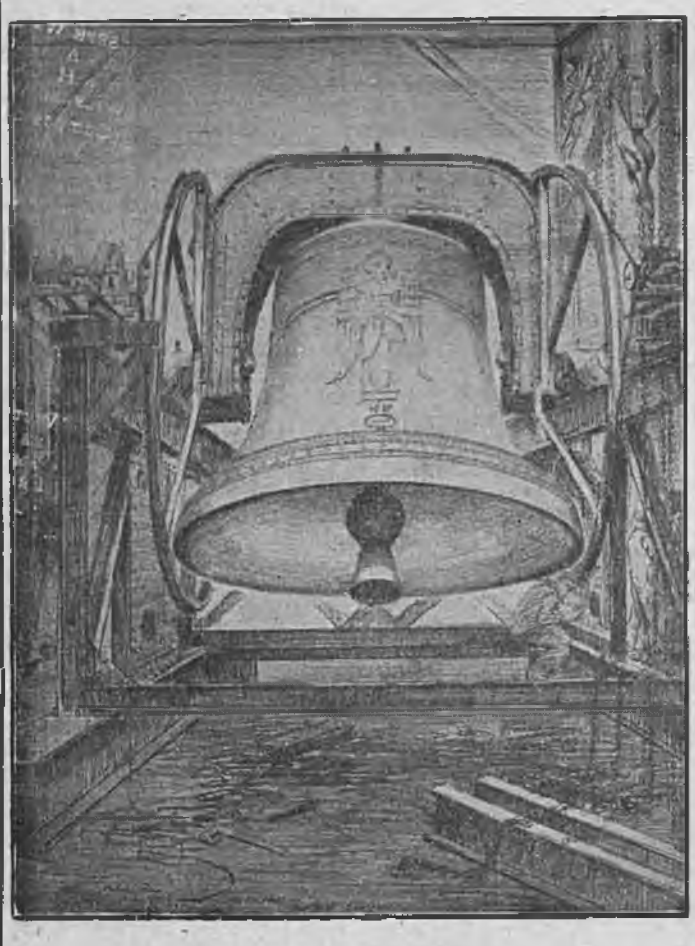

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LONDON BELLS.

The announcement that the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street, London, is to be demolished and its furnishings removed to a new church which is to be erected in the suburbs, is a matter of interest to ringers, for the future of the bells is a subject which concerns them. St. Andrew's bells, recognised as one of the best rings of eight in the metropolis, have historical interest from the fact that they are the product of a little known founder who, at all costs, aimed at obtaining a 'maiden' peal—and succeeded after discarding, it is said, nearly three times as many bells as he retained. The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild have done well to draw the attention of the diocesan authorities to the desirability of retaining these bells as a complete unit, rehung in a tower where they can once more be rung in a proper manner. The chief danger, after their removal from Wells Street, is that the bells might either be dispersed to several churches or hung in a modern tower too weak to carry them as a ringing peal. The subject is one to which we hope other ringing organisations, whose interests are especially centred in London, will give their support, and by approaching the authorities on similar lines, strengthen the representations made to the Bishop. We trust, too, that action will not end in pious resolutions, but that, the importance of transferring the bells to some suitable church tower having been emphasised, steps will be taken to keep in touch with the authorities, so that future plans as to the bells may be considered and any desirable suggestions made before it is too late.

The fate of St. Andrew's Church is likely to be the fate of numerous other London churches in the future. The population has pushed out into the suburbs, and it is the church's duty to meet the changing circumstances. One attempt to dispose of a number of city churches in order to provide for the pressing needs of the new populous areas was defeated a year or two ago, but it is by no means certain that future demands may not compel the adoption of some similar scheme sooner or later. In the meantime, it is not unlikely that, as in the case of St. Andrew's, individual churches may be demolished and the furnishings utilised elsewhere. London ringers should make it their business to keep a close eye upon any bells that may be concerned, and take concerted action to prevent, if possible, the dispersal of good peals. There may be some bells of inferior quality, of course, which could well be spared, but even in the case of a poor ring it would be well worth an effort to get them recast and retained for ringing in some suburban tower. London ringers, especially, should be grateful to the Middlesex

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Association that it has already shown itself alive to this important matter and should back up the efforts being made to preserve St. Andrew's bells intact. There is not a great deal of co-operation among the metropolitan ringing organisations, but here is one direction in which they can act, if not together, then independently in the common good.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRANK WEST ... ...*Treble*		FRANK BOREHAM 7	
FRED HAYES... 2		GEORGE F. HINTON 8	
WALTER F. JUDGE 3		RICHARD A. POST 9	
H. DONALD BOREHAM... ... 4		P.S. CECIL A. SMITH 10	
RALPH COLES 5		CAPT. J. H. FREEBORN ... 11	
JAMES W. WILKINS 6		EDWARD R. COLES ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by FRED HAYES.

First peal of Bob Maximus by all the band. Messrs. Judge and Post are from Oxford, Capt. Freeborn from Chalfont, the rest are members of the local band.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRACT.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5163 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN K. LENTON ... ...*Treble*		WALTER SWALLOW 6	
*WILLIAM TATE 2		HARRY C. WALTERS 7	
HARRY BROWN 3		THOMAS HOLDER 8	
*VICTOR APPLEGATE 4		*WILFRED APPLEGATE ... 9	
*FRED NEWTON 5		ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ...*Tenor*	

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

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

F. CECIL MOGFORD ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM A. CAVE 6	
ALFRED E. REEVES 2		JOSEPH T. DYKE 7	
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3		HENRY PRING 8	
JOHN W. JONES 4		JOHN A. BURFORD 9	
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5		WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by SIR A. P. HERWOOD. Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. R. H. Whitford, a very highly respected member of St. Stephen's Guild, who died April 10th.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5013 CHANGES;

Tenor 22¼ cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...*Treble*		JAMES L. GRAY 6	
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 2		W. NORMAN PARK 7	
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 3		ROLAND PARK 8	
*MURRAY D. OUBRIDGE ... 4		ADAM DEAS 9	
JOHN ANDERSON... 5		ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Erin Caters by all the band except the ringers of 2nd and 3rd. The ringers of 7th and 8th are from Darlington. This was the first peal of Erin Caters on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH)

On Friday, April 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED FRANKLAND RIGBY	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, JUN.	5
MISS ANNIE POTTER ...	2	*EDWARD IDDON	6
PETER CROOK, SEN.	3	JOHN POTTER	7
*EVEREST FORD	4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late leader of this church tower, Robert Fiddies, who was interred at St. Mary's, Deane, on the 24th ult.

BAMPTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

SIDNEY TAYLOR	*Treble*	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5
THOMAS W. TIMMS	2	C. ELLIOTT WIGG	6
WILLIAM G. COLLETT ...	3	WILLIAM G. NIPPER	7
WILLIAM J. DIXON	4	JOHN TANNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
OLIVER SIPPETTS...	2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	6
NELSON ELLIOTT	3	GEORGE ELLIS	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	ROBERT SWIFT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT SWIFT.

First peal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	ROBERT W. GREEN	6
ALFRED B. PECK	3	HERBERT LANGDON	7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE JUN.

CLANFIELD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

SYDNEY TAYLOR	*Treble*	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5
GEORGE CLARKE	2	°C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
WILLIAM G. NIPPER	3	RICHARD A. POST	7
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ...	4	THOMAS W. TIMMS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal in the method.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 10, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HECTOR G. BIRD	*Treble*	SAMUEL GROVE	5
THOMAS HEMMING	2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	6
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	SYDNEY T. HOLT	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung by kind permission of the Rector of Hartlebury on the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Worcestershire Association. Also rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. W. H. Fussell's first peal. It was Mr. S. Grove's 50th peal of Cambridge.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD	*Treble*	HECTOR G. BIRD	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	6
JOHN BASS	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
*WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	*Tenor*

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

* First peal of London. The conductor's 500th peal. Arranged in connection with the jubilee celebration of this association.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

A. RICHARD WARD ...	*Treble*	FRANK SPENCER TAYLOR ...	5
*EDWARD THOMAS DRAKE ...	2	SIDNEY MOODY	6
ARTHUR DRAKE	3	WILLIAM UPTON	7
WALTER JOHN SCOTT ...	4	BERT SIBBICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM UPTON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung muffled, with tenor open at back stroke, after the funeral of Walter Frederick Legg, a member of the Carisbrooke band, also to the memory of William James Johnson, of the Newport band, who passed away on February 16th.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*WALTER P. CROSS ...	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
WILLIAM WELLING	2	GEORGE GILBERT	6
THOMAS SMITH	3	*EDWARD S. T. FARR	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	JOHN H. CROPLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. S. T. FARR.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor. Arranged as a coming-of-age peal for Mr. John E. Cross, nephew of the treble ringer, the Cross family, now of Windsor, having been connected with Warfield for more than three hundred years. It was also rung on the 3rd anniversary of the popular steeplekeeper, Mr. G. Higgs', wedding.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB SIX-PART, No. 78.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
CHARLES ALLSOP	2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
MAURICE SWINFIELD	4	SYDNEY AINGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thursday, April 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

Albert E. Whiting ...	...*Treble*	George Whiting	5
George Bennett	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
George Pryke	3	T. William Last	7
James Bennett, jun.... ...	4	Leslie C. Wightman	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by L. C. Wightman.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to A. E. Whiting. First peal in the method on the bells. First attempt in the method as conductor.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 14, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*Miss Constance Hoverd	*Treble*	Frederick M. Mitchell ...	5
Thomas Groombridge, jun.	2	Harry Hoverd	6
John H. Cheesman	3	Edward J. Beer	7
John Wheadon	4	Herbert E. Audsley	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Cheesman.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung as a farewell to Miss C. Hoverd, who is leaving the district.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(West Dorset Branch.)
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*John E. Philbrick ...	...*Treble*	*Cuthbert W. H. Powell	5
*Henley G. Keeley... ...	2	Frank Price	6
†George H. Whitemore ...	3	*Frank E. Blackmore ...	7
Rev. C. Carew Cox ...	4	*Walter G. Sartin ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. C. Carew Cox.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples and first in the method on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the church, and this is the first peal ever rung in this tower by a local band. Rung to commemorate the jubilee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

*Alan Dudley Steel	...*Treble*	Thomas Hurd	5
William P. Deane	2	Walter Longman	6
Wilfred Stevenson ...	3	John Worth	7
John E. Wheeldon	4	Charles H. Page ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John Worth.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Cambridge on the bells, and also in North Staffordshire. Specially arranged in honour of the Rector of Stoke (the Rev. D. H. Crick, M.A.), on his appointment as Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, 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.

Joseph W. Pemberton	...*Treble*	Morris J. Morris	5
Jonathan Preston	2	William C. Dowding ...	6
George F. Swann	3	Frederick W. Rishworth	7
William J. Meers	4	William C. Rhodes ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George F. Swann.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Johnson (younger son of the late Mr. Henry Johnson) on his 75th birthday.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch.)
On Wednesday, April 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gabriel,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Charles Young	...*Treble*	Frank Lawrence	4
Joseph Lawrence	2	Fred Hawkes	5
Ernest Gibbs	3	Charles Camm	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Camm.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. William Niblett, who had rung many peals in this tower.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Frank C. Tysoe ...	...*Treble*	William Stapleton	4
*Miss Evelyn Steel... ...	2	Henry Stapleton	5
Percy C. Bonnett	3	Pearl Inskip	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Stapleton.

* 150th peal. Rung by the officers of the Bedford District as a jubilee peal. It was in this tower that the first peal for the association was rung on April 26th, 1884.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)
On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 22 cwt.

*Albert L. Cadwell	...*Treble*	*Frank C. Brownsell	4
*Aubrey R. Atkins	2	Ernest C. Lambert ...	5
*John G. Gregory	3	Albert W. Gibbons ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest C. Lambert.

* First peal. First attempt for a peal of Minor by all except conductor. All are local service ringers except the conductor. The ringers of treble and 2nd are 14 years of age.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

Alfred Honeywood ...	...*Treble*	William Stiff	4
Charles Honeywood ...	2	Walter Honeywood... ...	5
Alen Andrews	3	Stanley G. Moss ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley G. Moss.

The ringer of the 3rd is from Thorington. The rest are of the local company.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Thrapston Branch.)
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

James M. Nickerson, Branch Secretary	...*Treble*
Fred Stubbs, Branch Treasurer	2
Cyril Wilson, Branch Committee	3
Frank Kirk, Central Committee	4
Thomas Jervis, Branch Committee	5
George W. Jeffs, Central Committee	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Jeffs.

First peal as conductor in more than one method. First peal rung by a band of Thrapston Branch officers.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN ...	...*Treble*	CYRIL TANSELL	4
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	HAROLD F. MARTIN	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*DERRICK HOLMWOOD...	...*Treble*	†JOSEPH PACK	4
*MISS MARGARET PACK ...	2	JOHN J. BASSETT	5
†MISS GLADYS PACK	3	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd. The average age of the band is 16 years. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Willsher after the peal. They also wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. F. Schreiber, for the use of the bells and for his congratulations.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GLASGOW.
THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (GLASGOW) SOCIETY.
On Sunday, April 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT 86 OTAGO STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

HENRY F. SARGENT	1-2	ALBERT F. SARGENT	5-6
STEPHEN H. WOOD	3-4	JOHN F. SARGENT	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

This composition contains the minimum number of changes possible for a peal of Bob Major and the minimum number of calls (49). Rung in celebration of the conductor's engagement to Miss M. M. Lennon, of Kilkenny, Ireland.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT HARBLEDOWN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*MISS K. WILLERS	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON	5-6
F. E. HAYNES	3-4	C. W. WOOLLEY	7-8

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
Witness—MRS. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON...	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4	GEORGE AMBLER	7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (161). Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ...	1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY	5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE	3-4	*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

* First peal of Major in the method 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Malcolm Moorhouse, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Lindsay, on their golden wedding.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

LEICESTER SOCIETIES AT DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Leicester and District Societies was held at the Victoria Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, April 16th. The proceedings commenced with ringing at St. Margaret's (12), the Cathedral (10), and St. John-the-Divine (10), touches in the various standard methods being rung. Ringers attended from Bedford, Grantham, Melton Mowbray, Billesdon, Wellingborough, Wigston Magna, Stoke Golding, and most of the towers in Leicester, a company of 43 sitting down to dinner, which was admirably served. Immediately after dinner, the Chairman (Mr. A. J. Harris), who was supported by Rev. H. V. Williams (St. John-the-Divine), Mr. E. H. Hagworth (secretary), and Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary of M.C.A.), proposed the toast of 'The King.' Then came two tunes on the handbells, 'The Bluebells of Scotland' and 'Soldiers' Joy,' by Harold J. Poole, Fred E. Wilson and H. W. Perkins, all of whom belong to Leicester City Police Force, and are also members of the National Police Guild of Ringers.

The Rev. H. V. Williams gave a short address, in the course of which he expressed, on behalf of the clergy, appreciation of what the ringers did for the Church, and said what a great debt the Church owed to them. He also referred to the Bishop's Fund, of which he is secretary. The fund, he said, was for various uses in the diocese, and he could not see why some of the resources could not be devoted to rehanging and recasting of bells in the diocese. The speaker concluded by thanking those concerned for inviting him to the dinner. Songs were next rendered by Mr. Frank Howe (St. John's), after which a course of Stedman Caters was rung by Messrs. J. E. and S. Morris and Messrs. William Willson and H. J. Poole. Mr. Harold Poole gave his well-known and popular song, 'How do you do?' and next a 'rise and fall' on the handbells, which sounded very sweet and was perfectly done. Mr. C. Grimes, an entertainer, amused the company by playing anything from a very small mouth organ to an old saw, and afterwards gave an encore. Tunes and method ringing were further indulged in, including a course of Stedman Cinques, which unfortunately broke down about half-way through. The lapping of courses of Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters greatly amused everybody; in fact, several starts had to be made owing to the fun which was created.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the caterer for the excellent repast, and added that he hoped to see all the company present next year. The proceedings terminated just before eleven o'clock with 'Auld Lang Syne,' which brought to a close a very happy gathering.

DEATH OF MR. BENJAMIN KEEBLE.
AN ESSEX VETERAN.

At the ripe age of 85 years, Mr. Benjamin Keeble, of Romford, passed away on April 14th. Although he had rung only eight peals, he was a pioneer of change ringing in Essex, and was chiefly interested in advancing the art. He was one of the earliest members of the Essex Association. About 1880 he went over to Little Heath (a peal of five) and taught change ringing to the band, who included Mr. A. Pye. Previous to that they were ignorant of the science, and might long have continued to be so, as it was then only a country village. But for Mr. Keeble the name of Pye might not have achieved the supreme place in ringing that it now occupies. Mr. Keeble's first peal and Mr. A. Pye's was rung at Writtle on Whit Monday, May 29th, 1882, before the annual meeting of the Essex Association, four of the band having walked from Romford to Brentwood (six miles) to catch the mail train to Chelmsford, and then walked the further two miles to Writtle.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeble celebrated their diamond wedding in 1929, and received the congratulations of the King and Queen. They were very loyal subjects. When the Prince of Wales opened the new Southend arterial road, Mr. Keeble, with his wife and daughter, rang 120 Grandsire Doubles on handbells as the Prince passed by. Mrs. Keeble died last summer in her 84th year.

Although Mr. Keeble had not taken part in ringing in recent years, he continued to take great interest in the art, and was a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.'

The funeral took place on the 18th inst., and at the service in St. John's Church the Vicar spoke of Mr. Keeble's long and useful life. In accordance to Mr. Keeble's wish, 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung over his grave on handbells by A. Pye 1-2, G. R. Pye 3-4, E. Fairbank 5-6.

EAST ILSLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to report the death of Mr. William John Field, of East Ilsley, who died on Saturday, April 9th, after a short illness. He learned to ring in his native tower about 30 years ago, and had been a regular member until recently, when his health gradually failed.

He had only rung one peal, that being at East Ilsley on October 11th, 1930, by all Ilsley men, and he was very proud of it.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, April 12th, the local ringers being present, also Mr. C. Parfitt (Compton). His colleagues met in the evening and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect: W. Warwick 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, E. Sneller 4, K. Burt 5, W. Hibbert 6, C. Hibbert (conductor) 7, H. Brown, jun., 8.

Mr. Field leaves an invalid wife, five sons and five daughters to mourn their loss.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

There was not a very good attendance at the annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 16th, but those who braved the elements had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The bells of the Parish Church were raised in peal soon after three o'clock, and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon. A short service in the church was conducted by Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A., president of the Guild, assisted by Rev. J. W. Faulkner. The lesson (Romans xii. 3-12) was read by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, and the address (given by the president) was based on the words, 'Take heed lest ye drift away.' The hymns, 'For the beauty of the earth' and 'O how joyful 'tis to see,' and the 150th Psalm were sung.

At the close of the service the members adjourned to the Parish Hall. The warmth and cheerfulness and tables loaded with good things provided a striking contrast to the dismal weather outside. Justice was done to the tea, and then followed the business meeting, the president taking the chair.

The balance sheet (showing a balance in hand at the end of 1931 of £20 5s. 4d.) was read and passed.

Apologies were read from the Archdeacon of Coventry (Rev. J. W. Hunkin), Canon J. L. White, Mr. G. Over (Rugby), Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson (Weston-super-Mare), Mr. and Mrs. Hinde (Bulkington).

The hon. secretary then read the report for 1931, giving the Guild membership as 302, made up of eight hon. life members, six hon. members, 136 non-resident members, and 152 ringing members, sixteen new members having joined during the year. Eleven peals were rung during the year, viz., one Grandsire Triples, four Stedman Triples, two Bob Major, one Cambridge Major, one Ipswich Surprise Major on tower bells, and one Stedman Caters and one Double Norwich on handbells. The conducting was shared amongst F. W. Perrens, F. Pervin, W. H. J. Hooton, J. A. Fenton, D. H. Argyle and W. A. Stote. Forty members took part, while five rang their first peal and sixteen rang their first in the method. The Ipswich Surprise Major on tower bells and Double Norwich on handbells, both rung on the same day, November 28th, at Nuneaton, were the first in these methods for the Guild. The Guild lost during 1931 the services of Mr. O. J. Hunt as hon. auditor by his removal from the district, and Mr. H. Argyle by death on December 9th, a vacancy on the Central Council thus being caused. Altogether, the year was one of quiet progress, with increased membership and fairly good attendance at meetings, where the more experienced ringers proved their practical interest in the younger members by assisting them whenever possible.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, and Mr. J. H. W. White (Coventry) appointed Central Council representative, with Mr. F. W. Perrens, in place of Mr. Argyle.

The July quarterly meeting was fixed for Stratford-on-Avon, the May meeting as a joint one with the Hinckley District of the M.C.A. at Wolvey, if that could be arranged, otherwise at Fillongley, and the June meeting at Knowle.

No new members were elected, but the election of Mr. F. E. Haynes prior to a peal was ratified.

Notice of motion was given by Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. F. E. Pervin, as to the alteration of certain rules as follows: No. 6: Delete the words 'Hon. District Secretaries' (it being felt that the general secretary could deal direct with the tower secretaries instead of through the medium of the district secretaries). Rule 7: That the annual meeting shall be held on the third Saturday in April at the following places in rotation, viz.: Warwick, Coventry, Nuneaton and Rugby (Coventry to be substituted for Birmingham). Delete Rule 4.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and ringing was resumed at the tower, while others stayed in the tea room for handbell ringing. Double Norwich and Cambridge Major were rung by J. H. W. White, F. W. Perrens, W. H. J. Hooton and C. W. Woolley (who was a welcome visitor from Cambridge), while D. H. Argyle joined them for Stedman Caters.

The majority of the standard methods were rung during the day, including also spliced Cambridge and London. Ringing ended soon after eight o'clock, and all decided that it had been a very enjoyable meeting, the only regret being that the inclement weather prevented others from turning up.

STEDMAN CINQUES 'IN THE NORTH.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It seems hard to understand how the peal at Sheffield in 1882 was the first peal of Stedman Cinques in the North of England. Within the last few weeks the ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, have had repainted the record of a peal of Stedman Cinques which was rung in that tower on February 25th, 1828. There is also in the same tower another board recording a peal of Stedman Cinques rung on March 25th, 1863. I would like to know on what grounds either or both of these performances have been ruled out.—Yours faithfully, GEORGE R. NEWTON.

(The information was quoted from a report of the peal at the time. It seems another of those cases in which absence of knowledge led to a claim which was not warranted.—Ed. 'R.W.')

LIGHTEST RING OF TEN CHURCH BELLS.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD MEETING AT NORTH STONEHAM.

Some thirty or forty enthusiastic souls braved wintry climatic conditions last Saturday for the opportunity of ringing upon England's lightest peal of ten church bells at North Stoneham, Hampshire. The occasion was a meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and, incidentally, it afforded a number of the younger generation an opportunity for their first pull upon ten bells. Furthermore, it also proved a test in many cases as to ability to handle small bells. From half-past two the ringing took place, and until eight o'clock the bells were telling forth their message in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise Major. The only break was the occasion for the service, the bounteous tea and the enthusiastic business meeting which followed. The service was well attended, and an address was delivered by the Rev. E. H. Dixon, curate-in-charge of North Stoneham, from the text, 'Unto God our Father be glory for ever.' He referred to the ringers as God's workers in the diocese, and as such spoke of the importance of the duty they were accomplishing and the joy to be found in their work for Almighty God.

An interesting feature of the service was the singing of a hymn specially written by the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, a former Master of the Guild, for the use of members of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild. The connection with the ringers as workers for God was further exemplified by the fact that the organist for the occasion was Mr. J. W. Faithfull, despite his great misfortune in having lost one of his hands when serving his country. Indeed, it was really remarkable at one point of the day's ringing to see the two one-armed ringers (Messrs. Faithfull and G. Pullinger) handling the two little trebles which converted the peal into ten.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, an enthusiastic band of lady workers administering to the wants of the ringers. The chairman of the district, the Rev. G. T. Tritton, Rector of Dibden, presided, and he was supported by the Master, Mr. George Williams, and Mr. W. T. Tucker, the secretary. Seated with them was an interested visitor in Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the head of the well-known bellfounding firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were responsible for the work of conversion.

The business was not of a very formidable nature, but as an indication of the progress being made in the district it is interesting to note that no fewer than five new hon. members in Messrs. E. Denison Taylor and V. P. A. G. Scardifield, the Rev. E. T. Thistle (Vicar of Eling) and his warden (Mr. E. E. Owen), and Mr. H. Ivel were enrolled. In addition, the election of 20 performing members was confirmed, these including 18 members of the Eling band and Master Cyril Fray and Miss Joan Wheeler, it being claimed for the latter that she is the youngest performing member of the Guild.

There was one sad moment of an otherwise enjoyable gathering, and that was the passing of an expression of sympathy with the widow of the Rev. Thomas Salmon, whose sad demise in February was such a loss to the parish of Stoneham. The motion was passed in silence as a tribute to the deceased's memory, the members standing.

Some interesting remarks regarding the addition of the two new bells was given by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, whose claim that a 'very good splice' had been made was evidenced by more than one present.

Time passed all too quickly on such an occasion, and even the mysterious breaking of a stay (culprit unknown) was turned to advantage, for it gave the opportunity for Mr. Faithfull to give a further exposition as to his abilities as an organist.

The towers represented at the gathering were those of North Stoneham, St. Mary's, Southampton, Bishopstoke, Dibden, Eling, St. John's, Bournemouth, King's Somborne, St. James', Poole, and Shoreham, Sussex, the representative from the latter place being Mr. Owen Giles, a former member of the North Stoneham band.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

'BRASS HATS' ENROLLED.

The spring meeting, held at Pattingham on Saturday, April 9th, was a successful one, more particularly as the village is somewhat isolated from the ringing centre of the Archdeaconry. On arrival, assurance was obtained that all was clear for raising the bells: a start was made, when unusual noises could be heard, and upon investigation it was found that the carillon hammers had not been switched off! Luckily, however, there appears to have been no damage done. This shock over, ringing proceeded smoothly until 4.45, when a service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Scott Rogerson, who, prior to delivering an inspiring address, gave the members a hearty welcome to Pattingham. A very nice tea was laid in the Parish Hall, which was enjoyed to the full, forty being present. Twenty-one new members were enrolled—seven ordinary and fourteen 'life' members—the latter including several 'brass hats' from London.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, use of bells, etc., and to the ladies who prepared and served tea, was proposed by the Rev. C. H. Barker and carried with acclamation. A return to the tower provided several beginners with their first try on eight in the four standard methods.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Ten towers were represented at a meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association, held at Teynham on Saturday. Although the weather was very bad, members attended from St. Peter's-in-Thanet, Wingham, Wickhambreaux, Littlebourne, Canterbury, Tunstall and Queenborough.

A short service was held, at which the Rev. W. C. B. Purser, Vicar of Teynham, gave an interesting address, and welcomed the ringers to Teynham, on behalf of the church officials.

Tea was held at the Vicarage, and the Vicar was heartily thanked for his welcome. A vote of thanks was also accorded the organist, who played for the service.

Herne was selected for the next by-meeting.

Standard methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A QUICK PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some time ago, the report of a peal at Kingston Seymour appeared. As the time taken seemed extraordinarily short for the weight of metal, I wrote to the conductor asking if the peal were correctly reported, and he replied that it was. Since then, however, many doubts have been expressed regarding the performance. The upshot of this was that the ringers invited me to go to listen to their ringing of a 720. This I did, and from the manner in which they rang this, I am convinced that the time claimed for the peal was not at all unreasonable.

In order, then, to silence any further possible aspersions on the peal, the ringers asked me, with your permission, to make public these facts, and this I gladly do.—Faithfully yours,

J. T. DYKE.

BELLS IN ANCIENT CITY CHURCHES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re bells in city churches before the Great Fire, 1666, 'The Inventories of Church Goods,' taken by Commission in the reign of Edward VI., c. 1552, which may be seen at the Public Records Office, might throw some light on the subject. I do not know whether the city churches are contained in the inventories, but I wish to offer this suggestion to our prominent historians.—Yours truly,

KENNETH OATES.

Histon, Cambridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PEAL RINGING AN AID TO GOOD STRIKING.

On Saturday, April 9th, the quarterly meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Wivenhoe. Some 60 ringers were present representing 22 towers, and various methods were rung from Plain Bob to London Surprise. A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Jack, M.A.). Tea was provided for the ringers and friends, and 72 sat down. At the meeting which followed, Mr. E. P. Duffield (District Master) took the chair.

The Chairman urged all members of the association to purchase 'The Ringing World,' remarking that a lot of knowledge was to be gained by taking it. He also urged members to go in for peal ringing, which greatly helped to foster good striking. He proposed a vote of thanks to those who provided the tea, also to those who had made the meeting such a success.—This was seconded by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association, who referred to the good work done by Mr. Nevard and Mr. Stannard, late Master and secretary respectively. Four new members were elected, and the Rev. Jack, in responding to the vote of thanks, said it was a pleasure to him to be amongst such a happy and large gathering of ringers. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Harwich some time in June.

After the meeting most of the ringers adjourned to the tower, while some remained in the Church Hall for handbell ringing.

GOLDEN WEDDING PRESENTATION.

At Burnham, Bucks, Parish Church, on Sunday week, a pleasing ceremony took place in the belfry prior to evensong. Mr. Fred Carter, of the Burnham band (who has been a ringer for forty-seven years), was presented with a silver bell inkstand suitably inscribed in recognition of his golden wedding day (April 9th).

The Vicar (Rev. P. Nott) made the presentation on behalf of the Burnham band, and touched a pleasing note when he mentioned the bond had existed between ringers outside of their art.—Mr. Carter, who was fortunate enough to have all of his family at home, very suitably responded.

The previous day a band of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal in honour of the event, in which the brothers Limmer, of Burnham, took part. Burnham has a young and promising band of ringers, but they are not yet strong enough to turn out a local peal band. This peal served a double purpose, as it was also a birthday compliment to Miss Mary Biggs, a member of a family of well-known jewellers, of Maidenhead, and niece of Mr. W. R. Madgwick, the (dare we say it) well-known 'globe trotter,' who also took part in the peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A fund has been started to provide ropes for St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford, and it is hoped also to provide the means for a thorough overhaul of the bells themselves. Church funds are not able to meet this expenditure.

The death occurred on Saturday, April 16th, at the age of 75 years, of Mr. Samuel Wood, of Beaumont Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. Deceased had been in failing health for several weeks. He was a prominent member of the Ashton Society, and had taken part in many famous long peals.

Our readers will observe with interest a notice convening a meeting in Edinburgh on April 23rd to inaugurate a Scottish Association.

Not yet 14 years of age, John L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, Sheffield, has just rung his eighth peal! His last was a peal of Little Bob Major on an 'inside' bell.

The attention of Leeds and District Society members is drawn to the time of the business meeting at the annual gathering on April 30th. This is to be held at 6.30 in the tea room, owing to the limited accommodation in Bramley tower.

THE CARE OF STEDMAN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your excellent leader of December 11th, 1931, you said, 'We hope that in future St. Bene't's may be a training ground from which many young men may go out into the world to promote the art, as Stedman himself went out as a "missionary" more than two hundred and fifty years ago,' and further, on December 18th, 1931, 'As a 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 rung regularly for service, if possible, by a band specially created for the purpose.'

As one who, in conjunction with our branch secretary, Miss K. Willers, and Rev. W. Greenwood, Vicar of St. Bene't's, has been responsible for starting a young band, comprising mostly choir boys at St. Bene't's, I read with some dismay the remarks made by the president of the Midland Counties Association that the bells are a priceless possession and should be used with the utmost care. I fully agree, and shall see that this is carried out when I am in the tower. What dismays me are Mr. Taylor's words, 'I don't mind whether there is a Sunday band or not.' Surely Mr. Taylor would not like to know St. Bene't's were going to be like other towers in Cambridge have been for years, silent on Sundays, except when bands could be made up by ringers from surrounding villages? It may be a surprise to many to know that the number of ringers actually residing in Cambridge is a dozen, and very few of them are willing to ring on Sundays. If, as Mr. Taylor suggests, the bells should only be rung by experts, I am afraid they will hang silent from one year's end to another, except on occasions when visitors are there. My experience is, where there is a band of ringers the bells are cared for and, more often than not, where there are none they are neglected. What has been accomplished up to the present is this. Rounds are being rung for evening services. We did this for the first time on Easter Sunday. The Rev. W. Greenwood is anxious that we should continue, and, in his own words, 'Where are the ringers to come from if we don't teach them?' You have, sir, in your previous leaders, given us your view. I should also like to know from other ringers if, in their opinion, we should carry on teaching at St. Bene't's?—Yours, etc.,

E. G. HIBBINS.

23, Hemingford Road, Cambridge.

THE BACHELORS' PEAL.

To the Editor.

'Dear Sir,—Dr. Watson is quite right when he says that there is no escape for the better-looking ringer whose enthusiasm failed him. Kate will have him all right, and the advice to 'Run, boy, run,' although well meant, is quite useless. He never has run, and can't.—Yours,

OBSERVER.

ON THE TRACK OF KATE.

The following note, written in pencil on a half sheet of paper, was among our post on Saturday morning. Perhaps it came to us in error, but we publish it, as it may be the preliminary to clearing up a profound mystery.

'Friday.

'My dear Watson,—This outburst is so unlike you. I have never before known you do such a foolish thing as to try to stampede the victim in any of our cases. It is imprudent, my dear Watson, very imprudent, and did I not know you as well as I do, it would shake my faith in your judgment. If we are to lay our hands on the extremely elusive female we are seeking, we shall not do it by frightening off the subject of her attentions by telling him to run. I am afraid you have delayed the successful clearing up of this mystery. I had hoped to lay my hands on Kate in a few hours, but now the bird has flown. I am off to the Midlands; it may be some days before I am back.

'HOLMES.'

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OPENING OF A LIBRARY.

A library has been established by the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and was opened on Saturday, when the annual meeting was held in Guildford. It is housed in the ringing chamber of S. Nicolas' Church. By the kindness of the Provost of the Cathedral a handsome oak bookcase, with lead lights, has been provided, and the nucleus formed by gifts of books from several members of the Guild. Nearly 50 members assembled in the spacious belfry for the little ceremony. Unfortunately, the Rector was unable to attend owing to another engagement, but his place was taken by the assistant priest, the Rev. A. W. Tappenden. The Provost made some introductory remarks on the value of the scheme, and expressed his pleasure at being able to show in a tangible way his appreciation of the services of the ringers. Suitable prayers were offered by Mr. Tappenden, and the members inspected the bookcase and books with great interest.

Touches were afterwards rung on the bells of S. Nicolas' Church and of the Cathedral, where, later, the Guild service was held. There was a large attendance, and the Provost, who officiated, was accompanied by the Rev. J. W. Ward, Rector of Newdigate, who delivered a thoughtful address, the Rev. S. H. Courtnay-Smith, the Rev. H. D. Pilcher, and the Rev. T. L. Brooke.

A PRACTICAL QUESTION.

In the course of his address, Mr. Ward said there was a practical question for them so keenly interested in their organisation and ringing. Why were they ringers? They said they were keen about it, they loved it; there was something in the team work, something in the sheer delight of ringing that attracted them. He found a tremendous amount of pleasure in it, and undoubtedly they did. There was a considerable physical, moral and mental pleasure to be gained out of ringing. But sooner or later those motives failed to satisfy. When the team spirit broke down, when the companionship ceased to be pleasurable, and the difficulties began to multiply, those secondary motives were not sufficiently strong to hold an association like this firmly together. Was there no other motive? Surely they had a sense of mission. They were God-commanded, and did it not merely for the pleasure or the physical profit they might derive from it. The moment they realised they did it from the sense of being commanded of doing it for God, the whole complexion changed. They were ringers for God's sake.

He believed, if that motive was always kept in mind, many of their difficulties would be overcome. Why was he a Christian? Because he found from experience it was the only satisfactory life to live. He was a Christian because no other type of life quite satisfied his cravings, and there was no other satisfactory way of living. But he did not believe it was more than a secondary motive. Merely to treat their religion as a method of ensuring a happy future was not the most satisfactory way of dealing with it. He was a Christian because God bid him to be a Christian. That was the only satisfactory answer.

The annual meeting followed tea in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. The vice-president, Mr. Walter Harrison (Guildford), was in the chair, supported by Provost E. C. Kirwan, the Master, Major John H. B. Hesse (Haslemere), the hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (Woking), and the hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking). Apologies for absence were received from, among others, the president, the Bishop of Guildford, who wrote that, acting on medical counsel, he was taking a period of rest, Sir Arthur Martindale (Merrow), etc.

BANDS BELOW STRENGTH.

The annual report stated that during 1931 the work of the Guild was carried on quietly and, for the most part, effectively. It could not be said, however, that the main object before the Guild of securing in every tower in the diocese a full complement of ringers able to ring all the bells for the Sunday services had come much nearer to attainment. There were still many bands below strength, and a really united effort on the part of the Church authorities, and the local ringers, as well as the Guild, was required, if the defect was to be remedied and the depleted companies raised to the standard which it should be their ambition to attain. There were instances in the Guild where there were ample reserves of ringers. The committee, therefore, made a special appeal to all companies which had insufficient ringers to ensure the manning of their bells for the Sunday services, to put forward a special effort during the coming year. They would not only thus more effectively fulfil their duty to the Church; but add to their own interest in the art by raising the efficiency of their company and expanding their opportunities of method ringing. The serious lack of interest shown by members in the Chertsey District, combined with a falling-off in the ringing membership in that area, had given the committee cause for grave concern. Serious consideration was being given to the best steps to be taken to bring about a revival, and it was hoped that when the committee next reported, they might be able to record a more progressive state of affairs in that part of the diocese. In the other three districts interest had been well maintained. The committee acknowledged with gratitude the interest shown in the work of the Guild by a number of incumbents, but would appreciate a more general co-operation in many parishes in the encouragement of ringers in their work and the fostering of the Guild spirit.

The total membership showed a slight increase, due to the additions to the ranks of honorary and compounding members. Resident ringing members, who paid their subscriptions for 1931, showed a net decrease of 19. In the Guildford district the number rose from 149 to 151, and in the Leatherhead district from 61 to 72, but in the Chertsey district the number dropped from 42 to 25, and in the Farnham district from 121 to 108.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

Although the balance sheet showed a reduced balance in hand of just over £7, the financial position was a matter for satisfaction. The receipts in the general fund were £5 more, while the increased expenditure had been due to objects calculated to promote the interests of the Guild and of the art of ringing. The balance in the hands of the treasurer was £44 19s. 4d., against £52 2s. at the beginning of the year, but the balances in the district funds had increased from £31 1s. 6d. to £38 13s. 11d., so that actually the Guild's funds aggregated slightly more than last year. Recording the events of the year, the committee expressed the hope that members would make use of the library, and that its scope and usefulness might be extended. In connection with the Stedman Tercentenary celebration, the Guildford Diocesan Guild was not only among the subscribers to the funds, but was represented at the dedication and thanksgiving service at Cambridge by about 30 members. A new ring of eight bells was installed at Grayshott Church, largely through the instrumentality of Mr. W. C. Ryde, and the new band of ringers at that church had been welcomed into membership. Thanks were accorded the incumbents of the various churches where the Guild had been permitted to hold meetings, the district officers for unstinting labours, and hon. members for their support.

The peal ringing activities of the Guild again showed an advance, and once more the number of peals rung was larger than in any previous year, the total being 55, against 47 in 1930, while the variety of methods rung was also greater. At the Cathedral on August 26th, Mr. A. H. Pulling rang his one thousandth peal, a distinction achieved by only eight other ringers. Mr. Pulling received many congratulations upon his wonderful achievement. Other members of the Guild to whom congratulations were extended were Mr. G. W. Steere on ringing his 300th peal, Mr. W. T. Beeson and Mr. G. Marriner their 200th peals, and Messrs. A. J. Bartlett, W. J. Robinson and C. E. Smith their 100th peals. The passing of a century mark was a memorable event in an individual's peal record.

The Chairman, moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said in the diocese there were 492 ringers, of which 389 were members and 103 non-members. Therefore he suggested to the Guild there was still plenty of missionary work to be done. It was a pity, seeing the real goodwill and friendliness that existed in the Guild, if they could not rope in all the ringers in the diocese. He congratulated Mr. A. H. Pulling on his outstanding achievement of ringing his thousandth peal. His number was still growing, and the chairman hoped it would continue until he held a world's record.

Mr. F. Nye (Bagshot) seconded, and the motion was carried.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

On behalf of many members of the Guild, Admiral Walker proposed that they give to their hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, a present to show their appreciation as a Guild of all that he had done for it from its formation. He suggested that a cheque for £10 be presented to Mr. Goldsmith.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, seconding, said they could not repay Mr. Goldsmith for what he had done, not only for the Guild as secretary but also for the Exercise through 'The Ringing World.'

The Chairman supported the motion, and said the suggestion, which arose from the executive committee, had been expressly hoped for by members of the Guild.

The Master, Major Hesse, said but for Mr. Goldsmith the Guild would not be what it was to-day.

The motion was unanimously adopted, and in expressing sincere thanks Mr. Goldsmith said he should put the cheque into something tangible as a memento of the early days of the Guild.

Only the retiring officers had been nominated for the posts, and these were re-elected as follow: Mr. W. Harrison, vice-president; Major J. H. B. Hesse, Master; Admiral T. P. Walker, hon. treasurer; Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, hon. secretary; and Mr. C. N. Burdock, hon. auditor. Mr. Burdock was congratulated upon his recovery from his illness.

The affiliation of St. Peter's, Hascombe, with the Guild, was agreed to, and the following new ringing members were elected: Mr. R. Crowhurst (Shere), Mr. R. J. Martin (Farnham), Mr. E. G. Venton and Mr. C. J. Ayliffe (Haslemere), Capt. H. J. Cann (Pirbright) and Mr. F. Day (Woking).—The summer festival was arranged to be held at Weybridge on July 9th, and next year's annual meeting at Guildford, the date to be fixed by the Executive.

Rules regulating the library, recommended by the executive, were adopted. The Chairman said the idea of the library originated from Mr. A. C. Hazelden, and he thought it meant a vista far ahead and increased efficiency in the art of ringing. He thanked the Provost for the gift of the bookcase, also Major Hesse, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. H. Pulling, C. Hazelden, R. Hasted, W. Thorne and S. Potter for gifts of books, and Mr. Harman, a member of the Guild, who made the bookcase.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

JUBILEE CELEBRATED AT BROMSGROVE.

On Easter Monday, April 10th, 1882, the Worcestershire and Districts Association was founded at Bromsgrove, and on Saturday, April 9th, the association returned to the town to celebrate its jubilee. The first Master was Mr. J. Perks, of Worcester, the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Wilks, of Worcester, and the treasurer Mr. W. Duffill, of Bromsgrove, and there are now only two surviving original members.

Some 200 members of the association attended the jubilee festival, which began with ringing and a service at the Parish Church. The Vicar (the Rev. T. C. de la Hey) officiated, and the lesson was read by the Dean of Worcester (Dr. Moore Ede). The hymns sung were 'O God, our help in ages past,' 'We love the place, O God,' and 'Now thank we all our God,' and the choir rendered the anthem, 'Oh Lord, who didst in olden time.'

The address was given by the Rev. J. F. Hastings, Rector of Martley (the clerical secretary of the association). It was based upon the words of the First Epistle of St. Peter iv. 10. The preacher said they were met on an interesting and historic occasion on the very spot where the association was founded so very many years ago, and their thoughts were carried back with pride and satisfaction to the great part they had played in that history. They had taken a worthy part in that movement, which had gone on for about 60 or 70 years, for raising the status and reputation of ringers, for improving and restoring church bells, and advancing the art and science of the work that they had loved so well—the art of change ringing. That movement had undoubtedly been part of that general effort to make everything to do with church matters more reverently and earnestly done than in most of the churches throughout the land say a hundred years ago. That spirit to do everything decently and in order was known as the Oxford Movement. It began with the services of the altar, it restored churches, improved the music, it waged war against all slovenliness, damp, dust, and dirt, bad art and cheapness in churches and in their fittings and furniture; and towers, peals of bells, and ringing soon followed.

MAIN FACTOR IN REFORMATION.

Ringing associations and guilds all over the country, which began to come into existence sixty or seventy years ago, had been the main factor in the wonderful reformation in the towers which had spread all over the land. From his experience he did not think that reformation would have come about without the advancement of change ringing and the spread of its art by the efforts of the ringers, because undoubtedly change ringing brought to the use of the bells something that at once raised the ringers' work into something that called out all a man's faculties. It refined, educated, and disciplined him; it demanded unity, team work, and brain work. Change ringing was quite as elevating as choral singing, and required even more thought and application; for the more advanced methods of ringing and for conducting and composing it required a very close and exact use of all a man's intellect and powers of perception. Ringing was indeed a manly exercise because it required the whole man and not only his muscles, and one of God's gifts that grew by practice and study, latent perhaps at first, but fostered and brought out, and then, as St. Paul in the text said, 'used or administered to others and with others' until they got the music of the bells well rung, than which there was nothing more delightful and satisfying to the ear. Church bells were a possession both valuable and interesting, and theirs was a very special privilege to use those instruments, to use the gift they had to the best of their ability, to minister that gift to others and to the glory of God; that was with the idea in their hearts that it was a gift from God to be returned to Him by using it and increasing it, and remembering that they were in God's house sounding out those sacred vessels that had been well called the 'Outside voice of the Church of God.' The three chief objects of the association were to see that the true position of ringers should be recognised in the offices of the church; to cultivate the art of change ringing, and to promote belfry reform where it was needed. There was no doubt about the position of ringers now. In all the towers to which change ringing had spread the behaviour of ringers and their position and reputation in the parish had quite altered. He could well remember when first he began the rough and uncouth ways and the slovenly state of things. The village ringing room was the resort of loafers; very little ringing even of rounds was done. Drinking and smoking were quite usual, and the bells were rung just as an excuse for collecting money. What a contrast to the present tidy and orderly way of a change-ringing tower, where love of the art and a keenness to progress in it were the chief concern of the band. No wonder the class of men who rung was so different, and the honour and respect for them by other churchmen had so much increased.

The preacher went on to refer to the strides made in the art of change ringing and of bell founding in the last fifty years, and added that after all the improvement there were still towers to reform, and bells to restore, and, above all, young men and lads to be taught and to be infected with the enthusiasm and interest that ringing could give more than many things that men engaged in, for the pleasure and brotherhood in it, besides its service of God in the Church. They could look back to fifty years of steady advance and thank God for the results achieved, and they could now go on from the jubilee festival encouraged and confident of still further progress in the three great objects of the association. It was all a matter of perseverance and working from a few keen spirits and from small things to larger things.

A short social was held in the Parish Church Hall, where handbell ringing took place by various members.

THE DINNER.

In the evening a dinner was held at the Golden Cross Hotel. Mr. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill) presided, and there was a company of over 160 present. Mr. R. G. Knowles (Madresfield), Ringing Master of the association, was in the vice-chair, and amongst those present were the Dean of Worcester (Dr. W. E. Moore Ede), Canon Isaacs (belfry warden at Worcester Cathedral) and Mrs. Isaacs, Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham), Mr. Albert Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild) and Mrs. Walker, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, the Rev. T. C. de la Hey, M.C., Mr. V. Drury (chairman of the Bromsgrove U.D.C.), Mr. Thomas Horton (bailiff of Bromsgrove), Mr. H. F. Martin (Master of the Bromsgrove Guild), Mr. James George (Birmingham), Mr. H. Martin (Birkenhead), and a large number of ringers.

After the loyal toast, the Chairman voiced a general welcome to the company. He mentioned particularly 'their dear old Dean,' who had proved himself a trusted and tried friend for over twenty years, and congratulated Mr. T. Abbutt, of Bromsgrove, and Mr. Powell, of Worcester Cathedral, who were the only members who had been in the association since it was formed in 1882.

Mr. H. Mason, of Hagley, proposed 'Church and State.' He asked where ringers would be without the privileges handed down to them from the Church, and expressed a hope that Church and State would long continue in happy concord.

The Dean was accorded a warm reception on rising to reply. He said he was very glad to have the privilege of being present on that memorable occasion. It was a fact of which they could be very proud that the association had worked for half-a-century to raise the tone and character of bellringing. As regarded the toast, they might as well remember it was the Church that made the State and not the State that made the Church. There was a time when England was divided into different petty kingdoms, but Christianity came into the land, and before long there was one Church, one Christian organisation throughout the land. That inspired our ancestors to desire to have one civil Government as well as one ecclesiastical government, and in that way the unity of the kingdom was established. The relation of the Church to the State was, broadly speaking, as the soul was to the body. Kill the soul or take it away and the body soon shrivelled up and died. That had been the experience of history. In the eighteenth century religion was practically dead. Then came the revival, and with the Oxford Movement the minds of men were turned to the past, and they began to cherish its relics. They desired that things should be done with greater decency and be more fitting to the service of God. The Movement had its faults, but they certainly owed a great deal to it. In 1870 Worcester Cathedral was restored, and the influence of the Movement later found its way to belfries. As a result of the desire for greater order and decency, their association was established. Some of them had an idea of what the condition of the belfries and of the ringers was prior to that time. It was not the fault of the ringers, but of the custom of the times in which they had been brought up. The belfries were anything but clean and tidy or sober (laughter). The association during the past 50 years had accomplished a work the magnitude of which only those who could look back upon the whole of the progress could realise.

Alderman Pritchett also responded to the toast. He said he hardly knew why there should be a second reply. It was true he represented His Majesty four times a year as Recorder of Lincoln, but beyond that his only claim to represent the State was as a member of the community. As such he was a loyal servant of the Church of England. He reverenced the Church and regarded the present connection of the Church and State as beneficial to both. He shuddered to think what would happen to the Church if the present constitutional system was abolished. Church and State appeared to him to be living in perfect harmony, and long might that continue. So long as the Church was typified and exemplified by men like the Dean of Worcester, so long would the State reverence, admire, and love and support the Church (applause).

PAST AND PRESENT.

Mr. Albert Walker proposed 'The Worcestershire Change Ringing Association.' He said he had known many of the members connected with the association, and they were heartily to be congratulated on having such brilliant men as Mr. Sidney Holt, of Crowle, who was always willing to go round and give instruction. Long might the association continue. There had always been a close association between Worcestershire ringers and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Mr. Wm. Short, of Clent, was the former Deputy Master at St. Martin's, and both bodies owed each other a great deal for the easy facilities for access to the towers that existed.

Mr. J. R. Newman, who replied, said it was good to hear a neighbouring Ringing Master speak so well of them. Neighbours were often rivals, but the only rivalry between Worcestershire and Birm-

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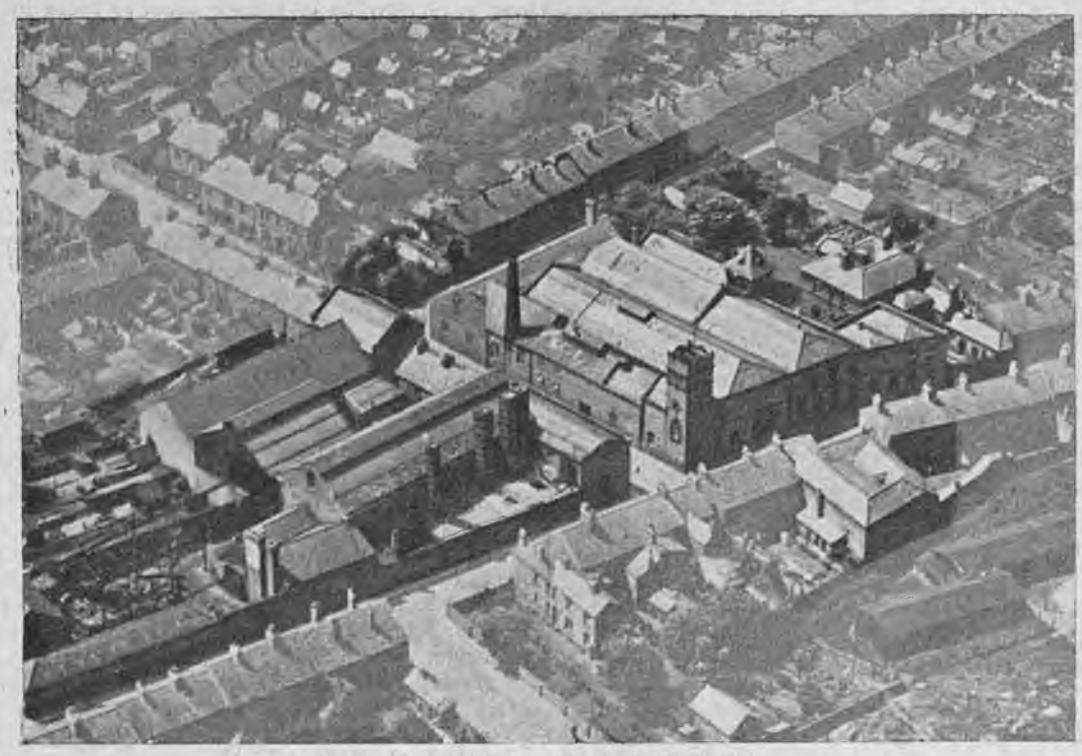

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WIDECOMBE, Devon.	Peal of 6 to be restored and rehung in new frame.	
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MENHENIOT, Cornwall.	Peal of 6 to be restored and rehung in new frame.	
BLYTH, Notts.	Peal of 6 to be rehung and augmented to 8. New frame.	
STAPLEFORD, Notts.	Peal of 3 to be rehung in new frame made for 8 bells.	
SUTCOMBE, Devon.	Peal of 3 to be rehung and augmented to 6. New frame.	
CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, Hants.	Two new trebles to augment the peal to 12.	
WITHAM, Essex.	Two new trebles to augment the peal to 8.	
STAGSDEN, Beds.	Peal of 5 to be rehung with new fittings and new treble added to make 6.	
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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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ingham ringers was as to who had the better bands. St. Martin's led the way for many years, but now they had bands that could strike as well as the St. Martin's Guild. Their thoughts went back that night to the little band of enthusiasts who met at Bromsgrove fifty years ago. They laid the foundation stones on which others had built, as he hoped, successfully. Mr. Duffill, of Bromsgrove, the first treasurer, did a great deal of useful work, and it was really due to the ringers from Bromsgrove and Worcester that the association was started. The Rev. Gibbs, of Hagley, drew up the form of service, and Mr. R. E. Grove, of Kidderminster, must have been a wonderful personality. Much had been said about the improvement of the belfries. He always remembered being told by an old clergyman of what he found when he visited the church on the ringers' practice night. There was a barrel of beer in one corner of the tower. The ringers were smoking, and one of them was playing a melodeon (laughter). He did not blame the men for doing what their fathers and grandfathers had done before them, but of course there had to be a change. The clergy gave the association credit for improving the towers and breaking down the isolation between them. They were glad to think they had at the same time kept the clergy and Church authorities interested in their work (applause).

The Vice-Chairman extended a welcome to 'Kindred Associations,' and Mr. W. H. Fussell (Oxford) replied. He said Worcestershire was one of the pioneers in the reform of the belfries.

In proposing the health of 'The Chairman,' Mr. T. Horton said that as bailiff of the ancient manor of Bromsgrove it gave him great pleasure to be present and to welcome the association, and to say how pleased they were that Bromsgrove should have been selected as the place where such an historic gathering was held.

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Parsons replied, proposing the health of 'The Secretary,' who responded.

During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. F. J. Johnson (Hinton), G. J. Hemming (Hampton), W. C. Dowding (King's Norton), and P. C. Helsdon (Moseley). Mr. Albert Fellowes, deputy carillonneur at Bournville, accompanied. Mr. Harry Withers (Edgbaston) tapped out on the piano a course of Erin Caters, and a course of Stedman Caters was rung on the handbells by J. D. Johnson, H. Withers, A. Walker, W. Short and J. George.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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Mr. Goldsmith mentioned that Mr. Harrison was the biggest donor of books, some of which were very valuable, dating back nearly 200 years.

On the suggestion of the Provost the question of insuring the books is to be considered by the executive.—Mr. A. C. Hazelden was appointed the first librarian, and the following to constitute the committee: Mr. W. Harrison, Mr. W. R. Melville (Cathedral), Mr. S. Radford (S. Nicolas'), and Mr. S. Potter (Worplesdon).

The following amendment to rules was approved: 'A member who fails to pay his subscription for any year by December 31st shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Guild, but he may be readmitted by the committee at any time, or by payment of a fee of 2s. and the subscription for the then current year.'

The effect of the amendment is that payment of the fee of 2s., in addition to the current subscription, which was formerly obligatory when a lapsed member rejoined, is now in the discretion of the committee.

Another recommendation of the Executive, 'That any band needing assistance for a short period to improve their ringing may apply through the district secretary for the services of an instructor. If the application is approved by the treasurer, the travelling expenses, or part thereof, of the instructor may be defrayed by the Guild,' was also approved.

On the motion of Mr. Goldsmith, seconded by Major Hesse, it was decided to give a donation of two guineas to the fund for providing in Tewkesbury Abbey a national memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies.—Mr. Goldsmith said Mr. Davies rendered great service to the Exercise in various capacities for many years. He was one of the first people who started the formation of the modern association to promote change ringing and belfry reform, he having been one of the founders of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association more than 50 years ago. For 20 years Mr. Davies was secretary of the Central Council, and devoted years of study to elucidating many of the problems of ringing. For the memorial, it was proposed to add two trebles to the present peal of ten at Tewkesbury, and to furnish one of the side chapels at Tewkesbury as a ringers' chapel.

The Grayshott tower was allocated to the Guildford District. It was agreed to continue the holding of the annual dinner.

Mr. Goldsmith reported that the Stedman Tercentenary Fund was still about £40 short, and the Guild decided to give a further guinea towards it.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. J. Beams (Ewell) for writing up the peal book, and to the Provost, the Rev. J. W. Ward and the Rev. E. de G. Lucas, Rector of S. Nicolas', for services in connection with the day's proceedings. Mr. Harrison was thanked for presiding.

NOTICES.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m. — William T. Cockdrill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells at St. Gregory's (8), St. Peter's (8), All Saints' (8) available all day. 3.15, committee meeting in St. Peter's Vestry. 4, service at St. Peter's (with sermon by Rev. T. C. Alexander, Rector of Great Waldingfield). 4.30, tea (1s.) in the Parish Hall. 5, meeting. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Come and make this meeting a big success.—A. E. Coomber, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Brookfield Church, Gorton.—A special invitation meeting in connection with the dedication and reopening of the bells at Brookfield Church, Gorton, will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Dedication service at 3 p.m., with ringing by local band. Tea, free to all ringers and 1s. per head for others, will be served in Schoolroom at 4.30 p.m. Ringing between service and tea and after tea until 9.30 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchling on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room, 1s. 3d. — A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lower Heyford, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Steeple Aston tower will also be available 3 to 4 o'clock and after tea.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Littleport, Cambs., on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Beaconsfield. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 23rd. The following towers will be open for ringing at 2.30 p.m.: E. Retford (10), W. Retford (6) and Ordsall (6). Good bus service to and from Ordsall. Service in E. Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., the business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford. A good attendance is requested. Special business. — R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by White's, Appleton, will be re-dedicated by Bishop Shaw, on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Institute (1s.) at 5 p.m. — B. D. Costar, Standlake, Witney, Oxon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—The next meeting has ben arranged for Saturday, April 23rd, at All Saints', West Ham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, E.1.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathcaston on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing from 5 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. Important routine and other business to discuss.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Chippenham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Please look up College Exercise. — K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, April 23rd. 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.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leake on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by usual business meeting. Buses frequently run from Boston (Post Office). — John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The inaugural meeting of the above will be held in Edinburgh on Saturday, April 23rd. Meeting in St. Mary's Cathedral belfry 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Ringing at St. Mary's Cathedral (10) and St. Cuthbert's (8). All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch. —The spring meeting will be held at Hampstead Norris on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 30th. Service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 3 15 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, 4, at 1/8 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolphs, from 1.45 p.m. All requiring tea please send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wed., April 27th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Wigan on Saturday, April 30th. Bells of Wigan Parish, Poolstock, Hindley and Standish available from 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church at 5. Tea at Vose's Cafe at 6, at 1s. 9d. each.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Stone), followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 26th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. ALL ringers cordially invited.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Litcham on Saturday, April 30th.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Next meeting at Hathersage, Saturday, April 30th. Church of St. Michael (6 bells, tenor about 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 2.45. Return fare 1s. 6d. Will those who wish to travel by bus and require tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 26th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Clive, near Shrewsbury, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6, tenor 25 cwt.) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) in the Vicar's Hall at 5 o'clock, followed by meeting. Please send numbers for tea before the 25th to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 30th next, at Tackley. Service at the church at 3.30 p.m. Several towers will be at our disposal.—W. Evetts, jun., Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Kibworth, on Saturday, April 30th. The bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Greyhound at 5 o'clock. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid and reports for 1931 obtained at this meeting. Please turn up in crowds and make this a record meeting. Names for tea, please, no later than Monday, April 25th.—E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hoole on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing at 3. Service 4. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify me by Thursday, April 28th? — J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A practice meeting will be held at Shoreditch on Saturday, April 30th, from 3.30 till 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Queenborough on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, generously provided by ladies connected with church. The business meeting will be presided over by His Worship the Mayor (B. Wayland, Esq.). Please notify me by Tuesday, 26th. Half railway fares (maximum 2s.) will be allowed all members attending. — Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wroxham on Saturday, April 30th, at 3.30 p.m. — W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells (13) from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual general meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, April 30th. Tea will be provided (1s. per head) for all who send in their names to Mr. S. Helliwell, 19, Warrels Avenue, Bramley, by Thursday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the same room (approximately 6.30 p.m.). — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me. Bells at St. Andrew's from 3 to 4.30. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available 3.15. Short service. Tea at Lytton Arms at 5 p.m. We expect a crowd, so make sure of your tea by sending me a card by previous Wednesday.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, near Hitchin.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Holt, on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Michelden on Saturday, April 30th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Morris Wells. Bells available at 2 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, April 30th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LEICESTERSHIRE.—The Goscote Society. Founded 1882.—The jubilee meeting will be held on May 2nd next at Syston (8 bells). Bells available from 9 a.m. Dinner in the Church Hall at 1 p.m. Service in the Parish Church 3 p.m. Preacher: Rev. M. B. Bird, President of the Society. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Smoking concert 7 to 9. All information from the hon. secretary, Mr. P. Hardy, Thrussington, Leicester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, May 7th. Bells of St. Mary's (8, tenor 15¼ cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.30, and tea at Mrs. Brown's Central Café, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 o'clock. By train to Winston Station; buses leave Darlington Market Place every 60 minutes after 12, and Bishop Auckland at 12.35 and every 60 minutes. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than May 3rd.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Jubilee Festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 7th. Annual meeting in Chapter House at 12 noon. Luncheon in Palace grounds at 1.30, 1/6. Festival Service in Cathedral with military band quartet at 3 30 Preacher; The Bishop of Salisbury. Towers open: St. Thomas (8), 11 a.m. to 12, 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Martin's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Paul's, Amesbury, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Dinton, Winterslow (6), all 10 to 11.45 a.m., 5 to 9 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Those wishing to attend luncheon are requested to inform the secretary by Saturday, April 30th, at latest.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and application for same should be made to Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, Hatfield, near Doncaster, not later than first post May 5th. Buses leave Christ Church, Doncaster, every ¼ hour, and from Goole every ½ hour.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by Rector at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Ringers requiring tea should notify Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, by Wednesday, May 4th. Applications received after that date will not be considered.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The meeting at Horwich has been postponed until May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.— A meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those who notify me of their intention of being present by Wednesday, the 4th.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch will be held at Islip on Saturday, May 7th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea will greatly assist me by sending their names early. — F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Garsington (6 bells), on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 4th. Bus leaves Oxford (Castle Street) at 1.55 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on May 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 53rd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 16th. — F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

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DEVIZES BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at All Saints', Westbury, on Saturday, April 9th. Ringers were present from the following towers: Devizes, St. John's, Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, North Bradley, Warminster, Trowbridge, Melksham and Westbury, and visitors from outside the branch came from Kington Magna, Mere, Zeals and Swindon. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Alexander), who afterwards joined the members at tea, which was held in the Lopes Arms.

The business meeting followed, the branch being honoured by the presence of the hon. secretary of the Guild, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

After the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbothom) had welcomed the visitors, the most interesting item was a discussion on the suggested provision of branch rules, a letter on this subject from Mr. C. F. Andrews being before the meeting. It was suggested that rule 1 should read as follows: 'Every branch shall be governed by a committee consisting of a chairman, vice-chairman, hon. secretary, a Ringing Master or Masters, and five other branch members, with power to co-opt others if necessary. All such members shall be elected at the annual meeting of the branch. Every such officer when elected shall give notice of intention to retire at the quarterly meeting preceding the annual meeting.'

This concluded the business, and the chairman voiced the thanks of the members to the Vicar, organist and others who had made the afternoon so enjoyable and the meeting such a success, to which the Vicar replied.

The Hon. General Secretary then addressed the members and spoke of the coming Guild Jubilee Festival at Salisbury, giving details of the arrangements.

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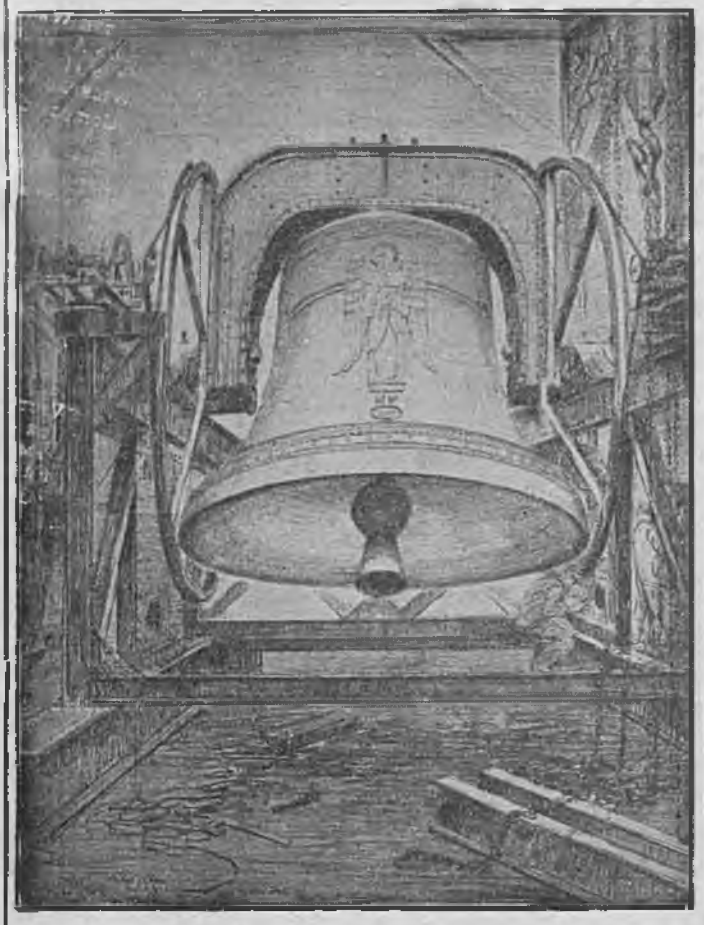

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One of the things to which the Central Council might turn its attention is, we think, a 'census' of ringers. By this we do not mean merely a counting of heads. That is already done through official church channels and the result can be found each year in the Church Year Book. The figures which appear in these statistics, however, are misleading in the sense that the Exercise understands the term 'bellringers,' because they include everyone who pulls or chimes a church bell, whether the bells in a church number one or a dozen. What would be useful is an annual record of the number of actual bell ringers in this country—that is to say, men and women who can 'ring' a bell in the technical sense of the term. At present, no one can say how many there are, at any rate within a few thousands. Indeed, we do not believe it can be said with certainty, how many towers there are with bells actually hung for ringing, but this information could easily be gleaned in conjunction with the counting up of the ringers.

The information would be of use in a number of ways. It would strengthen the hands of the Council in any negotiations it undertook on behalf of the Exercise, as, for instance, in dealing with the railway companies in the endeavour to obtain cheaper travelling facilities. It would benefit the various associations throughout the country to know not only how many ringers they have within the fold, but, if only by the process of deduction, how many remain outside. One association has recently taken this action within its own area and the information thus obtained will prove invaluable in conducting its 'missionary' work. The task of collecting the details would not be a very formidable one if the associations and guilds would give their aid, and in compiling the statistics they would be serving themselves as well. The time has gone by when ringing organisations should be content with the knowledge of how many members they have got; it is equally important that they should be aware of how many potential members they have not got. To be of real use, however, the information must be complete and therefore the work would need doing with care.

We imagine that all the associations would be glad to co-operate with the Council in a scheme which would provide such useful and interesting information and give the Exercise at long last reliable statistics about its own strength—and weakness. It is sad to hear from some parts of the country serious laments of the lack of ringers, such as was spoken of at the dinner at Gloucester the other day. A 'census' will not fill the gaps, but, properly organised, would reveal at once the deficiencies and enable the associations to concentrate on the weakest spots. The initial information would be, perhaps, the most difficult to obtain, but afterwards an annual revision would be a simpler affair.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. WILLIAM DRIVER	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. JODD	6
WILLIAM H. WOOD	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	8
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER	4	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	9
WILLIAM WELLING	5	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by WILLIAM HEWETT

Arranged by W. H. Hollier to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the peal of treble ten rung at this church by 'Williams.' Unfortunately, one of the original Williams failed to appear, and after an hour's wait Mr. Driver kindly obliged, and the company were grateful to him.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On St. George's Day, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5045 CHANGES;

Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	6
R. HENRY BARTRAM	2	ERNEST MORRIS	7
C. HENRY WEBB	3	ALAN W. RANDS	8
ERNEST BARTRAM	4	SIDNEY PROCTOR	9
WILLIAM G. THORPE	5	JOHN GRANT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung as a 'farewell peal' to Miss Kathleen Jackson, who is shortly leaving this country in 'double harness.' Rung on the 31st anniversary of the first peal on the bells by a local band, called by R. H. Bartram, who by this peal completes the 'circle' of the tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20¼ cwt.

GEORGE W. SLACK	*Treble*	WILLIAM O. TALBOT	5
MRS. JAMES COTTERELL	2	JOHN AMBLER	6
JAMES COTTERELL	3	GEORGE ROBINSON	7
WILLIAM BARTON	4	PERCY J. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bt. Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lindsay, of Headingley. Mr. Lindsay has been a Sunday service ringer at the above church for 35 years, and the band tender to Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay their best wishes for many years to come.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD	*Treble*	*JOSEPH BROADLEY	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON	3	*FRED HODGSON	7
FREDERICK SEAGER	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Arranged and rung in honour of the 50th anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lindsay, of Burley, Leeds.

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EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ARTHUR E. HOLMES, JUN.	*Treble*	*GEORGE W. MILLS	5
ARTHUR I. HOLMES, SEN.	2	HARRY NICHOLS...	6
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH	3	ARTHUR J. FARR	7
*WILLIAM A. HOLMES ...	4	JOHN G. AMES	*...Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Arthur J. Farr.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	*...Treble*	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ...	5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES	2	JOHN BARBER	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS	7
WILLIAM RANFORD	4	JAMES GEORGE	*...Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung as the annual peal and on the 50th anniversary of the first peal rung by the association, which was rung on these bells in the same method. The above band is representative of the three branches and the life members.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SUPERLATIVE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

WILFRED HALLIWELL	*...Treble*	HERBERT DAVENPORT... ...	5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY	2	WILLIAM HORAN	6
THOMAS WALLWORK	3	TITUS BARLOW	7
ROBERT WALLWORK	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (No. 1). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON

First peal of spliced Surprise by all the band, in the county, and for the association. This composition, consisting of 3,200 Superlative and 1,856 Cambridge, has two leads of Cambridge in each course, and contains 340 78's.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ...	*...Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
EDWARD J. BEER	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	6
*GEORGE J. BOTCHER ...	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
JOHN BURLES	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First Surprise peal and first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Rector of Northfleet for granting permission at a minute's notice, as they were stopped at Gravesend, after raising the bells, by a very serious illness.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY J. WILTSHIRE	*...Treble*	*WILLIAM SWIFT...	5
*VINCENT SWIFT	2	†HERBERT MARSH	6
ERNEST TRUMAN	3	FRED LAMBETH	7
THOMAS DAVIDSON	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD...	*...Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank (only son of Mr. J. Trout, captain of St. Paul's) on his 21st birthday.

BOLTON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on April 20th, for Confirmation service, 1,050 Grandsire Triples: R. Fishwick 1, J. W. Kay 2, Miss G. Annie Crook (conductor) 3, A. Sandiford 4, E. Iddon 5, P. Crook, jun., 6, P. Crook 7, O. Olive 8.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	*...Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
HERBERT MARKWELL	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
ALEC RICHARDSON	3	FREDERICK WHITE	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT TOWNEND	*...Treble*	‡RALPH WILLIAMS	5
MATTHEW DENNIS	2	‡HUBERT ARMITAGE	6
*ANDREW BLACKBURN ...	3	HENRY H. SMITH	7
†JOE C. MELLOR	4	ARNOLD ROTHERY ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

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

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

HENRY W. GAYTON ...	*...Treble*	AMOS SMART	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW... ...	2	SIDNEY FOSKETT	6
ERNEST WHITMORE	3	PEARL INSKIP	7
CHARLES MORTIMER	4	HENRY STAPLETON ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON

First peal of Treble Bob Major by ringers of 3rd and 6th.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK DEWEY	*...Treble*	HORACE M. DAY	5
JOHN W. LAKE	2	ARTHUR H. PALMER	6
JAMES OSBORN	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...	7
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

BARNET, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY... ...	*...Treble*	ALFRED B. PECK	5
EDWARD ASHBY	2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE	3	HERBERT LANGDON	7
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	*...Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	*...Treble*	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ...	5
*MRS. H. HARPER	2	WALTER BEAUMONT	6
GEORGE KENWARD	3	WILLIAM J. WALKER	7
HAROLD HARPER	4	FRANK BELSEY	*...Tenos*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FRANK BELSEY.

* First peal of Major. Birthday peal for E. A. G. Allen and W. Beaumont.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR PANTHER ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM GREEN	5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ...	2	ARTHUR GILL	6
*HAROLD CHANT	3	ALBERT NASH	7
CHARLES POULTENEY ...	4	T. COLIN RYDER	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by A. NASH.
* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the new Rector, Rev. J. Redrobe, who was inducted a few days earlier.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOSEPH MARKS	...*Treble*	ERNEST BRETT	5
HARRY HOSKINS	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 of Major.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE *Treble*		JAMES HAYWOOD	5
MISS LUCY M. KELLY ...	2	LESLIE HAYWOOD	6
JAMES KNOWLES	3	ARTHUR PASHLEY	7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	FRED WATKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD ...	...*Treble*	*J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	5
*ALBERT COPPOCK	2	EDWARD C. GOBEY	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	*FREDERICK S. PRICE	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	*PERCY PRICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.
* First peal in the method. F. S. Price's 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Coppock.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS BALDWYN ...	...*Treble*	JOHN CLARK	5
SIDNEY E. ROMANS	2	GEORGE POPNELL	6
JOHN AUSTIN	3	Ex-Sgt. J. WILLIAMS ...	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	GEORGE CONDICK... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.
A birthday compliment to G. Popnell.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

KENNETH SNELLING ...	...*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
NELSON ELLIOTT	2	ROBERT SWIFT	6
GEORGE ELLIS	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
GEORGE OLLIVER	4	OLIVER SIPPEITS	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS
First peal in the method on the bells.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*JOHN CHARNOCK...	...*Treble*	JOHN BOOTH	5
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	6
HARRY FRANCE	3	E. ROGER MARTIN	7
JAMES W. GROUNDS	4	WILLIAM SHARPLES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major as conductor. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells. Rung on the 20th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. France.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY	...*Treble*	*EDWIN R. GOATE	5
ALFRED KEEBLE	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
FREDERICK J. SMITH	3	JAMES G. RUMSEY	7
CHARLES F. BAILEY	4	JAMES M. BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
* First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to F. W. Bailey, now of Birmingham; also a compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Bailey on the anniversary of their wedding.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

DAVID GOSLING	...*Treble*	*JAMES MILNER	5
WILLIAM FERNLEY	2	LIONEL CLOUGH...	6
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN.... ...	3	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ...	7
HARRY LANGLEY	4	TOM WILDE...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by TOM WILDE.
* First peal of Surprise. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, April 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

GEORGE A. COOK ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR H. SMITH	5
JOHN BEAMS	2	JOHN HOYLE...	6
*WILLIAM J. WHITING ...	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
GEORGE MARRINER	4	ALBERT HARMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.'

WATFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

HERBERT G. MILTON	...*Treble*	RONALD W. PICTON	5
STEPHEN H. HOARE	2	FRANK H. CROOK...	6
ARTHUR W. DIX	3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN	7
CHARLES N. LEMAN	4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J PITSTOW. Conducted by S. H. HOARE.
First peal as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells. Mr. Howchin was re-elected a member of the association before starting. Rung in honour of the wedding of Lord Hyde and the Hon. Marion Glynn, which took place the same day at Westminster Abbey, in the presence of the King and Queen.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,344 London, 1,280 Cambridge, 896 Rutland, 480 Norfolk, 448 New Gloucester, 320 Bristol and 320 Yorkshire. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... ...*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal rung in seven Surprise Major methods. It was rung at the first attempt.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

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

Containing 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate courses. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT... 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	CECIL NICE 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	ROBERT SWIFT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

*100th peal. First peal of spliced Surprise Major ever rung with a local band. First peal of spliced Surprise in four methods by all the band except the conductor.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by RICHARD HASTED.

* First peal of Major in the method. First peal of Bob Major on the bells, by an entirely local band, for 22 years. Rung as a compliment, and with the congratulations and best wishes of all the band, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Upshall, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*CHARLES E. UDELL ...*Treble*	LIONEL J. CULLUM 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY 6
JOHN S. MORTON 3	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. MORTON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of Princess Elizabeth, also on the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. Charles Patten.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*CLIFFORD PAGE ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE W. HELEY 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 2	*WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL... ... 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7
*STANLEY H. WALLIS ... 4	*JOHN TAYLOR ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER (No. 31). Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Ringers of 1, 4 and 8 are local men, and it is their first peal on eight bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, April 22, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	†HARRY HOVERD... 6
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER 3	JAMES PARKER 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WICK ST. LAWRENCE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt.

RICHMOND ROBERTS ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST TOSSELL 3
JEFFREY TOSSELL 2	EDWARD J. AVERY 4

HAROLD E. BLACKER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

The first peal on the bells, and first peal on five by all except the conductor.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ...*Treble*	GEORGE MAYERS 4
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	*ERIC G. BENNETT 5
*ARTHUR G. BASON 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Single, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

H. S. WOOD ... ...*Treble*	*A. E. LAKER 4
*E. T. EXETER 2	C. HOLMAN... 5
A. C. GASSON 3	R. V. JOHNSON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. C. GASSON.

* First peal in three methods.

LEIGH, KENT.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD E. TIDY ... ...*Treble*	H. F. HYLTON TIDY 4
JAMES W. KNIGHT 2	JOHN O. WELLER 5
CHARLES W. CLINCH 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT G. PASSEY ... ...*Treble*	PERCY L. TOMKINS 4
ALFRED T. TOMKINS 2	ERNEST J. TOMKINS 5
JOHN H. THOMAS... 3	ALFRED S. TOMKINS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. TOMKINS.

First peal for all except the tenor man. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the Rev. R. A. and Mrs. Lyne.

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, April 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
WILLIAM WELLING	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	GEORGE GILBERT... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal in eight methods on the bells and by ringers of 2nd and 3rd. Rung as a welcome to the Rector (Rev. G. G. Payne Cook).

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT 'TRENTWOOD,'
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 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 W. HUDSON. Conducted by J. BRAY.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.
THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Monday, April 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT 86, OTAGO STREET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor size 13 in E.

ROBERT M. PRESTON	1-2	HENRY F. SARGENT	5-6
STEPHEN H. WOOD	3-4	ALBERT F. SARGENT	7-8

Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, April 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor size 18 in G.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: W. J. ROBINSON

The conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.' Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to W. R. Melville (April 20th). First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' for the Guild.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEMORABLE MEETING OF DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Puddletown on April 16th, and was attended by members from all over the county of Dorset, from Bournemouth in the east to Bridport in the west, and from Kington Magna in the north to Wyke Regis in the south, the gathering representing 19 towers. The Vicar (Canon A. L. Helps), a keen student of archæology, took the members over his grand old church, and related the history in a most interesting manner, and this was much appreciated. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, and the singing led by the organist and choir. Instead of the usual lesson he read an extract from Longfellow's 'Golden Legend,' and instead of the usual address on bells, etc., in a short homely talk he extended to the ringers a very warm welcome, and quoted Emerson's, 'Although you speak as thunder, I cannot hear what you say.' The Vicar was listened to with rare attention. Following the service, the members adjourned to the Village Hall, where a bountiful tea was awaiting them, and which some 76 members and friends enjoyed. They were waited on by a willing band of ladies under Mrs. Helps.

A business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman (Rev. E. S. Tarrant). Among those present were the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Guild), Canon A. L. Helps, Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule, Revs. A. Godley, A. S. Bryant, J. Wynn Wernerick and C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch), Mrs. H. B. Middleton, Miss L. R. Clapcott, Messrs. J. Ralph (assistant secretary) and W. Shute (Ringing Master), North Dorset Branch, Mr. C. H. Lathey (hon. secretary), West Dorset Branch, Mr. A. E. Trotman, Oxford University Guild, Messrs. J. I. and P. Davis, A. G. Rose (Poole), D. Bishop (Evershot), and W. Trevett (Hazelbury Bryant).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. R. N. Dawes (vice-president), Rev. F. LI. Edwards (general sec.), Messrs. E. Hutchings (Abbotsbury) and J. W. Smith (Dorchester). The hon. secretary read a letter from Mrs. N. L. Acland, thanking the members for the lovely flowers sent for the funeral of her husband (the late Capt. J. E. Acland, a former Master of the Guild).

Messrs. E. Gardiner and F. White (Abbotsbury) and F. Virgin (Upwey) were elected ringing members. The hon. secretary called attention to the coming jubilee festival of the Guild, and expressed the hope that the members would attend. He also stated the next quarterly meeting had been arranged to be held at Abbotsbury on Thursday, June 30th.

The members were unanimously in favour of holding by-meetings during the summer, and it was left in the hands of the secretary to arrange. Mr. Jennings promised he would do his best to fix up Maiden Newton and Cattistock, the latter with the carillon of 35 bells, including a ringing peal of eight. He gave an interesting report of the 'All-England' ringers' gathering at Croydon, for which he was thanked.

The Chairman proposed the usual vote of thanks, which was seconded by the Master, who especially referred to Canon Helps' hospitality in providing such a bountiful tea.—Responding, Canon Helps said it was a pleasure to have the ringers at Puddletown again. A hearty welcome was given to all the visitors.

The meeting over, the large gathering were met by Mr. J. W. Brymer (High Sheriff of Dorset), and were personally conducted around Ilsington Park and gardens, a treat which was much appreciated. The ringers afterwards put in some good practice on the fine-toned peal, and some had their first touch of Minor and Doubles. The practice continued until 9 p.m., when a memorable meeting terminated.

WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William Niblett, of Malvern Link, Worcestershire, who died at Malvern Hospital on March 29th, after a brief illness. Mr. Niblett was 57 years of age, and a native of Hereford. After coming to Malvern he was employed first at Mr. W. Clare's coach building works and later at the Morgan Motor Works. He joined the Army Service Corps during the war and served in France.

Of a genial and unassuming disposition, 'Johnny,' as he was popularly known, was a safe ringer, and he will be greatly missed in the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association, especially at Malvern Link. A complete list of his peals is not available, but they number about 140, ranging from Doubles to Royal, and include several Surprise Major methods.

The funeral took place at St. Matthias' Church on Saturday, April 2nd. The Rev. A. Day, Vicar of Malvern Link, officiated at the service both in the church and at the grave. Deceased was borne to his last resting place by six of his fellow-ringers. All the local band were present, and many other ringers came from Worcester, Upton-on-Severn, Crowle, Madresfield, Suckley, and Welland. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the graveside. After the service was over, the tower bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. A half-muffled peal of Minor was rung to Mr. Niblett's memory at St. Gabriel's, Hanley Castle, on Wednesday, April 6th.

RINGERS' DINNER AT GLOUCESTER.

AN APPEAL TO THE YOUTH OF THE COUNTRY.

A company of 75 was present at the fourth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, held at Gloucester. Mr. W. R. Eggleton presided, and was supported by the Rural Dean (Canon H. M. Braithwaite), Rev. E. D. S. Camus (Rector of St. Mary de Crypt), Rev. E. Bankes James, Mrs. Eggleton, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Romans, Mr. W. H. Harris (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin, Mr. T. Baldwyn, etc.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Rev. E. D. S. Camus proposed 'The Church and State,' to which Canon Braithwaite replied. He first expressed the pleasure of those present at seeing with them again an old friend and ringer in the Rev. E. Bankes James, with whom he expressed sympathy in his recent bereavement. Continuing, he referred to the many notable occasions in English history on which the bells of St. Michael's had been rung. They could truly say, he thought, that at all times bellringers were loyal to the State. In these days it was immensely important for them, as churchpeople, to have two great causes to which to be loyal. One was the country and Empire, and it was his opinion that a man who said he was a great patriot, and neglected his home at the same time, was no patriot at all. Patriotism must begin at home, and it was that spirit he would like to see in Gloucester. At the present time churchpeople needed to be more than interested in the Church. It was passing through a very critical period, and it seemed to him to behove everyone who was really loyal to Christ, and who really desired the extension of His kingdom, to do whatever he or she could to increase the attendances at church and to support it in every way possible. The Church, in the education and instruction which it gave, laid the foundation of sacrifice which was absolutely essential for men who were to give their interest to the country, and without which the country would come to nothing (applause).

CHURCHES WITH BELLS BUT NO RINGERS.

Mr. J. Austin, proposing the 'Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' said even in these days people could go into the country and not hear any bells at all. There were many churches with bells, but no ringers to ring them, and their association had as its aim the task of making ringers for the diocese. Frequently ringers had to go to three different churches every Sunday or else the bells remained silent. That had to be stopped, and each church should have its own ringers. Therefore he sent out an urgent appeal to the youth of the country to make themselves interested in bellringing. They were very badly needed because the older men had no one to take their places. There were many counter attractions, to which Sunday cinemas seemed likely to be added, and unless the Church brought itself to the front quickly it was going to be left far behind. The Gloucester and Bristol Association was one of the leading associations of its kind in the country, and it was up to everybody to back it up (applause).

In response, Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) said remarkable progress had been made in recent years, and they had a membership of about 120 in Gloucester. In Bristol, in order to encourage the young people, they were starting practice nights in the various churches at which all persons interested could attend. Their association was founded 54 years ago, and for its success they had to thank its founders, who had set such a wonderful example to the whole country. It was because of this that a national memorial to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, of Kemerton, was to be erected at Tewkesbury, and efforts were being made to raise the necessary £250. That was a lot of money to them, but it was a national memorial, and the people of the whole country would help. They wanted to put two extra bells in Tewkesbury Abbey as a part of the memorial (hear, hear).

Capt. C. Lodge proposed 'Our Visitors,' to which the Rev. E. Bankes James responded, and a vote of thanks to the chairman, branch secretary and artistes (Messrs. Wolmer, Austin, Davis, Baldwyn, Williams and J. Clarke) was proposed by Mr. G. Jackson.

The towers represented at the dinner were Barnwood, Newent, Norton, Upton St. Leonards, Witcombe, St. Mary de Lode and St. Mary de Crypt (Gloucester). There were also visitors from Bristol, Ross and Newport.

A collection, made on behalf of the Rev. C. P. D. Davies Memorial Fund, realised the sum of £1 12s. 6d.

A peal of Bob Major, specially arranged for the visitors by the branch secretary at Barnwood, was successfully brought round under the conductorship of Mr. J. Austin.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Sunday, April 24th, for the wedding of Miss Lilian May Walker (daughter of Mr. W. Walker, a member of the local band) to Mr. Thomas Henry Jones, of Llandudno, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,287 changes) at Walsall Parish Church: J. C. Adams 1, J. S. Eastwood 2, A. Adams 3, E. T. Smith 4, G. W. Hughes 5, H. T. Higgins 6, T. Hall 7, A. T. Dutton 8, W. R. Hughes 9, G. Harding 10, T. J. Elton (conductor) 11, H. E. Green 12.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, rung by an entirely local company, has been accomplished at Crawley. The peal performances of this young band, under Mr. Oliver Sippetts, have proved a wonderful series of successes, particularly in the last two or three years, and remind one of that other 'peak' period at Crawley, when Mr. James Parker was in command something like forty years ago, when Surprise peal ringing was, in a sense, in its infancy.

Mr. Parker still takes an active part in ringing at Edmonton, but is happy to leave the mantle of his enthusiasm on the shoulders of his daughter—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher. A pipe and a game of bowls is now almost as satisfying to him as a peal, and acknowledged experts tell us that he is as much an artist with the 'woods' as he was in piloting a band of ringers through a peal of Superlative in the old days.

For the wedding of Lord Hyde, son and heir of Earl Clarendon, and the Hon. Marion Glynn, which took place in Westminster Abbey, in the presence of their Majesties, the King and Queen, on Monday week, a peal was rung at Watford. Watford Parish Church bells were rung on the occasion of Lord Hyde's christening, and by special request they were again rung on his wedding day.

An illustrated handbook, 'Plymouth,' of special interest to members of the Central Council who intend to be present at this year's meeting, can be obtained on application to Mr. E. W. Marsh, 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

Will correspondents who desire to send news for publication under a halfpenny stamp please note that such communications must be addressed to 'The Editor, "The Ringing World," Woking, Surrey,' and contain nothing whatever in the nature of a letter. Unless these conditions are complied with, the letters are liable to surcharge, and many such have reached us lately. The name of the sender should be enclosed in all cases.

A young band, five of whom had not before scored more than a quarter-peal, rang a peal of Minor at Bredenbury last Saturday. The treble ringer is 15, and two others are only 19.

Edwin Barnett III., of Crayford, has given further evidence of his ability, for while still only 14 he has added a peal of London Surprise Major to his achievements. Grandad was in the peal, but father, unfortunately, was unable to take part owing to an attack of lumbago.

There was an interesting touch of Grandsire rung the other day, when three generations of Barnetts and three generations of Groombridges took part—the first time that three generations of two families have rung together. We are looking forward to a peal soon.

The Herts County Association's meeting, arranged for Bushey on Saturday, is cancelled.

Four members of the Oxford City Council are enthusiastic ringers. They are the Mayor (Alderman Bennett), Alderman Brown, Councillor Skipper and Councillor Ludlow.

BY-PATHS OF RINGING HISTORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your earlier and excellent report of the Bow bells decision gives, I feel, but a bare outline, even with the later paragraphs, of a piece of 'ringing history' of more than passing interest. Especially is this so of the final happenings.

There is the vexed question of bell tones. Many of your readers will find it of interest to know that the costlier proposal, the one backed by the donor, Mr. G. Selfridge, meant spending £890 for 'Simpsonising' the present ring of 12 bells, i.e., that in addition to the two cracked bells five additional bells were to be recast, '**and as many of the others as may be found necessary.**' A few years ago (as at Coventry) this proposal would have swept the board. But in this case the Chancellor definitely ruled the implied suggestion out, and ordered that only the cracked two bells should be recast, and then only on the present 'old style' lines, that all cannons should be retained and no other bells recast without further reference to himself.

There was, too, that interesting piece of history provided by the splendid 'gesture' by the firm who cast the bells and had worthily maintained them for two hundred years. This was the offer to do the whole of the work without cost to the committee, rather than that both they and the city should lose such a link with the past. (Do not the old Bow bell strickles still hang on the Foundry walls? One can imagine their beckoning fingers.)

I will say little of the fact that the city has echoed of late years with the slogan, 'Save Bow bells.' A plaintive appeal, and sadly ineffective but for the Chancellor. I am reminded of a talk I had on 'Simpson' tuning with Lord Marshall, when he was Lord Mayor some twelve years ago. I well remember his concluding remarks, 'You may rest assured that the city will never countenance the loss or impairment of their Bow bells, and that in the hands of Canon Ponsonby we know them to be absolutely safe. (A minor, but, I trust, interesting piece of Bow bell history.)—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Bromley.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLYMOUTH MEETING.

The following arrangements have been made in connection with the meeting of the Central Council at Plymouth at Whitsun:—

HEADQUARTERS.—The Royal Hotel, Lockyer Street.

LOCAL SECRETARY.—Mr. E. W. Marsh, 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

SATURDAY.—Bells of St. George's Church, Stonehouse, available for a peal attempt. Members wishing to take part kindly send names to me. (Eight bells, tenor 12 cwt.)

SUNDAY.—Service ringing at 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.: St. Andrew's (ten bells, tenor 36 cwt.), Charles' (ten bells, tenor 23 cwt.), Emmanuel (eight bells, tenor 21 cwt.).

MONDAY.—Annual Meeting Devon Guild at Bideford. Rail excursion.

Bells of St. Maurice's Church, Plympton, available for a peal attempt. Kindly send names to me. (Eight bells, tenor 14 cwt.)

(Plympton is five miles from Plymouth. Bus service half-hourly, fare 7d. return.)

Truro Diocesan Guild invite members to visit them at Truro.

Peal attempt at the Cathedral. (Band made up.)

Bells of Kenwyn Church available for a peal attempt. Kindly send names to me. (Eight bells, tenor 15¾ cwt.)

Conducted tour round Cathedral. The bells of the above will be available after the peal attempts, together with those at St. Enoder (eight), Ladock (eight) and Kea (eight).

TUESDAY.—The Council will meet in the City Council Chamber at the Guildhall, by kind invitation of the Mayor.

Standing Committee will meet at 9.15.

Council will meet at 11 a.m. Welcome by the Mayor and the Bishop of Plymouth.

Council will adjourn at about 1 p.m. and meet again at 2.30.

Bishop of Exeter will visit the Council at 3 p.m.

Tea at Goodbody's Restaurant, by invitation of the Devon Guild, immediately after meeting.

Social at headquarters, 7.30 to 11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.—Dedication of the Devon Guild Memorial to the late Rev. Maitland Kelly at Kelly Church. Bells (six) available and also Tavistock (eight).

It is hoped to arrange a tour of the Dockyard and also ringing at the Dockyard Church and at Buckfast Abbey.

Will members, when sending names for peal attempts, kindly state the method they wish to ring.

Members visiting Bideford or Truro kindly send names to me.

Mr. E. W. Marsh has kindly offered to conduct parties round Plymouth.

A room has been reserved at headquarters for the use of members and friends, and ample accommodation is available (bed and breakfast 9s.). Kindly communicate with the manager.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

THE EVOLUTION OF RINGING.

The following is the report of the Methods Committee to be presented to the meeting of the Central Council at Plymouth:—

We cannot enter upon our report without first expressing in some degree, however inadequate, the loss which we have sustained by the death of Henry Law James. He was not merely one of the original members of our committee; he was in a sense its originator, for it was due to a resolution moved by him more than thirty years ago that it was first appointed, and throughout its history he took a leading part in the many tasks which came before it. He was engaged on the new Collection of Triples Methods at the time of his death, and had he been spared there is no doubt that he would have done further useful service. But in a very real sense we can say the message he had to bring to the Exercise was delivered and the work he had to perform was done. He has left his mark definitely on the Exercise, and as long as our art continues ringers will benefit by his life and work.

CENTRAL COUNCIL 'RULES AND DECISIONS.'

It is a common assumption in the Exercise that 'Rules and Decisions' of the Central Council consist of a number of rigid laws which have been imposed on ringing with restrictive effect on the advice of a committee regarded as expert in this particular branch of study. Thus there is an impression that the rules of ringing are analogous to those of ordinary sports, such as football and cricket and the like. They are regarded as laws laid down by competent authority for sufficient reasons, and therefore ringers are in honour bound to observe them in loyalty to the Central Council and to the Exercise. Inevitably there has grown up as a natural consequence the idea in many people's minds that some, at least, of these so-called laws are arbitrary and artificial. A notable instance of this mistake is to be found in the furious warfare that raged a few years ago round the definition of a Plain Lead. The definition reads as follows: 'A Plain Lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work from the lead-head to the lead-end, it is in a different relative position among the working bells, but the working bells are in the same coursing order.' The controversy concerned itself solely with the last clause of this definition.

The real significance of a definition such as this and others like it and their place in the science of change ringing can only be learnt by an intelligent study of history. So far as can be ascertained from the earliest existing book on ringing, viz., Stedman's 'Tintinnalogia,' the Plain Course as we understand it (and therefore the Plain Lead) was unknown in his time. First, he tells us, there 'were invented (i.e., discovered) the sixes, being the very ground of a six-score.' Upon these were built up the 24 changes on four bells by adding a treble and causing it to hunt up through the other bells before the first change of the six, and hunt down again after that change had been made. Thus:—

234	1234
324	2134
342	2314
432	2341
423	3241
243	3214
——	3124
234	1324
	——
	1342
	etc.

The sixes being obviously true, the 24 changes on four bells must be equally true, and no proof of their truth is required. From this beginning progression on similar lines would be rapid, and the 720 of Grandsire Bob on six bells (pp. 94 ff.) would, and apparently did, develop out of a six-score of what we now call Reverse Grandsire Doubles. And still no proof is needed. Also it will be seen that the other important laws of change ringing, viz., those of symmetry, Plain Bob lead-ends and free movement, are all automatically fulfilled, even if their existence—let alone their importance—was not as yet perceived.

At this point a radical change of outlook arose. The practical ringer in the tower would discover that most of the succeeding groups of 12 changes throughout the 720 were similar to one another, and it would occur to somebody to write down what we now call a Plain Course of Bob Minor. Further, he would notice that the other groups contained what Stedman called bobs and single changes, and by means of combining these together efforts would be made to produce further 720's, and the way would be open to the development of methods and compositions in the modern sense. Complications soon arose. Truth, for example, was no longer self-evident. Further, as methods were being produced experimentally, there was a natural tendency to ignore the other laws of which we have spoken, and there grew up a common, indeed almost universal though superficial, idea that 'places are the method.' As a consequence many people argued that symmetry (to take a single instance) had no necessary part in construction. But meanwhile the practical ringer found that those new methods which had been offered him with irregular lead-ends, lack of symmetry and so on, were not satisfactory. About that time the Central Council was founded and the Methods Committee appointed, whose first members drew up the Council's original 'rules and decisions.' The purpose of these was to standardise the general experience of the Exercise through three centuries, recognising the mathematical science on which change ringing is based and erecting signposts which should lead the ringer by a shorter road than the way of trial and error, which was the only road he could find for himself, from the lower to the higher.

But change ringing is a dynamic and not a static art. It cannot stand still. Thus in the course of time even the most complicated methods, such as Bristol and London Surprise, became commonplace, and greater complexity was demanded. This requirement has been met by the device of splicing, and up to the present the composer has been able to keep abreast of the ringer in the tower. But the thing to be noticed in this connection is that in the multiple Surprise methods that have been rung in peals of late years there has been an effective breakaway from the Plain Course as it was known 30 years ago. It may be, and indeed is, true that these compositions are made up of bits of courses of methods which are severally in conformity with the definitions, but it is really an abuse of language to speak of Plain Courses when dealing with 5,000's, of which there are never more than two leads alike in succession, and in which the tenor never gets below sixth's place at a lead-end.

It is not surprising that questioning and, perhaps, uneasiness has arisen. Have the Central Council Rules and Decisions no value? Has all the work of the Council and its committee in tabulating and systematising been on wrong lines? By no means. The method report set down the more important of the laws to which all change ringing is subject in simple terms, and summarised the experience of the ages.

No man can say what future development has in store. One thing is certain. Genuine progress will be along lines of evolution, not revolution. New ideas will prevail and last only so far as they follow logically on past experience, unless the unbroken history of change ringing is to be completely belied. Between the conception of a hunt as imagined by Stedman and as it is described in a text book of (say) 1900, there appears to the superficial observer but little, if any, connection, but to those willing to seek below the surface from the first step in the 'invention of the sixes' to a peal in 12 Surprise methods there has been steady, logical and (we are tempted to add) inevitable advance. Further development is to be anticipated not in the scrapping of formulæ, but in their interpretation and enlargement in the light of fuller learning. And it cannot be too often emphasised that it is a misconception to regard the expert as one whose part it is to tell his fellow-ringers what they must and what

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THE LATE MR. SAMUEL WOOD.

A CONDUCTOR OF RECORD PEALS.

With the passing of Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, whose death we briefly announced last week, one of the striking personalities of Lancashire ringing is removed from the Exercise. Fifty years ago Sam Wood was recognised as one of the greatest conductors in the North of England, and for more than a generation he worthily upheld that position. He inherited his ringing instincts, for his father, who was clerk and sexton at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, was a composer and conductor of ability. The son thus had the advantage of early and constant tuition, and the father took the greatest delight in imparting knowledge to his promising boy. On his deathbed, old James Wood implored Sam not to let ringing at Ashton go down, and Sam never did.



THE LATE MR. S. WOOD.

Samuel Wood will be best remembered outside Lancashire for his great performances in long-peal ringing. In 1883 he conducted the famous record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, where T. Day's 16,608 was rung in 9 hours 48 minutes by T. Moss, J. Adams, J. Wood, S. Wood, B. Broadbent, J. Mellor, G. Longden and J. Thorp. That record stood until 1906, when it was exceeded at the same church. In 1911 Sam Wood was the composer and conductor of the record peal of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, rung in 8 hours 39 minutes, and three years later he composed and called the record length of Royal in the same method—the 14,000 which beat a record set up more than 130 years before in London. Mr. Wood, in his younger days, was also a great ringer on a heavy bell, as some of his performances at the back end of Manchester Town Hall bells prove. He was one of the finest strikers anywhere, and although he never aspired to the Surprise methods—much to his later regret—he was one of the safest conductors, in the methods which he did ring, that ever stepped into a belfry. He was a man also of great tenacity and determination. Once his mind was set upon an objective nothing would turn him from his goal. Before the Ashton band rang a peal of Stedman Triples, a great many attempts were made, and but for Sam Wood's determination it is probable that efforts would long before have been abandoned.

Mr. Harry Chapman, who now lives at Keystone, Huntingdonshire, but was formerly one of the pillars in the Manchester district, recalls the fact that Mr. Sam Wood was the first man to ring the 9th at Manchester Town Hall to a peal, when two men rang the tenor. This was a peal of Grandsire Caters, which Mr. Wood called, and some of the Manchester ringers of the time would not believe the peal was ever rung. This annoyed Sam, but after some years he got another chance, and, with one of the doubting Thomases in the peal, convinced them that the first peal had also been truly rung. This second peal was the first time the 52 cwt. tenor had been rung single handed to a five thousand, and it was Mr. Chapman who accomplished the feat, while a month later he rang it single handed to a peal of Royal, which Mr. Wood called from the 9th. Thus Mr. Wood had the privilege of calling the first three peals at Manchester Town Hall, all of them from the same bell.

Mr. Wood's first peal of Stedman Cinques was that rung muffled at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on the death of Henry Johnson, and about that time he made many friends among the Sheffield ringers, among them Charles Henry and Thomas Hattersley. Mr. Wood, with John Thorp and George Longden, used to go frequently to Sheffield for Stedman Cinques, but peals did not eventuate, and the Ashton men did not always get back the same day! Some of their experiences, as related by Mr. Wood, would 'make you laugh for a week,' says Mr. Chapman.

After the long peal at Mottram they wanted a long peal of Royal, but had not got ten bells for the job. Eventually they got permission to ring it at Manchester Cathedral, but it was to be rung at night. The band was got together, and the date arranged, and nine of the band turned up. The other man did not put in an appearance, and afterwards, when called upon for an explanation, said, 'Fancy asking for any bells for a night's ring! You would get locked up!'

In addition to his many peals in Lancashire and Cheshire, Mr. Wood had rung peals in North Wales and Yorkshire. He had rung peals with Jasper Snowdon, and nearly 150 peals for the Lancashire Association, which he joined in 1884. His last peal was at Ashton-under-Lyne on May 18th, 1931, to celebrate the 48th anniversary of the 16,608 at Mottram. There was a wonderful spirit of good-fellowship among the ringers in the towers around Ashton, and Samuel Wood was one who was foremost in creating and cementing friendship. The brothers Wild and James Shaw (who has recently passed away) were among his special friends, and when the Ashton men

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visited Hyde, or the Hyde men visited Ashton, it nearly always resulted in the visitors having to walk home. On visits to Manchester it often happened also that the return was made on foot in the early hours of the morning.

Samuel Wood had a long and active ringing career, and something will be missing at Ashton-under-Lyne now that the belfry of St. Michael and All Angels' Church will know him no more.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS and SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, held at Beaconsfield on Saturday last, was quite a record gathering, even the weather being on its best behaviour. Among those present were the chairman (Mr. Justice Bennett), the general officers of the Guild: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer), Messrs. J. J. Parker, W. H. Fussell, J. C. Truss, F. Borcham, J. Evans, J. S. Hawkins, F. W. Goodfellow and 'the Merry Monarch.' The last-named was not quite his usual self, presumably having been attacked by one of his falcons when indulging in his 'sport of kings.'

The bells were raised, and at least two Surprise methods rung before the advertised time to start; in fact, practically everything that it was possible to ring was rung during the day. Of course, the peal ringers shone in the Surprise methods, but even amongst the regular monthly 'meeters' were some who aspired to 'Bachelor's Joy.' The boy who can't run did not put in an appearance, although he used to have a certain fondness for this part of the globe. Perhaps he thought Old Kate would be there.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Burnham (Rev. P. Nott), who gave an interesting address, his text being, 'And the city rang again.' The choir was augmented by members from Cookham and Stoke Poges, over 90 voices being raised in harmony and praise.

The whole party then enjoyed the hospitality of the chairman, the numbers having increased to 101. Tea was followed by the business meeting. Sir Charles Bennett first addressed a few words of welcome to the members, saying how much he felt it his privilege to entertain them, that it appeared to be the second day of spring, and how he appreciated the presence of the Master, whom it would be impossible to replace, particularly for his devotion to duty in attending branch meetings.

Various items of business were dealt with, the officers for the ensuing year being: Chairman, the Hon. Sir Charles A. Bennett; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker, Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; representatives on general committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. T. J. Fowler, J. L. Kirk, W. E. Taylor and J. C. Truss. Dr. Bachelor having left the district, the Rev. P. Nott was elected a vice-president of the branch.

ANOTHER DONATION TO STEDMAN FUND.

The Master thanked the chairman for his kind remarks and the members for receiving them. Then he urged those present to give greater support to 'The Ringing World,' to increase the circulation and reduce the price. At the same time, he put six copies of the current issue at the disposal of the secretary. The Master also had a number of Central Council publications for inspection and sale.

The Stedman Tercentenary Fund, the Master added, was still in need of assistance, and he would be grateful for a small contribution from the branch.

Mr. W. H. Fussell also spoke in advocacy of support for 'The Ringing World.' It was kept going during the war, he said, at great expense to Mr. Goldsmith, and it was now the ringing paper of the world and deserved everyone's support. Stedman, he continued, had been dead for nearly 300 years, and a large sum had been spent in restoring a ring of bells to perpetuate his memory, but there was still a debt. He suggested a collection from those present, saying that ringing was an economical pursuit, and, as a good many bobs were made by all ringers, he hoped that they would collect as many as possible toward the deficit.—The collection resulted in £4 for the Stedman Fund.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for his kind hospitality was proposed by Mr. J. J. Parker, and carried unanimously.—This was acknowledged by Sir Charles, who said that the thing that struck him most in connection with the branch was the increasing numbers of lady ringers as well as young men.

A proposed joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association in the summer met with the approval of all.

The General Treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright) congratulated the branch on their success, and he also announced that the price of the annual report would be 4d. a copy. Incidentally it is not printed yet.

The General Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) said it gave him great pleasure to follow such famous men as the Master and Mr. Fussell. Speaking in support of 'The Ringing World,' he urged the members at least to get one copy for the tower until they could afford one each. Some of the peal ringers who did not buy it reminded him of a man who put money on a horse in the Derby and then would not buy a paper to see if it had won.

The bells were afterwards kept going until 9 p.m., and the secretary was heard to remark, 'Thank goodness, that's over for another year.'

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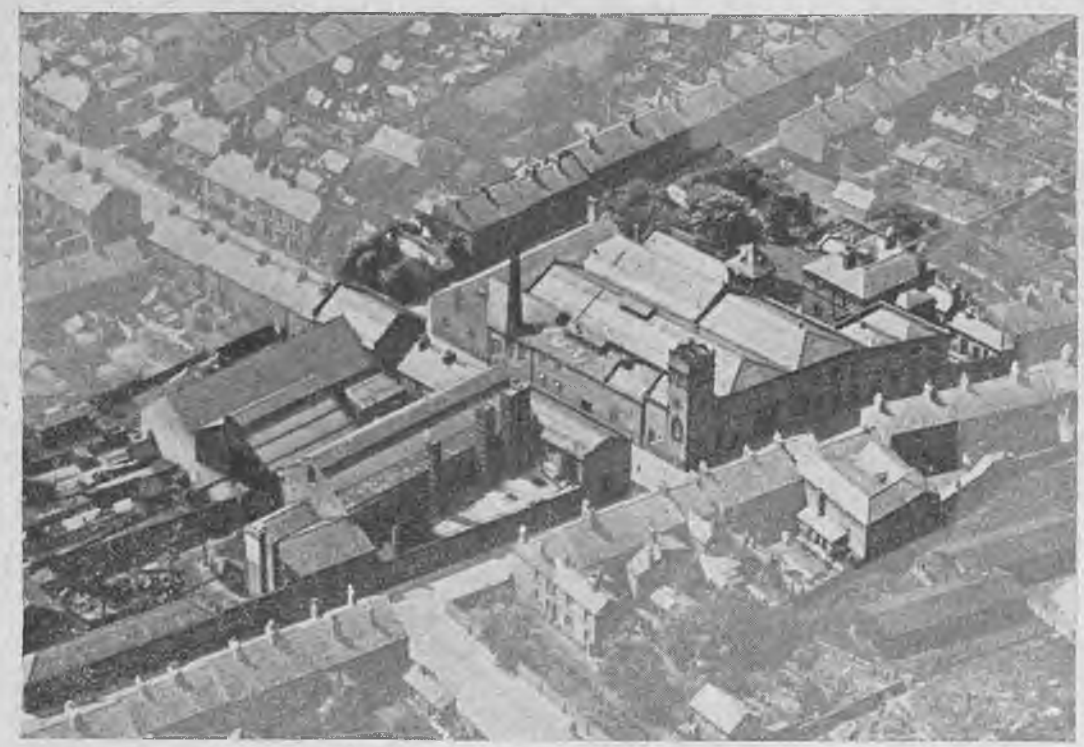

Aerial view of the Loughborough Bellfoundry.

THE LOUGHBOROUGH BELLFOUNDRY

IS OPEN TO VISITORS ON ANY DAY AT ANY TIME

A visit at the present time would find work in progress on some of the following orders:

RINGING PEALS :

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH, Yorks.	Recast peal of 12 and a flat sixth. New frame.	Tenor 43 cwts. in C.
HOWDEN, East Yorks.	Recast peal of 8. New frame.	Tenor 22 cwts. in E flat.
SOLIHULL, near Birmingham.	Recast peal of 10. New frame.	Tenor 20 cwts. in E flat
TAMWORTH, Staffs.	Peal of 8 recast (except tenor). New frame.	Tenor 21 cwts. in E flat
DEBENHAM, Suffolk.	4th, 6th, 7th and tenor recast and peal of 8 hung in new frame	Tenor 21 cwts. in E flat.
BOSTON, Lincs.	Peal of 8 to be recast and augmented to 10. New frame.	Tenor 20 cwts. in E flat.
WESTERLEIGH, Somerset.	Peal of 6 to be rehung in new frame. Treble recast.	Tenor 21 cwts. in E flat.
DODDERHILL, Worcs.	Peal of 6 to be restored and augmented to 8. New frame.	Tenor 18 cwts. in E.
HARWELL, Berks.	Peal of 6 to be restored and augmented to 8. New frame.	Tenor 18 cwts. in E.
WIDECOMBE, Devon.	Peal of 6 to be restored and rehung in new frame.	
GRIMLEY, Worcs.	Peal of 6 to be rehung in new frame, the treble and 3rd to be recast.	
MENHENIOT, Cornwall.	Peal of 6 to be restored and rehung in new frame.	
BLYTH, Notts.	Peal of 6 to be rehung and augmented to 8. New frame.	
STAPLEFORD, Notts.	Peal of 3 to be rehung in new frame made for 8 bells.	
SUTCOMBE, Devon.	Peal of 3 to be rehung and augmented to 6. New frame.	
CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, Hants.	Two new trebles to augment the peal to 12.	
WITHAM, Essex.	Two new trebles to augment the peal to 8.	
STAGSDEN, Beds.	Peal of 5 to be rehung with new fittings and new treble added to make 6.	
S. ALBANS (St. Michael's), Herts.	Peal of 6 to be rehung on ball bearings.	
ROCESTER, Staffs.	Peal of 6 to be recast and hung in new frame for 8.	
HARSTON, Cambs.	New frame for peal of 6 bells.	

CARILLONS AND CHIMES :

A carillon of 66 bells, largest bell 6 tons, for Richmond, Va., U.S.A.
A set of 5 bells for Clock Chimes for Seacombe Ferry, Birkenhead, etc.

RESTORATION OF STANDLAKE BELLS.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A DIFFICULT TASK.

To everything there must be a beginning, even in matters of bell hanging. Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, has long been known for the excellence of his oak frames, but hitherto he has failed to secure an opportunity of showing what he can do in the way of a metal frame. Strange to say, this has been given him under conditions more suitable for a crowning achievement than an initial endeavour.

An octagonal tower, in diameter eight feet six inches, hacked about in order to accommodate a ricketty timber structure in which a ring of six bells, with a tenor of eleven hundredweight, might swing in two tiers, the two heaviest bells being up in the steeple, the task of the ringer a perilous toil. Such were the main conditions.

To-day one finds the bells neatly hung in three frames of cast-iron sections on girders, one above the other, and each self contained, the ropes skilfully guided down into a perfect circle, the tower steady and the 'go' of the bells all that could be desired.

Mr. White would be the first to acknowledge the help he received from Mr. E. Ravenscroft, architect, of Reading, in advising as to the repairs to the masonry and the position of the required girders, but as one looks upon the finished work one rejoices to think that the talent responsible for hanging ten bells in the little tower of Appleton still survives in the White family.

The work was dedicated last Saturday by Bishop Shaw.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEMORIAL TO CANON BAKER.

The jubilee of the Bedfordshire Association was celebrated on Easter Monday, when a large number of members attended the annual meeting at Bedford. Ringing took place during the day at St. Paul's Church (10) and St. Peter's (6), and luncheon was served at the Silver Grill.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. A. Rust (president) occupied the chair, and a letter was read from Mrs. Baker, widow of Canon W. W. C. Baker, conveying her deep gratitude to the members of the association for their kind expressions of sympathy in her bereavement.

A letter of congratulation was received from Mr. J. N. Frossell, of Kingston, Surrey, who took part in the first 720 of Bob Minor rung for the association at Biddenham.

The report of the committee stated that the past year had been remarkable for a striking advance in the peal list, 37 peals being rung against 27 for the previous year. Noteworthy performances were the peal of London Surprise Major rung at Luton by the local band and a peal of Little Bob Royal rung on handbells at Woburn. A pleasing feature, also, was the number of members ringing their first peal, and the number of new conductors indicated sure progress in the art. Two important additions to peals of bells had been made, two trebles at Husborne Crawley, and a complete new peal of eight at Eaton Socon. Many district meetings had been held during the year and were well attended. Altogether a valuable year's work had been completed.—The report was adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. E. Hobbs all the officers were re-elected to serve during the coming year.

Bedford was again chosen for the place of meeting next Easter Monday, and it was hoped to hold the summer festival at Eaton Socon in July.

Touching on the Canon Baker memorial, the Rector of Dunstable, the Rev. G. C. Rolfe, said he was grateful for the offer of the association to place two new trebles in Dunstable Priory Church in memory of Canon Baker, and, although he had done everything in his power, the architect and builder responsible for restoring the tower said 'No.' It would found that the tower would not carry these extra bells, so he had reluctantly to refuse the offer.

After lengthy discussion it was decided to replace the dangerous wooden ladder approach to the Priory belfry with a modern structure as a memorial to Canon Baker. Messrs. A. King (Luton), G. W. Heley (Dunstable), F. C. Tysoe (Bromham), and H. Skerman (Southill) were appointed as a committee to take charge of the project.

FIRST 'LOCAL' 720.

At Overton, Hants, on Saturday, April 16th, 720 Bob Minor was rung for the first time at St. Mary's Church by an all local band: M. Lawes 1, J. Winterbourne 2, W. Lance 3, A. Taylor 4, H. Garrett (conductor) 5, B. Garrett 6. The ringer of the treble is to be congratulated on this performance, being only 13 years of age. This was repeated for evening service on April 24th.

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they must not do. His real function is the more difficult because less obvious task of examining the natural trend of development of the art of ringing, and seeking to explain the inner meaning of what it is that the practical ringer is doing, and thus it may be sometimes his privilege to point the way for the future as a logical outcome of the past.

(Signed) EVERARD S. POWELL.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERDARE BELLS.

The quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Aberdare on April 9th. The bells, a ring of eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, put in about fifty years ago, were raised early in the afternoon, and touches in various methods rung. Service, a very shortened evensong, with an inspiring and interesting address given by the Vicar (Rev. R. Ward), was followed by tea, which had been very generously provided by the Vicar and his wife.

Prior to the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, all present stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Williams, of Aberavon tower, and Mr. Evans, of St. John's, Cardiff, who have recently died.

In the course of reports on suggested restorations, mention was made that Aberdare bells badly needed rehanging. The Vicar's reply was that he was in full sympathy with the ringers and the requirements, but owing to an overdraft of over two thousand pounds at the bank in connection with church schools, etc., he regretted that nothing could be done to the bells until that had been wiped out or substantially reduced.

The agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting at Plymouth was read by the hon. secretary, and the representatives were asked to support whatever they thought best.

New members were elected, including a few of the old stalwarts of Aberdare tower, where call changes have been practised. Nevertheless, the heartiest welcome was accorded to them, and it was pleasing to learn that through Mr. Emm, who has been a faithful member of the association for many years, several young ringers were practising half-pull ringing.

Mr. Cole, of Merthyr, promised to give what help he could as an instructor, and it is hoped that when the next meeting is held at Aberdare it will be a half-pull tower. Caerphilly was chosen as the place of the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting, and the next Monmouth meeting to be held at Dingestow.

Various matters of interest to ringers were mentioned, including the colossal gathering at Croydon, the proposed rehanging of Bow bells, and the peal recently rung by the association on the bells of St. David's Cathedral, Pembrokeshire.

The hon. secretary afterwards read the appeal which is being made by the Gloucester and Bristol Association to perpetuate the memory of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and it was unanimously decided that the hon. secretary make an appeal by sending out a circular letter to each tower affiliated to the association, to be returned to him within six weeks with whatever subscriptions are collected.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, who suitably replied, remarking that he hoped it would not be as long before the next meeting was held at Aberdare as it had been since the last was held there, viz., seventeen years.

The ringing during the evening was curtailed owing to illness near the church, but the meeting proved a huge success.

DEATH OF CARDIFF RINGER.

The ringers of St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Cardiff, suffered a great loss through the death of Mr. William Henry Packer Evans, which took place on March 28th, at the comparatively early age of 55 years. Some months ago Mr. Evans' health suddenly broke down, but after being ill for a considerable time, his health improved, and there were hopes of a full recovery. This, however, was not to be, and a relapse occurred from which he never recovered, and to the regret of everyone who knew him he passed away on the above date.

'Bill' Evans, as he was familiarly known to all his friends, had been a member of St. John's band for about twelve years, and for several years was tower secretary. In regular attendance on practice nights, and ever present at Sunday service ringing, he was an ideal example to all. The Llandaff and Monmouth Association meetings have also lost one of the most regular supporters. Mr. Evans had rung several peals of Triples and Caters, and was ever willing to fill a gap at the shortest notice.

His activities were not confined to the belfry. For many years he had performed the duties of sidesman, and was always ready to do anything for the church he loved so well.

The funeral service, which took place at St. John's Church on April 1st, was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Lewis, assisted by the Rev. Bowen, curate, and was attended by a large gathering of sympathetic friends. At the conclusion of the service, the 'Dead March' was rendered on the organ by Mr. Cole, organist. The bells of St. John's Church were rung muffled before and after the service by a band composed of Llandaff Cathedral and St. John's Church ringers.

The interment took place at Cardiff New Cemetery, the graveside service being conducted by the Rev. Bowen. There was a profusion of floral tributes, amongst which were wreaths from the two Cardiff bands of ringers, both being also represented at the graveside service.

Bill Evans was known among his comrades and fellow-ringers as 'one of the best,' ready to do a good turn to anyone, and never heard to speak an unkind word. He was of a most cheerful disposition, and always looked on the bright side of life. Such men can ill be spared.

NOTICES.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.
PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.
Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.
E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

BUSHEY.—The meeting arranged for April 30th at Bushey is cancelled.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 30th. Service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, 4, at 1/8 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's, from 1.45 p.m.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Wigan on Saturday, April 30th. Bells of Wigan Parish, Poolstock, Hindley and Standish available from 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church at 5. Tea at Vose's Cafe at 6, at 1s. 9d. each.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Stone), followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. ALL ringers cordially invited.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Litcham on Saturday, April 30th.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 30th next, at Tackley. Service at the church at 3.30 p.m. Several towers will be at our disposal.—W. Evetts, jun., Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 2.45. Return fare 1s. 6d.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Next meeting at Hathersage, Saturday, April 30th. Church of St. Michael (6 bells, tenor about 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Clive, near Shrewsbury, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6, tenor 25 cwt.) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) in the Vicar's Hall at 5 o'clock, followed by meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Kibworth, on Saturday, April 30th. The bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Greyhound at 5 o'clock. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid and reports for 1931 obtained at this meeting. Please turn up in crowds and make this a record meeting.—E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A practice meeting will be held at Shoreditch on Saturday, April 30th, from 3.30 till 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Queenborough on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, generously provided by ladies connected with church. The business meeting will be presided over by His Worship the Mayor (B. Wayland, Esq.). Half railway fares (maximum 2s.) will be allowed all members attending.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wroxham on Saturday, April 30th, at 3.30 p.m. — W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells (13) from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available 3.15. Short service. Tea at Lytton Arms at 5 p.m.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, near Hitchin.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me. Bells at St. Andrew's from 3 to 4.30. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, April 30th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual general meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, April 30th. Tea will be provided (1s. per head). Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the same room (approximately 6.30 p.m.).—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever on Saturday, April 30th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Morris Wells. Bells available at 2 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 3rd and 31st, St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th and 26th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 17th (8 p.m.) and on Sunday, May 22nd, at 5.30; all the others at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill. Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, May 7th. Bells of St. Mary's (8, tenor 15¼ cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.30, and tea at Mrs. Brown's Central Café, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 o'clock. By train to Winston Station; buses leave Darlington Market Place every 60 minutes after 12, and Bishop Auckland at 12.35 and every 60 minutes. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than May 3rd.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and application for same should be made to Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, Hatfield, near Doncaster, not later than first post May 5th. Buses leave Christ Church, Doncaster, every ¼ hour, and from Goole every ½ hour.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on May 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch will be held at Islip on Saturday, May 7th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea will greatly assist me by sending their names early. — F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Jubilee Festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 7th. Annual meeting in Chapter House at 12 noon. Luncheon in Palace grounds at 1.30, 1/6. Festival Service in Cathedral with military band quartet at 3 30. Preacher; The Bishop of Salisbury. Towers open: St. Thomas (8), 11 a.m. to 12, 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Martin's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Paul's, Amesbury, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Dinton, Tisbury, Winterslow (6), all 10 to 11.45 a.m., 5 to 9 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Those wishing to attend luncheon are requested to inform the secretary by Saturday, April 30th, **at latest.**—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston (St. Leonard's) on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.15. Bells (6) of Norwood Green also available from 3 to 5. All ringers welcome. (Note—a postcard costs a penny!) —F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. —Next meeting, Ulceby, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 in School Room at 1/6, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea to Mr. H. Ebbatson, High Street, Ulceby S.O., Lincs, by the previous Wednesday.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Association will be held at Elveden, nr. Thetford, on May 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall (1/- each). Those who require tea please notify Mr. W. A. Bowers, 3, London Road, Elveden, nr. Thetford, by May 6th.—R. Sharpe, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at Kirkby (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) at 5, followed by ringing at Peckleton (6 bells) until 8. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 4th?—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Garsington (6 bells), on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 4th. Bus leaves Oxford (Castle Street) at 1.55 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 3rd, those who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

NORTH STAFFS & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, May 7th. Tea will be provided for all who notify me before May 5th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5. A good attendance is hoped for, and a hearty invitation to all ringers is extended.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look your methods up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Withington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Tea 6 p.m. Please notify me not later than May 4th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lilbourne on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) available at 2.45. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. — R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Everyone welcome.—P. C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chudleigh on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those who intend coming please advise me by May 3rd. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Thursday, May 5th. Make this a record meeting.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those who notify me of their intention of being present by Wednesday, the 4th.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by Rector at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Ringers requiring tea should notify Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, by Wednesday, May 4th. Applications received after that date will not be considered.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The meeting at Horwich has been postponed until May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 208, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Epping on Wednesday, May 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Arrangements will be made for service and tea.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Miller) to follow. For tea please notify Mr. F. S. Owen, 187, Falkner Street, Liverpool, by Wednesday, May 11th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, May 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me, or Mr. W. James, Home Yard, Cobham, by May 11th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 53rd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 16th. — F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday. The Central Committee will meet in St. Giles' Buildings at 11 a.m. Service at 12 noon in St. Giles' Church. Lunch at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Lunch tickets can be had on application (with 2/6 remittance) up to Tuesday, May 10th, from Mr. T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, or from the General Secretary. Bells available 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.; St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Giles' (10), St. Sepulchre's (8) from 3 p.m. onwards; St. Giles' 5 to 6; St. Edmund's 6 to 7; Duston (6) from 4 to 6. Frequent bus service to Duston from Horse Shoe Street and St. Andrew's Road.—R. G. Black, General Secretary, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

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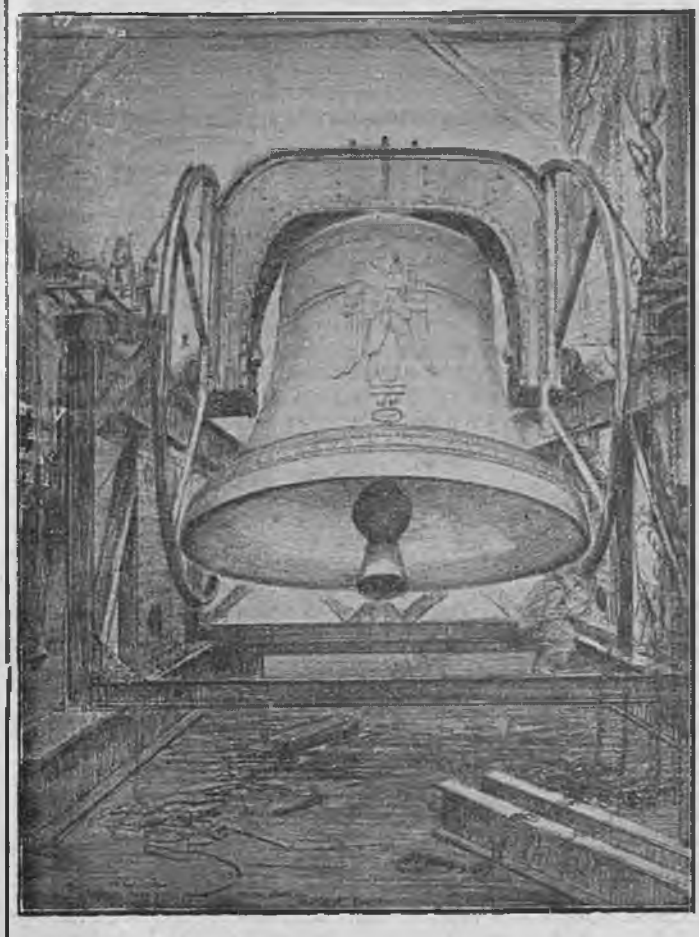

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HENRY W. KIRTON	*Treble*	*HERBERT DEVENISH	6
WILLIAM LINCOLN	2	JOHN WOOD	7
ARTHUR SALTMARSH	3	RICHARD C. CLARK	8
*ARTHUR O. HUME	4	LESLIE J. CLARK	9
*REGINALD THRIFT	5	*GEORGE COOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

* First peal on ten bells. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Chelmsford Cathedral.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*ALFRED COATES	...Treble	†FREDERICK ROBSON	6
ERNEST E. FERRY	2	JOSEPH W. PARKER	7
HAROLD ROBSON	*3	*HENRY TAYLOR	8
JOHN J. LEIGHTON	4	ADAM DEAS	9
†SIDNEY BREEZE	5	*LAWRENCE GREENHOW	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. E. FERRY.
* First peal of Caters. † First 'inside' in the method.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	Treble	HENRY H. FEARN	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	SAMUEL GROVE	7
CHARLES WEBB	3	C. HOWARD STANLEY	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	JOHN WITHERS, SEN.	...Tenor

Composed by G. DALTRY. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS	...Treble	ARTHUR T. VERRELLS	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	3	JACK M. CRIPPS	8
WILFRED WILLIAMS	4	JOHN DEARLOVE	9
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	...Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, April 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT COLCOMBE	...Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE	5
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	6
CHARLES L. SADLER	3	*HENRY J. TAYLOR	7
HENRY E. COX	4	CHARLES CAMM	...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHAS. EDWARDS.
* First peal of Major with bob bell. Rung on the 38th anniversary of conductor's wedding.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

THOMAS METCALFE	...Treble	SAMUEL YATES	5
MISS L. LANCASTER	2	JACK REED	6
*EDWARD BROWN	3	J. C. POLLARD	7
GEORGE WORTHY	4	THOMAS LANCASTER	...Tenor

Composed by W. ESTCOURT. Conducted by MISS LANCASTER.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt. Miss Lancaster is believed to be the first lady to conduct a peal in Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. J. R. KING	...Treble	CHARLES DRAPER	5
*WALTER LEACH	2	JOSEPH BAILEY	6
MAURICE SWINFIELD	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	4	JOHN CURTIS	...Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.
* First peal and first attempt.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM DICKINSON	...Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN	5
*WILLIAM THORNLEY	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
FREDERICK J. MILNER	3	HAROLD WALKER	7
*FRANK BRADLEY	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER	...Tenor

Composed by F. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,
On Thursday, April 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS-THE-AREOPAGITE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

WILLIAM HECTOR	...Treble	COLIN HARRISON	5
C. ARTHUR MANNING	2	EPHRAIM W. RANDS	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN OLDHAM	7
WILLIAM WILLSON	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
First peal on the bells since rehanging on ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, April 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

*PERCY RUSHTON	...Treble	TOM TIMPERLEY	5
JOHN POTTER	2	WILFRED J. MOSS	6
TOM JONES	3	NORMAN HEAPS	7
ARNOLD FREARNHEAD	4	FRED COLLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by N. HEAPS.
* First in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to Leonard Brookes, a ringer of the local band and member of the Lancs Association; also for the birthday of the treble ringer's sister.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PRIMROSE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. LAKE	...Treble	HORACE M. DAY	5
ARTHUR I. HOLMES	2	ARTHUR H. PALMER	6
*WILLIAM A. HOLMES	3	JOHN MACHIN	7
JAMES OSBORN	4	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	...Tenor

Composed by the late REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. W. LAKE
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' This method is now rung for the first time.

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BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID R. JAMES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HEATH	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
CHARLES H. PERRY	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.
Especially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, also in honour of St. George's Day.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

HAROLD F. MARTIN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
*THOMAS W. LEWIS	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
FRANK LAWRENCE	4	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MAYERS	5
WILLIAM E. BASON	2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER	6
ERIC G. BENNETT	3	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	4	NOLAN F. GOLDEN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now completed the circle of this tower.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ROYDON DAVIES	...*Treble*	SIDNEY ELTON	5
CHARLES HAZELDEN	2	TONY PRICE	6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	3	DANIEL COOPER	7
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. R. Melville.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24¾ cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB	...*Treble*	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ...	5
GLYN SHAW	2	ALFRED T. POULTON ...	6
*ARTHUR ALFORD	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
WILLIAM T. POSTON	4	*HARVEY H. WINNEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE BUTCHER ...	...*Treble*	STUART SANDFORD	5
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS ...	2	JOHN BURLES	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	EDWARD J. BEER	7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	4	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
* First peal of Superlative. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ..	*Treble*	*GEORGE ROBINSON	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	6
*THOMAS B. KENDALL ...	3	FRED HODGSON	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge on the bells, and in the city of Leeds.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

A. G. W. MEASURES ...	...*Treble*	JAMES H. HAYWOOD	5
ALBERT COAD	2	CHARLES E. POULTNEY ...	6
EDWIN WILLIAMS	3	HARRY MORTIMORE	7
ALBERT FIRTH	4	TOM COOPER	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by TOM COOPER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Cooper, father of the conductor, also to commemorate the election of Alderman A. P. Aizlewood, J.P., and Councillor W. Brooke, J.P., as Feoffees of Rotherham.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	*BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ...	7
JOHN S. MORTON	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the Rev. W. M. Browne, M.A. (Vicar of Erith), and Mrs. Browne.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*RAYMOND W. SEAR ...	...*Treble*	†HARRY F. MORRIS	5
ARTHUR CRANE	2	HARRY V. SEAR	6
WALTER SEAR	3	HARRY SEAR	7
JOSEPH MARKS	4	ERNEST SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER SEAR.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of St. George's Day, and all are Sunday service ringers.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

HUBERT JONES	...*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	5
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS	3	HENRY J. TAYLOR	7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ...	4	ARTHUR C. NASON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.
Rung as a bi-centenary celebration of the casting of the bells (Rudhall, 1732), also in honour of St. George's Day, and as a birthday peal for the tenor ringer's eldest son.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

W. CYRIL SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM WHITING	5
WILLIAM GREEN	2	ARTHUR GILL	6
GEORGE MARRINER	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
JOHN BEAMS	4	ALBERT NASH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd, 6th and tenor, who hail from Rotherham, Yorks.

MIDDLETON, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*ALWYN TAYLOR	*Treble*	HAROLD HAMER...	5
WILLIAM BERRY	2	JAMES SHAW	6
STEPHEN LLOYD PARRY ...	3	‡THOMAS K. DRIVER	7
†RAYMOND JOHNSON	4	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal in the method away from treble. ‡ 50th peal. The quickest peal on the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHARPLES, Committee	*Treble*
ALFRED BARNES, Auditor	2
CHARLES SHARPLES, Committee	3
ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Ringing Secretary	4
GEORGE R. NEWTON, Central Council Rep.	5
WILLIAM H. SHOKER, General Secretary	6
WILLIAM HORAN, Treasurer	7
PETER CROOK, Vice-President	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

An 'officers' peal, rung at the president's church, on St. George's Day, and in honour of the Mayor, Councillor George Sykes, a former ringer at this church. First peal in the method on the bells. All are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Canon Elsee afterwards very kindly entertained the band to tea.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

FRANK G. RINGE ...	*Treble*	HARRY TURNER	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	2	ROBERT HEAZEL	6
ALBERT RAINBIRD	3	ALBERT E. PRYKE	7
*BERTRAM C. HINES	4	CHARLES E. PRYKE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK G. RINGE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rainbird on the occasion of their silver wedding. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Thomas' Church.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT	*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ...	2	JOHN T. KENTISH	6
RONALD H. BULLEN	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

First peal in the method by all the band.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER	*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
KEITH HART...	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
NELSON ELLIOTT...	3	JACK M. CRIPPS	7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

YATELEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING...	*Treble*	GORDON WOOTTON	5
*MISS NANCIE DENYER ...	2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	6
CHARLES W. DENYER ...	3	RAYMOND PHILPOTT	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	SIDNEY J. RIDDELL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR ...	*Treble*	GEORGE JORDAN	5
GEORGE TALBOT	2	THOMAS J. WATTS	6
THOMAS JORDAN	3	FREDERICK BIRD	7
WALTER PRIOR	4	JOHN PRIOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK BIRD.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. Arranged to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Barrow, M.A. The ringers of the treble and 7th are from Bishop's Stortford, the rest are of the local band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

MANSFIELD GINN	*Treble*	ROBERT THODAY	4
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	CHARLES W. COOK	5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	CHARLES ROBINSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

SAMUEL A. BAMFORD, R.M.	*Treble*	R. THOMAS CLARK	4
ARTHUR LONG	2	LEWIS LADD	5
WILLIAM TERRY	3	CHARLES TURNER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

Arranged to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the blockade of Zeebrugge by the Dover Patrol, and in honour of the treble ringer, who took part in the operations from H.M.S. 'Vindictive.'

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MILTON CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*ARTHUR WHITE	...*Treble*	†PERCY HILL	3
†WILLIAM HIGDON	2	†HARRY HAYNES	4
HARRY J. SANGER ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. J. SANGER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first on the bells.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*HARRY F. CARTER	...*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	4
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ...	2	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	5
*ALEC M. GENERY	3	WALTER ARNOLD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOE WALLIS, SEN. ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES KILLICK	4
FRANCIS J. SANDERS	2	HUGH R. THORPE	5
JOE WALLIS, JUN.	3	BERNARD H. WELLS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD H. WELLS.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court and Single Court. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES H. MUSSON	...*Treble*	ALBERT SCOTT	4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY...	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
JOHN ALLEN	3	CHARLES WILKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kingstone, Violet, Duke of York, New London, Kent, and two 720's of Oxford.

JOHN MAJOR	...*Treble*	ARTHUR PANTHER	4
HAROLD CHANT	2	*GEORGE CUTTS	5
DANIEL SMITH	3	*ERNEST CUTTS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours,
AT 'HARBLEDOWN,'

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 15 in C.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3-4
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 5-6

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

The first peal of Surprise 'in hand' by the Guild and by all the band. This composition was rung 'in hand' for the first time.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A FORTHCOMING PILGRIMAGE TO LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

The half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Wigan on Saturday. The Parish Church was the chief centre of interest before the service, an interesting feature of which was the good account the choir boys gave of themselves in the anthem and hymns. The Rector gave a kindly welcome to the association to his parish.

After service the ringers adjourned to Voce's Café near by, for tea, where thanks were offered to the Rector for the service and use of his bells, also to the Rectors and Vicars of the other towers placed at the disposal of the members, and to the Wigan Branch secretary for his efforts to make the meeting a success.

Mr. C. I. Davies, Liverpool, reported he had received an encouraging response to his circular with reference to the proposed pilgrimage to Liverpool Cathedral, with a social gathering to follow, in October, but he is greedy for more support.

The President (Canon Elsee) mentioned the loss the association and the ringers of Britain had sustained by the death of Mr. Sam Wood, of Ashton, who was the last of the old band of composers and conductors which belonged to that tower.

After tea, the members went out of town to Poolstock, Standish and Hindley to finish the evening ringing. The methods chiefly practised were Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich. Grandsire had the biggest 'shout.'

THE REDEDICATION OF STANDLAKE BELLS.

UNIQUE BELL FRAME.

There was an excellent gathering of ringers at Standlake, Oxon, on Saturday, April 23rd, when, as we have already recorded, the ring of six bells were rededicated by the Right Rev. E. D. Shaw, Archdeacon of Oxford. The very interesting and well appointed church was crowded, and the service took the form of shortened evensong, which was conducted by the Rural Dean. The prayers ended, the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens, choir and ringers proceeded to the belfry, where the dedication was performed. A plain course of Grandsire Doubles was then rung by a picked band of ringers as the procession returned to the chancel. In the course of his excellent sermon Bishop Shaw referred to the great loss the parish had sustained by the death of their Vicar on the eve of the proposed dedication of the bells a few months ago, and he paid a great tribute to the hard work he had done to get the restoration of the bells carried out. After the service a touch of 360 Bob Minor was rung as the congregation left the church by: R. White 1, F. E. Taylor 2, C. E. Wigg 3, F. Sharpe 4, S. Taylor 5, W. Simmonds (conductor) 6. The bells were afterwards kept going until a late hour by the numerous visiting ringers.

The bells are a pleasant ring of six (tenor approximately 11¼ cwt. in F sharp). The tower is unique, being octagonal in shape and very small. The restoration work has been most excellently carried out by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, who has hung the bells in a cast-iron frame, with iron headstocks and ball bearings and all the latest improvements in bell hanging. The bell frame is very ingeniously arranged in three tiers, the fourth and fifth bells being at the bottom, the tenor and treble in the middle, and the second and third at the top. It is a fine piece of engineering, embodying all the traditional master craftsmanship of the White family. Despite the difficulties, there is an excellent circle, and the whole job is one of which the parish of Standlake may well be proud.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A VISIT TO DUFFIELD.

The village of Duffield, situated some five miles north of Derby, and for many years the country seat of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, was the place chosen for the first quarterly meeting of the Derby District. The church, which is situated on the outskirts of the village, contains a ring of ten bells, the walls of the well-kept belfry being almost covered with peal boards showing the activities of the late Sir Arthur and his talented band of thirty years ago.

The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and methods rung consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich, Duffield Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and Royal, and Bristol and London Surprise Major. Members and visitors to the number of about forty, and representing a dozen different towers, were present, and under the mastership of Mr. C. Draper opportunities to ring were given to everyone present.

At the business meeting Mr. H. Fletcher presided, and Mr. P. H. Tate was elected as Ringing Master for the next meeting, which will be held at Spondon.

Tea was provided at the Bridge Inn and was well attended, ringing and the beautiful weather giving keen appetites to all. The committee were highly gratified at the number present, especially the talented band from Ripley, who helped so much to make the meeting successful.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Alton District have the privilege of an annual invitation to Froyle from Sir Hubert Miller, Bart., who is a life member of the Guild. This year the members were fortunate in having a fine day, which has not been the case hitherto, and a thoroughly enjoyable meeting was the result. The bells of St. Mary's Church were kept going during the afternoon, and after the Office had been conducted by the hon. secretary, the ringers walked across the park to the Shrubbery House, where they were entertained to tea. There were 24 present, including the chairman (Rev. F. G. Eyres), the Master and Mrs. Williams, the Vicar of Froyle, Mr. Wilfred Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Read, ringers from Alton, Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Froyle, Privett and Winchester.

On this occasion the business meeting is always reduced to a minimum to have more time to enjoy the garden, but a few items had to be attended to, which were soon disposed of—the meeting at Petersfield on May 21st, the next meeting fixed for Privett on June 25th, and the election of five new members.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of all to the host, who assured the members that they were always welcome, after which they spent a considerable time admiring the rock garden and the other beauties of the place, under the guidance of Sir Hubert and Mr. Gerald Robinson.

ZEEBRUGGE ANNIVERSARY.

A special service was held at St. Mary's Church, Dover, on April 23rd, in commemoration of the 14th anniversary of the blockade of Zeebrugge by the Dover Patrol. The Mayor and Corporation and also naval and military representatives, who included Sir Roger Keyes, who was in command of the blockade, attended. St. Mary's ringers rang before and after the service, and in the evening, in connection with St. George's Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung: S. A. Wells 1, C. R. Millway 2, H. J. Saunders 3, J. Eagles 4, R. T. Clark 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardiman 8.

DEATH OF A CROYDON RINGER.

On Monday evening, April 18th, at St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, in 53 mins., 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Walter Gammon. He was for 43 years a member of St. Peter's Society, and was a regular attendant at Sunday ringing. Those who took part in the quarter-peal were: J. Adcock 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, C. H. Kippin 3, W. Bulfitt 4, F. Larbey 5, F. Leeks 6, A. Clayton 7, D. Cooper 8, F. E. Darby 9, E. Denham 10.

BOB MAJOR RECORD.

PROPOSED LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well, eight members of the Herts County Association are hoping to attempt a peal of Bob Major (16,128 changes) on Whit Monday at Bennington, Herts, starting at 8 a.m.

The present longest length in the method is 15,360, rung at Aston on October 1st, 1793.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Guilds of ringers at Farnham (Surrey), Oakley (Hants) and of the Llandaff Association, having initiated Guild subscriptions to the above fund, create the suggestion that the Memorial Committee would very much appreciate a National Guild collection during Whitsuntide week. May I, therefore, on behalf of my committee, appeal to all tower secretaries to institute a collection at a service or practice during Whitsun week, and forward same to me. No matter how small the donation may be, it will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged by post. My committee are very grateful for the donations already received.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,
Hon. Sec., Davies Memorial Committee.

48, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE BELLS OF ST. ANDREW'S, WELLS STREET.

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, April 23rd, when, despite the weather, which was anything but pleasant, some 30 members and friends had the pleasure of ringing on the bells of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Ringing commenced with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples. Subsequently various methods were rung, including Cambridge and London Surprise. After tea, the business was transacted in the vestry. The usual routine items were soon disposed of, and a special resolution framed and carried with relation to the eventual destination of the bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, the secretary being instructed to forward the motion to the Bishop of London.—A pleasant gathering dispersed about nine o'clock.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: P. Duncton 1, S. Sopp 2, M. Sopp 3, G. Sopp 4, F. Duncton (conductor) 5, M. Stenning 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Letters from A. A. Savage, Melbourne, Australia, and F. G. May, Durban, South Africa, have been received by the B.U.R.G. for Ringers' Directory, and they wish to be remembered by all friends in the mother country.

Mr. E. Weatherby, writing from Los Angeles, California, enclosing a donation to Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial, also sends kind remembrances.

Last week's leading article, 'A Census Wanted,' formed the subject of an informal but interesting discussion between the Vicar and ringers at Bourn after a peal on Saturday. Our correspondent expresses the opinion that it would be an advantage if there were more of these friendly chats between ringers and clergy.

The Archdeacon of Portsmouth (Ven. H. N. Rodgers) officiated at the service, and presided at the meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild held at Havant on Saturday week. The Archdeacon entertained the ringers and gave them a very hearty welcome.

The Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will reach its 21st anniversary on December 2nd, and at the summer meeting in June the question of a suitable commemoration is to be discussed. The branch is to make a collection in each tower for the Davies Memorial Fund. Eight new members from Rodbourne Cheney have been admitted.

It is with regret we have to record the death of Mr. George Miles, of Brentwood, who passed away on Thursday week. Mr. Miles was formerly hon. secretary of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and was always an enthusiastic ringer.

Mr. Charles Freeman, the oldest member of the Saffron Walden Society, has just passed away at the age of 87 years. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

Saffron Walden 'Great Ringing Day' will be held on Saturday, June 25th.

The Mayor of Oxford and the other members of the City Council whose names were mentioned last week, with the exception of Alderman Brown, who has been a ringer for many years, have not yet become practical ringers. They, however, take a great interest in ringing and the Oxford Society, and some day——well, who knows?

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For the information of visitors to Plymouth, the following hotels have accommodation: 7s. 6d. bed and breakfast, Dingle's Hotel, Waverley Hotel and Liddicoat's Hotel, all in Millbay Road.

I can arrange for a National bus direct from Plymouth to Kelly, if members will let me know of their intention to be present. They will be the guests of the Devonshire Guild. I want this information early in order to make sure of a bus.—Yours sincerely,

E. W. MARSH.

13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

TUESDAY.—Bells of the Dockyard Church available 6-7.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.—Tour of the Dockyard, 10 a.m.

RAILWAY FARES.

Owing to the poor response to my advertisement of February 26th, negotiations for cheap facilities have been abandoned.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER.
Hon. Secretary.

Ringing on Whit Sunday at Truro Cathedral, 9 to 10 a.m., 5.15 to 6.15 p.m.—A. S. Roberts, 3, Lemon Villas, Truro.

THE REMOVAL OF BELLS.

A MANCHESTER EXPERIENCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article of April 22nd you discuss the future of a peal of bells at present hanging in St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street, London. I am glad to note that the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild have already taken steps to ensure the bells being preserved locally. At the same time, I would like to make known the experience we had in Manchester in similar circumstances. In 1928, St. John's, Deansgate, came under the axe of a Commission set up for the purpose of joining redundant parishes, and the parish was united with that of St. Matthew. St. Matthew's Church possessed a tower which, in the opinion of Mr. Harry Chapman, then bell adviser of the Lancashire Association, would carry St. John's bells. After his report was presented, the ringers began to set about a scheme to raise funds for the removal of the bells, but before we had started we were informed that the bells were to go to Eccles, which was some five or six miles away. This was surprising, as Eccles already had a peal of bells. Our protests were of no avail, and subsequently St. John's bells were installed at Eccles, after treatment by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. What happened to Eccles bells I have never been able to find out, but the fact remains that Manchester was the poorer by the loss of one peal of bells.—Yours truly,

R. LONGDEN.

Moss Side, Manchester.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1931.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

| Number Corresponding with Last Column. | ASSOCIATIONS. | Number of Conductors | MAXIMUS. | | | | | | | CINQUES. | | ROYAL. | | | | | | |

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

Associations.	MINOR Number of Methods. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 to 21	Total.	DOUBLES. Number of Methods. 1	2	3	4 to 7	Total.	Grand Total of Peals.
Barnsley and Dist	2	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	5
Bath and Wells ..	16	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	20	19	6	1	—	26	46
Bedfordshire ..	3	2	1	2	4	—	13	—	25	2	2	1	—	5	30
Chester Diocesan	4	1	4	2	1	—	2	2b	16	4	—	—	—	4	20
Devonshire Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	—	—	—	8	9
Dur. and Newc. ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
E. Derbys. & N'ts.	3	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	4c	5	11
Ely Diocesan ..	12	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	18	3	—	—	—	3	21
Essex	5	—	3	2	2	—	5	—	17	—	1	1	1f	3	20
Glos. & Bristol ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	5	—	1g	10	12
Guildford Dio. ...	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Hereford Dio. ...	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	16	1	—	5h	22	27
Hertford County	1	1	1	2	2	1	18	—	24	1	1	—	—	2	26
Kent County ...	8	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	10	3	—	—	—	3	13
Ladies' Guild ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Lancashire ..	8	2	3	1	—	—	2	—	16	2	—	—	—	2	18
Lincoln Diocesan	7	—	3	2	7	1	10	4c	34	8	1	—	—	9	43
Llandaff & Mon.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	4	5
Middlesex County	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Midland Counties	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	7	7	—	—	1i	8	15
North Notts. ..	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
North Staffs' ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	6
Norwich Diocesan	6	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	8
Oxford Diocesan	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	10	6	—	—	—	6	16
Oxford Univ. Soc.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Peterborough Dio.	7	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	11	14	10	2·	2j	28	39
St. Martin's Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Salisbury Dio. ..	11	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	12	7	1	—	—	8	20
Shropshire ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	2
Stafford Arch.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	3	4
Soc. R. Cumb. Y.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Suffolk Guild.. ...	3	—	1	6	6	2	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	18
Surrey	1	1	5	—	—	1	1	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	9
Sussex County ..	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	1	5
Swansea and Brec	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1	3
Truro Diocesan ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Warwickshire ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Winc'r. & P'm'h...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	—	1	—	8	9
Worcestershire .	8	1	1	1	—	—	11	1d	23	16	1	2	—	19	42
Yorkshire	4	—	4	—	1	1	6	1a	17	2	—	—	—	2	19
Unaffiliated Socs.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	3	5
Non-Association	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	3
TOTAL	149	20	36	24	26	7	85	8	355	143	31	8	14	196	551

(a) 10,800. (b) one in 14 and one in 17 methods. (c) one in 8, two in 9, and one in 21 methods. (d) one in 14 methods. (e) two in 5 and two in 6 methods. (f) one in 5 methods. (g) one in 6 methods. (h) one in 5, one in 6, and three in 7 methods. (i) one in 7 methods. (j) two in 4 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Associations.	MAXIMUS: Kent Treble Bob	MAXIMUS: Plain Bob	CINQUES: Sp. Plain & Lit. Bob.	CINQUES: Stedman	ROYAL: Treble Bob	ROYAL: Plain Bob	ROYAL: Little and Spliced	CATERS: Stedman	CATERS: Grandsire	MAJOR: D'ble Norwich C.B.	MAJOR: Kent Treble Bob	MAJOR: Plain Bob	MAJOR: Gainsbo' L. B. & Sp.	TRIPLES: Stedman	TRIPLES: Grandsire	MINOR: 1 Method	MINOR: 7 Methods	DOUBLES: 1 Method	TOTAL
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	1c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Cambridge Univ. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Chester Diocesan ...	1	1	—	2	6a	1	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	16
Durham & Newcastle	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Essex County ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	1	—	8
Guildford Diocesan ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Hertford County ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	4
Kent Association ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Lancashire Associat'n	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Lincoln Diocesan ...	—	2	—	—	—	3	1d	—	1	—	1	4	2e	—	—	2	—	—	16
Middlesex County .	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Midland Counties ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	7
Norwich Diocesan ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
St. Martin's Guild ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Stafford Arch	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Suffolk Guild ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Warwickshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Yorkshire Assoc. ...	—	—	—	—	3b	4	—	—	—	—	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
Unaffiliated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
TOTAL	1	3	1	4	10	10	2	9	2	2	7	26	2	1	4	9	1	2	96

(a) Includes three Kent, two Oxford, one Spliced. (b) Includes two Kent, one Oxford. (c) Little Bob. (d) Spliced Plain and Little Bob. (e) One Gainsborough Little Bob and one Spliced Gainsborough Little Bob and Plain Bob.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Again we have to report an increase in peal ringing, this year's figure exceeding the total for 1930 by 68 peals.

The following summary shows comparative figures:—

	1931. Tower.	1931. Hand.	1930. Tower.	1930. Hand.
Maximus	15	5	25	—
Cinques	39	4	30	4
Royal	65	22	57	13
Caters	111	11	100	10
Major	791	37	733	42
Triples	414	5	450	7
Minor	355	10	360	8
Doubles	196	2	162	13
	1,986	96	1,917	97

TOWER BELLS.—There is a considerable decrease in the peals of Maximus, being 7 less of Surprise and 6 less of Treble Bob. Three peals of Plain Bob were rung this year, but none in 1930. Stedman Cinques have increased by 14 and Grandsire decreased by 5. Surprise Royal remain the same; Treble Bob Royal have decreased by 2, and other Royal methods increased by 10. In Caters, Stedman have increased by 14 and Grandsire decreased by 3.

In Major methods there has been an increase of 33 in Surprise, 21 of which are London. Double Norwich have increased by 2, Treble Bob by 10, Plain Bob by 7, and other Plain methods by 6. Triples show a decrease of 36. Stedman have increased by 56 (due to the number of peals rung for the Stedman Tercentenary). Grandsire have decreased by 90, and other Plain methods by 2. Minor peals are 5 less and Doubles 34 more.

HANDBELLS.—There is a decrease of one in handbell peals. Peals of Maximus, Royal, Caters and Minor have increased, and Major, Triples and Doubles decreased.

NEW METHODS.—Irchester Surprise Major, Camdon Surprise Major, and Double Biddulph Surprise Minor have been rung for the first time.

ASSOCIATIONS.—The Kent County Association have rung the greatest number of peals, viz., 147, followed by the Lancashire Association with 128, the Yorkshire Association with 116, the Oxford Diocesan Guild with 111, and the Midland Counties with 100. Twenty-seven societies show an increase, the most noticeable being the Yorkshire Association with 53, the Hertford County with 24, the Worcester and Districts with 23, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild with 20. Nineteen societies show a decrease, the greatest being the Chester Guild with 42 less, and the Stafford Archdeaconry 25.

GENERALLY.—Long lengths rung during the year are as follows:—

11,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

10,800 Surprise Minor in 15 methods by the Yorkshire Association.

10,025 Stedman Caters by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

9,600 Double Dublin Surprise Major by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

6,720 Canterbury Pleasure Major by the Sussex County Association.

Notable performances include Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods by the Middlesex County Association, Spliced Surprise Royal in three methods by the Middlesex County Association, Spliced Plain and Little Bob Maximus 'in hand' by the Hertford County Association. Three handbell peals were rung on the Continent on the occasion of the ringers' pilgrimage to the Menin Gate. A non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the Lancashire Association, one of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and a handbell peal of Bob Royal by the Yorkshire Association.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1931 and 1930:—

	1931.	1930.		1931.	1930.
January ...	183	129	July ...	115	117
February ...	151	171	August ...	177	192
March ...	124	144	September ...	197	154
April ...	148	133	October ...	216	177
May ...	208	193	November ...	213	237
June ...	135	147	December ...	215	220

This year's analysis of the footnotes shows an increase in the number of ringers who have scored their first peal. The number is 612, as against 595 in 1930. The number who have rung their first peals in a new method or method on a different number of bells is 1,303, also an increase. Ringers of their first peal inside number 78, away from the tenor 17, in the method inside 110, Maximus 2, Royal 36, Caters 14, Major 70, Triples 13, Minor 91, Doubles 40, on twelve bells 43, on ten 46, on eight 43, on six 3, on five 10, Surprise 31, in hand 19, in method in hand 48. New conductors number 61, and conductors in a new method 111.

Other footnotes show that 62 peals were the first on the bells, 28 since restoration or augmentation, and 171 the first in the method on the bells. Muffled and half-muffled peals number 83, birthday peals

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FAMOUS NORWICH PEAL REHUNG.

CANONS PRESERVED ON ANCIENT BELLS.

There was a crowded church at St. Giles', Norwich, on Friday evening, April 22nd, when the bells, rehung in a new frame with new fittings, were rededicated by the Ven. G. M. MacDermott, M.A., Archdeacon of Norwich and president of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Among the ringers present were the Misses H. W. Bill, A. Cushing, M. Robertson, G. Tunnadine and Messrs. A. L. Coleman (hon. secretary of the association), W. L. Duffield, W. C. Duffield, and representatives from neighbouring towers. Mr. Bert Newson, himself a Norfolk man, was in charge of the work, while Mr. Ronald H. Dove represented the founders at the dedication in the unavoidable absence of Mr. C. F. Johnston. These received the congratulations of everyone present on the excellence of the 'go' and the successful retuning of the former 'pans.' Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have more than justified the confidence placed in them by the authorities.

For the purpose of the service, rounds were rung for about three minutes by Messrs. F. H. Knights, G. Howchin, F. Howchin, G. Mayers, N. Golden, W. E. Bason and G. Bailey, and this company rang at the conclusion of the service a touch of 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. Those who had heard the peal before being sent to Croydon for 'rejuvenation' were agreeably surprised at the transformation, which, while possessing power, are quiet to stand under. It is a pity the new teak frame, a fine piece of craftsmanship, could not have



ST. GILES' CHURCH, NORWICH.

been erected in the churchyard for the public to see before it went into the tower, but the church authorities were anxious to have their bells rung at the earliest possible moment.

The history of these bells is well known, and the following particulars may be of interest:—

Treble.—F. Tho: Newman Made Me. 1738. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.
2.—E. Tho: Newman Made Me. 1738. 4 cwt. 18 lb.
3.—D. No inscription. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.
4.—C. Anno Domini, 1593. W.B. 5 cwt. 18 lb.
5.—B flat. Hac in Conclaue Gabriel nuc Pange Suaue 6 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
6.—A. Missus Vero Pie Gabriel fert Leta Marie. 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
7.—G. Celi Regina Languentibus Sit Medicina. 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.
Tenor.—F. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1869. 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

The total weight of the peal is thus 57 cwt. 23 lb., while there is also a clock bell, 24½in. in diameter, and weighing approximately 3 cwt. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are, incidentally, attending to the clock.

The bells have been retuned and rehung with new fittings throughout, including iron headstocks and ball bearings, in a new teak frame. Five of the bells are pre-Reformation workmanship, and the canons have been retained by fitting to these bells Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's patent canon-retaining headstocks. The peal in the new frame was on view at the 'All-England' ringers' meeting at Croydon on April 2nd.

Norfolk has now a fine addition to her rings of eight. It is hoped these bells may be heard often, and an attempt is to be made to provide a band of Sunday service ringers.

DEATH OF MR. E. G. BUESDEN.

A TALENTED RINGER.

The passing of Edwin G. Buesden, conductor of the Cathedral band at Canterbury, in the prime of life, came as a shock to his many ringing friends in Kent. His affliction had been borne in silence for many years. Little did we, who had rung with him and admired him, know until he was gone that the end was so near, and that Thursday, April 28th, 1932, would see us gathered together to take part in the last sad rites inside the beautiful old-world church, and afterwards in the churchyard of St. Stephen's on the outskirts of the cathedral city, close to the sound of the bells he loved and so often had rung. It was some solace to know our departed friend is resting in such a peaceful, hallowed acre, as yet unspoiled by atrocities in cement and beaver board.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who, in spite of advanced years, walked the whole distance both ways from and to the Cathedral precincts. Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., was present at the organ.

Besides the bereaved family, many other parishioners of St. Stephen's attended the service, as did his fellow-ringers of the Cathedral and other ringing friends from Dover, Tunstall, Tenterden, Stone-in-Oxney and Sturry. Included amongst the wreaths was one from the Cathedral ringers, and one from Mr. H. Parkes.

A guard of honour was sent from deceased's old regiment of Royal Engineers, in which he served as sergeant instructor during 1914-18.

The bells of St. Stephen's were rung half-muffled to touches of Stedman Triples after the interment, and in the evening the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled to his memory. Personally I would have wished the great bell should have been tolled in memory of one of the greatest ringers the Cathedral company has ever seen.

How many peals Ted Buesden had rung I cannot say, as he did not talk or brag of his accomplishments, but he has called Stedman Triples all round the octave, his favourite being 'Pitstow's Transposition.' He called the writer's first of Stedman Caters from the tenor at the Cathedral on the old ten, and when the two trebles were added he called the first peal on the 12—Stedman Cinques, his first of Cinques, along with ten other firsts. It was Ted's peal from first to last, and one often wonders what he would have done had he been ringing in the vicinity of London. But his was a quiet, unassuming nature, content to ring and conduct peals with lesser lights, although he was master of nearly any method and a first-class striker and conductor.

His death has left a vacant place in the hearts of many old friends, including C. W. P.

At Canterbury Cathedral, on Thursday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes), with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. E. G. Buesden, for many years a member of the company: G. G. Jenkins 1, F. R. Weller 2, W. E. Pitman 3, P. J. Paine 4, J. W. Unwin 5, E. H. Spice 6, F. A. Fairbeard 7, F. G. Brett (conductor) 8. H. Parkes 9, G. Simpson 10.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung on Friday evening, April 29th, at St. Mary's, Dover, the bells being half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Edwin G. Buesden, of the Canterbury Cathedral Society: G. Eagles 1, H. J. Saunders 2, J. Eagles 3, R. T. Clark 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner 7, C. Hardiman 8. Ringers of 4, 5, 6 and 7 took part in Mr. Buesden's last peal which he conducted at Folkestone on February 2nd.

DEATH OF MR. B. H. WILKINSON, OF BUSHEY.

The death has occurred at Bushey, Herts, of Mr. Basil H. Wilkinson, a member of the St. Peter's band, and of the Hertford County Association. Mr. Wilkinson, who was a solicitor, died at the age of 66 years after a brief illness. He was buried on April 28th, and in the evening the following rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Bushey Heath, with the bells half-muffled: W. J. Simons (conductor) 1, T. Norris 2, J. E. Rootes 3, F. W. Brinklow 4, C. Cook 5, E. P. Ashby 6, A. Dearmer 7, H. Cockram 8.

For service ringing on Sunday morning the bells were again rung half-muffled by the local band.

ANALYSIS COMMITTEE'S REPORT—(Continued from page 306.) 334, royal birthdays 9, weddings (including golden and silver) 75, church festivals and dedications 33, Armistice Day 21, welcome and farewell peals 39. In addition, 72 peals were rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

In conclusion, we give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 59,302:—

1881	...	156	1919	...	1,048
1898	...	1,002	1921	...	1,632
1905	...	1,519	1930	...	2,014
1913	...	2,358	1931	...	2,082
1917 (war year)		130			

Signed,
EDITH K. FLETCHER.
GEORGE R. PYE.
CHAS. DEAN.
GEORGE W. FLETCHER.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

INCREASED STABILITY.

The annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Bramley Parish Church on Saturday, April 30th, when 32 ringers and friends had tea, and other ringers arriving later increased the attendance to over 50. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Edinburgh, Holbeck, Headingley St. Michael's, Headingley, St. Chad's, Huddersfield, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Queensbury, Rothwell, Rotherham and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the Church Schools, with the President in the chair. Four new members were elected—Messrs. W. Waterhouse and R. Greaves, of Bramley, J. Marshall, of Edinburgh, and A. Firth, of Rotherham.

The secretary's report showed an increase in membership, also that 17 members owed one year's subscriptions, 28 members had lapsed, and one member died (Miss Leach, of Bramley). The balance sheet was worthy of comparison with previous years, and showed increases in receipts and gross total. This continued advance in the stability of the society was praiseworthy, especially when one remembered the heavy expenses of the society during the past year or two, and the effort made in supporting appeals, such as the Stedman Memorial.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnston to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schools, and to the local company and the ladies for kindly providing tea and making other arrangements.—Mr. H. Grimwood seconded, and Mr. Frank Jackson replied.

The next meeting is due to be held at Guiseley.

After the general meeting a committee meeting was held, when the main business was the list of towers to be visited this year. Owing to the increased membership and the number of towers affiliated, the allocation was found to be a very difficult matter, and all members and towers are asked to attend the next meeting and support the committee in a scheme at present under consideration.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CENTRAL DIVISIONAL SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held at St. Margaret's, Ditchling, on Saturday, April 23rd, and was attended by approximately 40 members from Balcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Church of the Good Shepherd), Crawley, Cuckfield, Ditchling, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Seaford, Southover (Lewes), Shoreham, Turners Hill and Uckfield, also a visitor from Horley, Surrey.

The tower was open at 2.30, and there was ringing in various methods up to London Surprise Major. The service followed, when the Vicar, Rev. C. P. Williams, gave an interesting address.

At the business meeting which followed an excellent tea in the Church Room, the Vicar kindly presided. The following new members were elected: A. Absalom (Bolney), A. Stalham (St. Nicholas', Brighton), J. Malins (Cuckfield) and J. Jennings (Hurstpierpoint). The election of Tony Price, of Kingston, as non-resident life member was confirmed.

The divisional secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone, informed the meeting that he was not standing for re-election. He had held the office for 20 years.

Attempts on the part of the members to persuade him to continue for another year met with no success, and eventually Mr. Stone proposed Mr. R. Swift (Crawley) as his successor. This was supported by Mr. R. V. Johnson and carried unanimously by the meeting.

Messrs. G. Apps and J. Wren were re-elected on the committee, and Mr. S. E. Armstrong was elected in place of Mr. J. A. Hart.

The Committee of Advice were re-elected en bloc.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

Ringing was then continued till 8.30, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major in four methods.

YORKSHIRE'S OLDEST LADY RINGER.

DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH BREARLEY.

The death has occurred at Lyndene, Deepcar, near Sheffield, of Mrs. Elizabeth Brearley, widow of the late Mr. David Brearley, himself one of the pioneers of the Yorkshire Association. The deceased lady joined the association in 1895, and, although only a handbell ringer, she took the keenest interest in bells and bellringing, and 30 years ago cycled hundreds of miles with her late husband in pursuit of the art. She came of a family of bellringers, her father, Mr. William Lockwood, being one of the first ringers at Bradfield more than 70 years ago. Her husband, sons and grandson have followed, or are following on, and hope to keep campanology in the family for many years to come.

Sheffield ringers, and particularly the older generation, will remember what an interest Mrs. Brearley took in ringing, and what happy times have been spent together with her and her late husband. Mrs. Brearley was with the party who rang the first peal in the Isle of Man just 50 years ago.

MIDDLESBROUGH LADY'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Friends of Miss Laura Lancaster, of Middlesbrough, will be pleased to read the announcement that she has conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. The peal was accomplished at the first attempt, and a wonderfully good peal it was, too. The older hands vow that the calling was perfect, and the ringing was a treat to listen to. This all reflects credit on Miss Lancaster, as every ringer will agree that when a band has confidence in their conductor there is a greater chance of scoring a good peal than when they are not too sure of the capabilities of the one in charge.



MISS LAURA LANCASTER.

It will be noticed that Miss Lancaster conducted the peal from a non-observation bell, which makes the achievement all the more laudable. It is believed that she is the first lady to conduct a peal in either of the counties of Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire, and it would be interesting to have it placed on record whether this claim is correct or not.

At any rate, whether she is the first or not, she has proved herself a good conductor, and all her friends (and they are very many) look forward to hearing of her conducting further peals.

Miss Lancaster began ringing in 1925 at the age of 18, and made such excellent progress that she scored her first peal in the same year, ringing the 3rd to a peal of Bob Major. She comes of a ringing family. Her father is vice-captain of Middlesbrough tower, and her grandfather, in his day, was a prominent ringer at Tadcaster.

WELL-KNOWN SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Edward Youngs, of Thornham Magna, Suffolk, who died on Monday, April 25th. He had been captain of the local band for 40 years, and for the same length of time had been the respected foreman on the Thornham Hall Estates.

He had rung 136 peals, chiefly on the bells of his parish church. A performance he was justly proud of was ringing the 2nd to a 10,080 in 14 Treble Bob methods in 1912. Through his instrumentality, a marblette tablet was erected in the tower, with a photo of the band, recording the performance. For some years he had been parish clerk, and since learning to ring had charge of the bells, which have had a great number of peals rung on them, and still go well, showing the care he bestowed on them. Owing to heart trouble, he had not done any ringing for two years, but his interest in ringing matters was just as keen, and his kindly welcome and genial smile will never be forgotten by those who knew him. He was a man with many friends and no enemies.

His funeral took place on Thursday and was attended by a number of parishioners and ringers from several parishes, who rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells round the grave, and touches with half-muffled clappers on the tower bells. In the evening an excellently-struck peal was completed by a representative band.

CHOIR BOYS AS RECRUITS FOR BELFRY.

A well-attended meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Yorktown on Saturday, April 23rd. As usual ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and the Guild service at half-past four was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. T. Waithman). The organist and choirboys were present and led the singing. Tea was served in the Parish Room, a company of over 40 sitting down. The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when several new ringing and honorary members were elected.

After a vote of thanks had been passed to the choirboys, Mr. T. A. Stroud, of Frensham, stressed the importance of getting these lads to take up ringing when their voices 'break,' and thus keep them from leaving the church completely, and at the same time bringing the ringing band up to strength.

Votes of thanks were also accorded the Vicar, the organist, the organ blower, the local band of ringers, and the ladies who prepared such an excellent tea.

Ringing was afterwards continued until 9 p.m., thus bringing an enjoyable afternoon to an end.

NOTICES.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.
PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.
Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.
E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 31st, St. Magnus' on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th and 26th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 17th (8 p.m.) and on Sunday, May 22nd, at 5.30; all the others at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, May 7th. Bells of St. Mary's (8, tenor 15¼ cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.30, and tea at Mrs. Brown's Central Café, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 o'clock. By train to Winston Station; buses leave Darlington Market Place every 60 minutes after 12, and Bishop Auckland at 12.35 and every 60 minutes. — Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Buses leave Christ Church, Doncaster, every ½ hour, and from Goole every ½ hour.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District —The next monthly meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look your methods up.—E. C. Gobey. Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on May 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch will be held at Islip on Saturday, May 7th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea will greatly assist me by sending their names early. — F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Jubilee Festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 7th. Annual meeting in Chapter House at 12 noon. Luncheon in Palace grounds at 1.30, 1/6. Festival Service in Cathedral with military band quartet at 3 30. Preacher; The Bishop of Salisbury. Towers open: St. Thomas (8), 11 a.m. to 12, 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Martin's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Paul's, Amesbury, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Dinton, Tisbury, Winterslow (6), all 10 to 11.45 a.m., 5 to 9 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. —F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston (St. Leonard's) on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.15. Bells (6) of Norwood Green also available from 3 to 5. All ringers welcome. (Note—a postcard costs a penny!) —F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Association will be held at Elveden, nr. Thetford, on May 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall (1/- each). Those who require tea please notify Mr. W. A. Bowers, 3, London Road, Elveden, nr. Thetford, by May 6th.—R. Sharpe, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at Kirkby (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) at 5, followed by ringing at Peckleton (6 bells) until 8.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will take place at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5. A good attendance is hoped for, and a hearty invitation to all ringers is extended.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Withington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Tea 6 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by Rector at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. — A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chudleigh on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Garsington (6 bells), on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at 2.30. Guild service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus leaves Oxford (Castle Street) at 1.55 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Everyone welcome.—P. C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, May 7th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The meeting at Horwich has been postponed until May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Epping on Wednesday, May 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Arrangements will be made for service and tea.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, *Wednesday*, May 11th, 7 till 9 p.m. All welcome. — W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Miller) to follow. For tea please notify Mr. F. S. Owen, 187, Falkner Street, Liverpool, by Wednesday, May 11th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Branch Sec., 4, Nall St., Milnrow.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (8) on Saturday, May 14th. Towers open at 2.30 p.m. A business meeting will be held at St. Marie's at 6 p.m. Tea can be had at the numerous cafes close by. A welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.— The next meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at 2 p.m. These bells have just been overhauled by Mears & Stainbank, and are now believed to be the best six in the district, the 'go' being excellent. Will those who require tea please notify Mr. E. Cutts, 379, Milnthorpe Green, Wakefield, by Wednesday, May 11th? All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne on Saturday, May 14th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify me not later than May 11th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Re-opening of Westerleigh bells (6). This will take place on Saturday, May 14th. Service at 6.30 p.m. Rededication and address by the Bishop of Malmesbury. Special bus accommodation for Bristol ringers will be arranged. Those wishing to attend please let us know not later than Wednesday, May 11th. —Edgar Guise, Gen. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol; Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, May 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me, or Mr. W. James, Home Yard, Cobham, by May 11th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, May 14th. Usual arrangements. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, May 11th?—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Kenninghall, Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m., also Quidenham. Business meeting after tea, 5.15. Please notify intention of being present.—N. Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, May 14th. 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.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—The 33rd annual meeting will be held at Elton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Meat tea (2/6) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

EXETER CATHEDRAL.—Ringing on Whit Sunday at 1.15 and 4.30 p.m. Visitors invited.—T. Laver, Heavitree, Exeter.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Whit Monday, May 16th. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day; also Ormesby (8, tenor 18 cwt.); Stockton-on-Tees (10, tenor 27 cwt.). Service in the Parish Church at 12 noon. Dinner will be provided at the Star and Garter Hotel, Marton Road, Middlesbrough, at 1 p.m.: members 2/-, non-members 2/6. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Thursday, May 12th. Will all ringing friends please note change of address?—T. Metcalfe, Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in the Cathedral at 12. Dinner at the Booth Hall Hotel at 1 p.m., 2/6, 1/6 to members obtaining tickets beforehand. Business meeting afterwards. Towers available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), 10.30-12 and 3-8.30; Cathedral (10) 5-8.30.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — The 53rd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 16th. Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, M.A., Dean of Bocking, at 11.30 a.m. Lunch (members 2/-), to be followed by the annual meeting, at the County Hotel, Rainsford, Essex, at 12.30. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than first post previous to Tuesday, May 10th, 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 16th. Bells (8) available from noon; also Wenhaston (6), Wissett (6), and Chediston (6) all day. Tea at Took's Restaurant at 5, 1/- each, for all sending word by May 13th to F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bideford on Whit Monday, May 16th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12.30. Dinner and meeting at Bromley's Restaurant at 1.15. Towers open: Bideford (8), Northam (8), Appledore (8). Central Council members invited as members of the Guild.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Whit Monday, May 16th. Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing from 2 till 3.45 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9 p.m. A special service will be held in St. Peter's Church at 4.15. Address by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon A. C. W. Rose). A meat tea will be provided at the Parish Hall, adjoining the Church, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea, 2/6 each (1/3 to members). Members must notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, May 11th, if they desire tea.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave St., Brighton.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Llandudno on Whit Monday, May 16th. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 3 p.m., followed by business meeting in Church Room. Tea provided at Majestic Cafe. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know as soon as possible.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday. The Central Committee will meet in St. Giles' Buildings at 11 a.m. Service at 12 noon in St. Giles' Church. Lunch at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Lunch tickets can be had on application (with 2/6 remittance) up to Tuesday, May 10th, from Mr. T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, or from the General Secretary. Bells available 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.; St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Giles' (10), St. Sepulchre's (8) from 3 p.m. onwards; St. Giles' 5 to 6; St. Edmund's 6 to 7; Duston (6) from 4 to 6. Frequent bus service to Duston from Horse Shoe Street and St. Andrew's Road.—R. G. Black, General Secretary, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Shalford on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. L. Hunter, Bradstone Brook Cottage, Shalford. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (1/- per head) followed by business meeting at the Brickmakers' Arms after service. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 17th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available: Holy Trinity, West Hill, 3.15 to 4.30; All Saints', 3 to 5, and after meeting. Service at All Saints' Church, 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. G. Gray, 34, Merton Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18, not later than Wednesday, May 25th. All are welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—A special general meeting will be held in Croydon on Saturday, June 11th. Please reserve the date.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

ST. THOMAS', PENDLETON.—For anything in connection with these bells, please communicate with Mr. R. Johnson, 12, Broad Street, Pendleton, Manchester.

BIRTH.

MARSTON.—On April 29th, at St. Mary's Nursing Home, to Mrs. F. Marston (nee Edith Lawrence), a member of Christ Church, Upper Armley, Change Ringers' company, a son.

DEATH.

SALTER. — On 2nd inst., at 5, Habberley Street, Kidderminster, J. Thomas Salter passed peacefully away, aged 65 years. Will friends please accept this, the only intimation.

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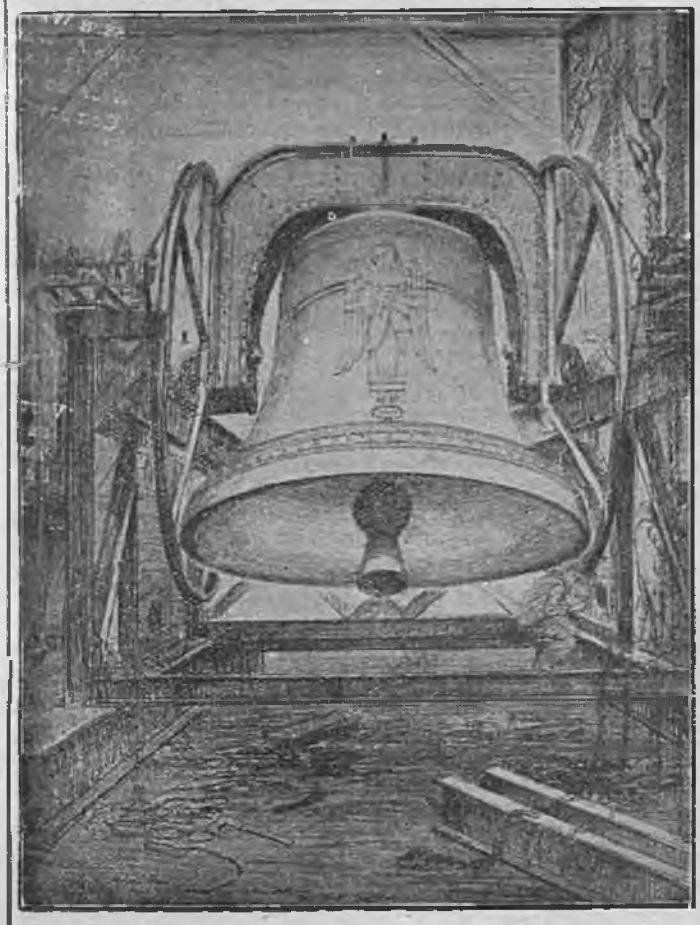

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SALISBURY GUILD ENTHUSIASM.

There is an idea abroad that one has to go into the towns and cities to find real enthusiasm for ringing, but any who think thus would have had the notion rudely shattered had they visited Salisbury on Saturday. There they would have found between four and five hundred ringers, drawn mostly from rural Wilts and Dorset, assembled to celebrate the jubilee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. There was enthusiasm in a marked degree—enthusiasm for the work in which they, as ringers, are engaged; enthusiasm for the Guild which, through fifty years, has fostered their art and striven persistently to elevate their status in the Church. The Salisbury Diocesan Guild has not been always prominent in the public eye; its work has never been spectacular, but obviously it has dug deeply into the affections of the ringers of the two counties. Its success is manifest. How many other associations could draw together such a gathering, even for an event of equal importance? And yet in the diocese of Salisbury the work of the Guild is hampered by lack of means of inter-communication—not so much perhaps since the advent of the ubiquitous motor-bus, but even to-day badly handicapped compared with many districts.

The inculcation of change ringing has been a slow and laborious process, but the seed planted by the pioneers of fifty years ago has gradually borne increasing fruit and the art is now very generally practised throughout the length and breadth of the two counties. For years it was a long uphill struggle, and there is still spade work to be done, but in face of all the difficulties that have had to be faced, change ringing has made wonderful progress in recent years. More fortunately placed associations can have little realisation of the obstacles which confront organisation and progress in widely scattered rural areas such as are to be found in Wilts and Dorset, where ten or twelve miles may separate one 'ringing' tower from the next, and even that dozen miles may mean a railway journey of thirty miles or more. Then there has been the rural prejudice against 'scientific' ringing to break down before the interest in the art could be built up and before those who were content to do as their fathers did before them could be brought to see that there was something even better in ringing than call changes.

If one looks for the secret of the success of the Salisbury Guild it is not to be found in the genius of any individual leader, or the inspiration of any particular company. It has been brought about by team work; by the efforts of many ringers ready and willing to do their part, however humble, in furthering a cause to which they were

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themselves devoted, and their interest in which they were able to impart to others. It is only in this way that one can account for the unexcelled loyalty and enthusiasm which Saturday's large gathering at Salisbury revealed, a loyalty and enthusiasm which came from the remote villages as well as from the towns, a loyalty and enthusiasm which many associations, which consider themselves more favourably placed, might well envy. They may not have the greatest change ringers in Wilts and Dorset, but the keenness of these men and women and their interest in their Guild, as shown by Saturday's festival, is unsurpassed anywhere in the country.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Four Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

EDWARD JENKINS	...*Treble*	TOM WILDE	7
WILLIAM BIBBY	2	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	8
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ...	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	9
JOHN HOLMAN	4	*WILLIAM HORAN	10
GEORGE R. NEWTON	5	JAMES H. RIDING	11
THOMAS B. WORSLEY	6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. Mr. Morris' 100th peal, which includes Cambridge on six to 12 bells. Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss V. M. Hughes, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

JOHN PRICE	...*Treble*	HARRY GOODMAN...	6
WILLIAM GREEN	2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	7
GILBERT T. GUEST	3	HENRY GOODMAN	8
SAMUEL J. HUGHES	4	HERBERT SHEPPARD	9
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.	5	GEORGE BOUGHEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Gilbert T. Guest and Mrs. W. Green, wife of Mr. W. Green, of Old Hill, ringer of the 2nd. It was also the annual peal for the above Guild.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

EDWIN H. SPICE ...	...*Treble*	†H. DENNIS FORD	6
WILLIAM SPICE	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	7
*WILLIAM G. TURLEY ...	3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ...	8
CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	9
THOMAS E. SONE	5	STAFFORD H. GREEN	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Plain Bob and Royal.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

RICHARD HAYES	...*Treble*	MAURICE SMITHER	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	*GORDON WOOTTON	7
RAYMOND OVERY	3	*ERNEST J. AYLIFFE	8
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE	9
BARRY ELLIOTT	5	*HARRY MULLARD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. ROGERS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal on ten and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Mullard.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¾ cwt.

C. HENRY WEBB ...	...*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
PERCY L. HARRISON	2	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
LOUIS E. ALLEN...	3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	COLIN HARRISON	9
*ALAN W. RANDS	5	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Royal. Quickest peal of Royal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the marriage of George Stedman Morris and Miss Edith May Olieff, which took place at St. Margaret's (where the bridegroom is a ringer) prior to this peal.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

EDGAR GUISE	...*Treble*	PERCY C. WILLIAMS	6
WILLIAM KNIGHT	2	JOHN G. JEFFRIES	7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ...	3	FRANK SKIDMORE	8
ALFRED E. REEVES	4	JOSEPH GOULD	9
GEORGE POPNELL	5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

Arranged for the marriage of Miss Dora Burford (daughter of Mr. John Burford) to Mr. Philip Davies, which took place earlier in the day. Seven of the ringers are officials of the association, and the band was constituted as a tribute to Mr. J. Gould, Master, for his jubilee as a church bellringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OSPRINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD H. SPICE	5
ALFRED H. POLLING	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN.	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE	4	C. ERNEST SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

PERCY ALMOND	...*Treble*	HARRY EVERS	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	2	WILLIAM DENT	6
GEORGE GREEN	3	WILLIAM CHALK	7
GEORGE WIGHTMAN	4	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM CHALK.

First peal as conductor in any method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wm. Dent.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK SALTER	5
WILLIAM THORNLEY	2	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ...	6
FREDERICK BROWN	3	JOHN W. KIRTON...	7
HENRY HARRISON	4	EDWARD FRED GOBEY...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT	...*Treble*	ALFRED CLAYTON	5
WILLIAM H. JOINER	2	ALBERT CALVER	6
JOHN LOTT	3	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	4	HERBERT TOURLE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED H. POLLING ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
WILLIAM J. WOOD	4	GEORGE WOOD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY B. DOBBIE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the infant daughter of the Rev. J. H. Lovelock, curate at Milton Regis Parish Church.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, April 25, 1932, 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.
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS	...*Treble*	SIDNEY HILLIER	5
CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE	6
GEORGE H. ARCHARD	3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... ...	7
ARTHUR J. WEST	4	WILLIAM C. WEST ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

100th peal by J. Francis, 50 of which have been rung with W. C. West. This peal was rung as a compliment to Mrs. W. C. West.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, April 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
GEORGE GILBERT	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	LEONARD STILWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL

First in the method as conductor and 100th peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, April 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

ALAN R. PINK	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARRINER	5
ALFRED L. BROWN	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	6
W. CYRIL SMITH	3	HARRY ELLIOTT	7
WILLIAM J. WHITING... ...	4	ALBERT HARMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

Mr. George Marriner's 50th peal for the Guild.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church on April 24th, for morning service, 1,280 London Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, G. Slater 3, T. King 4, N. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, April 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF EDINBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Albert E. Whiting	*Treble*	George Bennett	5
Leslie C. Wightman	2	James Bennett, jun.	6
George Pryke	3	T. William Last	7
George Whiting	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

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

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

William Armour	*Treble*	Harold B. Ditchburn	5
George S. Taylor	2	Thomas H. Reeves	6
Thomas Stephenson	3	Joseph W. Parker	7
John J. Leighton	4	Robert L. Patterson	*Tenor*

Composition Arranged and Conducted by Joseph W. Parker.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Roland Kendall	*Treble*	*Harry Wilde	5
Edgar Whiteley	2	Albert Pickles	6
Clifford Ellison	3	William Ambler	7
Harold Pearce	4	*Sam Longbottom	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Ambler.

* First peal in the method. All Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Drake, a member of the local company, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss M. Helliwell.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	William Fernley	5
Thomas B. Worsley	2	*Christopher Gudgeon	6
James Fernley, sen.	3	*William Horan	7
James H. Riding	4	James C. E. Simpson	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights (167). Conducted by E. Jenkins.

* First peal in the method.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Robert Smith	*Treble*	Fred C. Ginn	5
Mansfield Ginn	2	Frank Warrington	6
Dennis Adams	3	Arthur J. Ginn	7
*George Whybrow	4	Alfred G. Rivers	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Gobey. Conducted by Frank Warrington.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in spliced methods on the bells, by all the band and by the association. The Vicar (Rev. J. Duffil) congratulated the band on ringing the peal, and very kindly entertained them to tea.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Taunton Deanery Branch.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

S. George Coles	*Treble*	Arthur H. Reed	5
*Walter H. Poole	2	William G. Gigg	6
Sydney A. Wyatt	3	William H. Lloyd	7
Alfred J. Wyatt	4	James Hunt	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by James Hunt.

* First peal of Major. Also first of Major on the bells.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

William Green	*Treble*	Arthur Panther	5
Mrs. T. Colin Ryder	2	Arthur Gill	6
T. Colin Ryder	3	Charles Poulteney	7
Harold Chant	4	Albert Nash	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis Conducted by A. Nash.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First 'touch' in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. A birthday compliment to the conductor (27th), A. Gill (25th), and Mrs. Poulteney (May 3rd).

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

William Henley	*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell	5
William Welling	2	Frederick W. Goodfellow	6
Phyllis M. Mayne	3	Harry Wingrove	7
George Martin	4	Cecil C. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by C. C. Mayne.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edith,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

Alfred Ballard	*Treble*	Ernest W. Tipler	5
C. Henry Webb	2	Percival A. Aldham	6
Edward R. Whitehead	3	Joseph Beale	7
William A. Wood	4	George A. Newton	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. Inglesant. Conducted by G. A. Newton.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*Robert T. Simpson	*Treble*	Roland Park	5
†Joseph Smith	2	Thomas Clark	6
James T. Titt	3	W. Norman Park	7
George W. Park	4	Lucian Venus	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Park.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Mr. J. Smith has been a ringer at the above church for 35 years, and the peal was a birthday compliment to him.

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STOKE POGES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's, with all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK WEST	*Treble*	GEORGE H. GUITERIDGE ...	4
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ...	2	F. DONALD BORRHAM	5
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	FRANK CORKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

HAROLD ASTBURY	*Treble*	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... ...	4
*BRYAN FERNYHOUGH ...	2	JOHN BRASSINGTON	5
†ERIC B. ALLMAN	3	ARTHUR ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. BRASSINGTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM NEWTON	*Treble*	LEONARD G. JORDAN	3
FRANCIS R. DEACON	2	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	4
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. R. WHITEHEAD.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two six-scores of Stedman, ten Plain Bob and thirty Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES CATTELL	*Treble*	*SIDNEY HARRISON	3
ERNEST MORRIS	2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	4
*EDWIN CATTELL	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Doubles. Rung on the festival of St. Mark.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thursday, April 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

DAVID WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE BROWN	4
JAMES BEITS	2	ERNEST F. POPPY	5
ALPHÆUS BERRY	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.
Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of the late Edward Youngs, for many years captain at this tower.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*HENRY C. JONES	*Treble*	*HENRY P. BULL	4
C. JESSE POPLETT	2	†CHRISTOPHER J. BADRICK	5
*FREDERICK J. REEVE ...	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells, which were cast by Thomas Mears in 1806. The band wish to record their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local band for their very cordial welcome. Treble man from Ellesborough, Bucks, ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5 from Tring.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Lancaster, Stamford, London, Wells, Yorks, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT SHARP	*Treble*	FRANCIS BALL	4
AMOS SMART	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE	3	WALTER PERKINS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

HENLOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR W. DILLEY	*Treble*	HERBERT SHERMAN	4
TOM BARTRAM	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	5
REGINALD WEST	3	HERBERT L. HARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.
First peal on the bells since a new treble was added.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of London Surprise, Woodbine, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Exercise, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER...	*Treble*	GEORGE ELLIS	4
KENNETH SNELLING	2	ALFRED J. BULL	5
ROBERT SWIFT	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN MYHILL	*Treble*	*JOHN LONGLEY	4
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ...	2	ERNEST J. RUNTER	5
HERBERT DEVENISH	3	EDWARD KEMP	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. RUNTER.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the christening of the grandson of Canon F. Paynter, who was for 32 years Rector of Springfield, who performed the ceremony. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the son of Mr. E. Kemp.

DRINKSTONE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*HERBERT C. FORDHAM ..	*Treble*	*HARRY D. LISTER	4
PERCY L. JOHNSON	2	GEORGE W. ABLITT	5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ...	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
* First peal in six methods. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY HALL,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*BASIL REDGWELL	1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE...	5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3-4	GEORGE WIFFEN	7-8
ALBERT WIFFEN	9-10		

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal on ten bells.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON ELECTED MASTER.

A large attendance of ringers gathered at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th, for the annual meeting of the Guild. The proceedings were commenced by ringing on the Cathedral bells and on the two peals of six at St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's in the early afternoon. As usual, a large number visited the Cathedral for a pull on the beautiful peal of twelve—a rare event for most of them. Service followed in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral, when the address was given by Canon Jeudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln and president of the Guild, who made feeling reference to the irreparable loss sustained by the death of the Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Guild, in February last.

Tea was served in the Co-operative Hall, 150 being present. This is a record for recent years—probably not since the war has there been such a large attendance. Before commencing tea, the gathering had the pleasure of listening to a short address from the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, who also made sympathetic reference to the late Master, and told of some interesting personal experiences he had had when visiting Mr. James at Surfleet.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea, Canon Jeudwine, president, taking the chair. He was supported on the dais by the officers of the Guild, the members of the committee, and the Dean of Lincoln.

Canon Jeudwine was unanimously re-elected president of the Guild. The office of Master, held for the past thirty years or more by the late Rev. H. Law James, was filled by the election of Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, who is a well-known and popular figure not only in Lincolnshire, but in many other parts of the country.

Mr. F. W. Stokes and Mr. F. F. Linley were re-elected hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively.

The president read the balance sheet and the report on the year's work. Progress is indicated by the following extract from the report:—

'Ninety-three peals have been rung. This constitutes a new record, being six more than the record number rung last year. Twenty-six members have rung their first peal. Six peals of Surprise Major (four of London and two of Cambridge) is the greatest number in any one year. The Southern Branch have again earned distinction by ringing a peal of Minor in twenty-one Surprise methods. As is fitting in the Stedman Tercentenary year, ten peals of Stedman were rung—two of Cinques, two of Caters and six of Triples, which is more than in any previous year.'

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Two offices rendered vacant by the death of the late Master were filled by the unanimous election of Canon H. T. Parry as representative on the Diocesan Committee on Faculties, and of Mr. J. Phillips as Central Council representative.

The Dean of Lincoln thanked the Guild for inviting him to make their acquaintance. He said he had found the meeting very interesting, and, although he knew very little about the practical side of ringing, he always found great pleasure in listening to the result of their labour—the ringing of the bells. He made an amusing reference to the way in which a band of ringers climbed innumerable steps to the belfry, carefully locked themselves in, and then started to ring a peal, away from all observation. He thought it was an excellent example of self-effacement.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Bishop and Dean of Lincoln for their presence and speeches, to the chairman for presiding and for arranging the service and giving the address, to the Cathedral authorities and the incumbents of St. Botolph's and St. Peter-at-Gowts for the use of the bells, and to Mr. George Chester and Mr. J. A. Freeman for their valuable help in making all the local arrangements.

Ringing was continued during the evening at the various towers. At the Cathedral, touches on twelve, ten and eight were rung, besides rounds on the twelve for the benefit of those not further advanced. Ringers from all parts of the county were in evidence, besides visitors from Sheffield, Derby, Loughborough, and other places. A large number of methods were rung, ranging from Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Maximus, Bristol and London Surprise Major, to Grandsire and Plain Bob.

SHILTON MAJOR.

21346587	
12435678	
21436587	Bob
24163857	24163578
42618375	
42163857	
24618375	Bob
26481735	26481357

The above are the first eight changes of Kent Treble Bob, which, repeated seven times, give the plain course.

First peal (5,184) rung at Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, April 9th, 1932, composed and conducted by Ernest Morris.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL.

The Sub-Committee has met during the course of the year and has re-drafted the Rules of the Council in accordance with the schedule attached to this Report.

At the present time, however, it only presents the re-draft to the Council as a Report in order that an opportunity may arise during the coming twelve months for its discussion and examination. Should any discrepancies then be pointed out, the draft rules can be amended and notice will be given to move the new set of Rules at the Council Meeting in 1933. As this Meeting is due to take place in London, where the most representative Council is usually available, it would seem more fitting that the passage of the Rules should be referred to at that time, rather than it should be brought forward at a provincial meeting.

(Signed) E. W. ELWELL,
Convener.

SCHEDULE.

1. The Council shall be known as the 'Central Council of Church Bellringers.'

2. 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.

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, upon application, if eligible, be affiliated to the Council, and shall subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of 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 shall 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 and diocesan societies shall be the number of annual subscribing honorary and ringing members, and resident life members.

No representative member shall be eligible as an honorary member.

The voting powers of honorary members shall be equal with those of representative members.

(Note.—Here and elsewhere in these Rules the word 'member' shall be taken as meaning 'member of the Council.')

3. The election of representative members shall take place triennially, at least four weeks before the commencement of each triennial session, and the names and addresses of those elected shall forthwith be forwarded to the Secretary of the Council. In the event of a vacancy the new member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the triennium.

4. Honorary members shall be elected for three years and, on retiring, shall be eligible for re-election, provided that any honorary member who during his term of office may be elected a representative member shall, ipso facto, vacate his honorary membership. The Council may fill a vacancy among the honorary members at any annual meeting of the Council.

5. All societies returning representative members to the Council shall contribute annually, in January, 5s. on behalf of each representative member to which it is entitled, to meet the expenses of conducting the business of the Council, and no representative member shall be entitled to vote at an annual meeting of the Council until the subscription of the Society he represents be paid.

6. The Council shall meet once annually, about Whitsuntide, in some convenient centre, as agreed upon at the previous meeting, but the Meeting following the Triennial Election shall always be in London. Any meeting of the Council may be extended to additional sittings on the same or the following day on a motion for adjournment being put and carried. The President shall have power, in case of emergency, to call special meetings of the Council, and he shall at any time summon such a special meeting on receipt of a requisition signed by twelve members.

7. At the Annual Meeting next after each Triennial Election a President and Honorary Secretary shall be chosen from among the members to serve for three years, the Honorary Secretary acting also as Treasurer. In the event of the President and Honorary Secretary vacating office before the expiration of the three years, the ensuing meeting shall elect a member to fill the vacancy during the remainder of the period. The retiring President and Honorary Secretary shall be eligible for re-election at the expiration of their term of office. The President shall retire from the chair immediately his successor in office is elected, but the Honorary Secretary shall continue in office till the business of the meeting is concluded. All nominations for these offices shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary, signed by two members of the Council, not less than two months previous to the meeting, and such nominations shall appear on the agenda paper. The next business after the election of the President and Honorary Secretary shall be the election of honorary members.

8. The Council shall triennially appoint at its London Meeting two Auditors who shall audit the Annual Accounts of the Council and report to each Annual Meeting.

9. The Council shall have power to appoint Committees for any purpose for which it may appear desirable; and also, if the state of the funds permit, to allow the necessary expenses of holding the Committee Meetings. Each Committee also shall appoint a convener and shall report annually at or before the meeting of the Council. Such reports as have not previously been published shall be made in writing, signed by the convener of the Committee and shall be read at the meeting. Copies of all reports shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary at least seven days before the meeting.

10. All resolutions to be proposed shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary in writing, signed by two members of the Council, not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting, and shall be placed by him on the agenda, together with the names of the proposer and seconder of the resolution. But it shall be competent, on a vote of the majority of the meeting, for the Council to discuss a subject not upon the agenda paper, providing such subject does not affect the Rules or Constitution of the Council.

11. At the meetings of the Council the President shall take the chair, and in the event of his absence the members present shall elect a Chairman for that meeting. The Chairman shall have a casting vote. Twenty members shall form a quorum. Every new member, whether representative or honorary, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by a member to the President, or, in the absence of the President, to the Chairman of the meeting.

12. Each member shall have one vote.

13. Full notice of the date, arrangements, and agenda for each meeting shall be advertised in the ringing papers approximately seven weeks previous to such meeting; but it shall not be incumbent on the Honorary Secretary to send notice to each member. The names of the members present and the business transacted at each meeting shall be entered in the minute book and reported to the ringing papers. Copies of the resolutions passed by the Council shall be forwarded to the affiliated societies as soon as is convenient after the meeting.

14. At each Annual Meeting the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer shall submit the audited statement of accounts for the previous year for adoption by the meeting.

15. Alterations in the Rules of the Council shall be made only at the Annual Meetings, and every notice of a proposed alteration shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary, signed by two members of the Council, not less than two months before the Meeting. All alterations in the Rules of the Council shall be passed by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH WELCOME TO NEW MASTER.

At the monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch at Henbury, on Saturday, April 30th, Bristol ringers gave Mr. J. Gould (the new Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association) a real rousing welcome.

Mr. W. H. Thomas (branch chairman) spoke very highly of the work done by Mr. Gould in the past when things were not as easy as they are to-day, and said no one knew or ever would know all he had done to further the cause and to benefit the Exercise generally. He also congratulated Mr. Gould on this being the jubilee year of his services as a Sunday ringer at Henbury Church—truly a record to be proud of! Mr. Gould was chairman of the Bristol Branch for several years after the war, and had been greatly instrumental in bringing the branch up to its present flourishing state.

The Vicar of Henbury spoke in glowing terms of the 'value of Go(u)ld' in Henbury. He said we had heard a lot about the fluctuation of the £, but was pleased to say that they were still on the Go(u)ld standard in that parish, the value always being 'sterling.'

About 60 members attended, and Mr. Gould was received with musical honours and three lusty cheers.

The bells were going from 3 p.m. to the usual methods, from Rounds and Queen's to Cambridge Surprise. Service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Lloyd, and was fully choral. It was greatly appreciated by all who attended. A collection for Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial amounted to 15s. 6d.

After the service, tea was partaken of in Blaise Castle House, having been very nicely prepared by Mrs. Gould and other lady helpers. At the meeting which followed, two new members were elected.

The secretary announced the reopening of Westerleigh bells on May 14th, when he hoped there would be a good gathering; also the combined meeting of the Bristol and Wotton-under-Edge Branches at Yate by invitation of Canon Smith.

Everybody was very pleased to see the evergreen Mr. John Austen from Gloucester present.

Mr. J. G. Jefferies proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for taking the service and for the use of the bells, also to the choir and organist and ladies who waited at tea.—This was received with applause.

A further move was made to the tower, where ringing was indulged in until 8.30 p.m., and brought a very pleasant and memorable meeting to a close.

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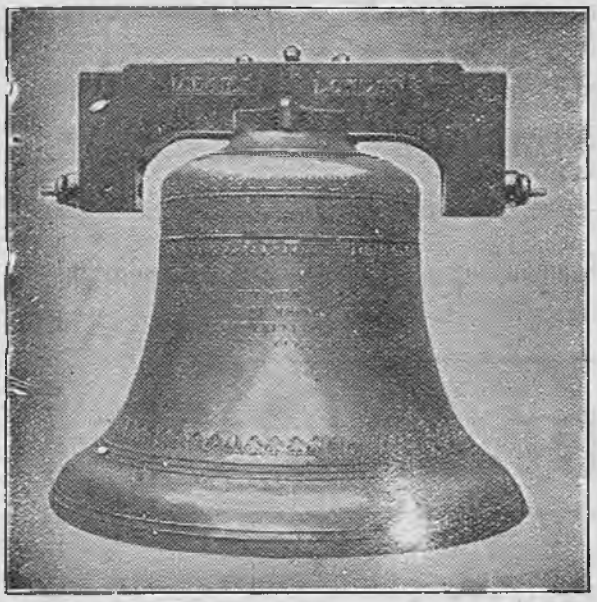

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On Monday afternoon last week a demonstration of the Carter ringing machine was given at the Victoria and Albert Museum. It was at the instance of some of the leading officials of H.M. Office of Works, Westminster, who expressed themselves as being both pleased and interested. Mr. G. R. Fardon, one of the two demonstrators appointed by the Central Council, manipulated the machine, and Mr. E. Alexr. Young (a trustee) was also present.

As a result of the B.U.R.G. visit to the Clifton Zoological Gardens in January the keepers and gardeners have formed themselves into a Guild to ring the bells of Emmanuel Church, Clifton.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe is arranging a week's ringing tour in Suffolk, July 3rd to the 9th inclusive. He would be pleased to hear from any ringers who would like to join the party. Suggestions as to towers and methods will be welcome. Mr. Pipe's address is Roseville, Thorpe Road, Staines.

Mr. George Holifield, sen., one of the ringing stalwarts of Appleton, Berks, celebrated his 74th birthday on Sunday, when for evening service a special touch of Grandsire Caters was rung in honour of the event.

The time of the peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne was 3 hrs. 39 mins. The ringer of the 6th was James Lees, and he and Herbert Barlow belong to Oldham. T. Wilde is from Hyde.

ROYAL VISIT TO CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

PRINCE GEORGE HAS A LESSON IN CHANGE RINGING.

H.R.H. Prince George paid a surprise visit to the bell foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at Croydon on Tuesday. His Royal Highness was received by Mr. Cyril Johnston, who presented Mrs. Cyril Johnston, Mrs. A. A. Johnston, Mr. R. A. Houseman (general manager), members of the staff, Miss Nora Johnston and Messrs. Henry S. Wesson and Sydney Potter, the last-named having arrived to give a joint recital on the great carillon for the University of Chicago for the benefit of a party of guests.

The visit began with a detailed tour of the Works, when the mammoth clock for the new Shell-Mex building, bell frames in course of construction, the foundry and the tuning machines were all inspected and explained.

The Prince is himself an amateur pianist, and was particularly interested in the widely differing tones of sundry old and new peals and in the improved methods of tuning. Mr. Johnston explained at some length the general principles governing change ringing, and, with the aid of Snowdon's 'Diagrams,' the royal visitor was quick to grasp the intricacy of Superlative Surprise and the comparatively simple path depicted by the pattern of Grandsire Triples.

The Prince asked specially for the five great Chicago bells to be swung, and subsequently watched Miss Johnston at work on the clavier.

Music during tea was provided by Messrs. Wesson and Potter, and the Prince, before taking his departure, expressed his great interest in all that he had seen and heard during the visit.

LOCKED CHURCH DOORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Last Saturday week I visited a church in the Midlands which is of special personal interest to me. I was much disappointed to find that a band of ringers, who were evidently attempting a peal of Bob Major, had locked the main door. Enquiry at the Vicarage proved that it was impossible to get into the church, and that the locking of the tower door was sufficient to prevent interruption. Perhaps mention of the fact may warn other bands not to make themselves unpopular with visitors. Incidentally, I noticed that seven of the ringers disliked an open lead almost as much as an open door.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

PEALS CONDUCTED BY LADIES IN YORKSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whilst offering my hearty congratulations to Miss Lancaster on her achievement in conducting the peal of Treble Bob Major at Middlesbrough, I should like to point out in answer to the query which is set forth in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' that three other ladies have the distinction of having conducted a peal in the county of York, as the following notes culled from the peal records of the Yorkshire Association will show:—

On April 11th, 1920, Miss Olive L. Lumley (Mrs. James Cotterell) conducted a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on handbells at Armley, Leeds. This was the first peal called by a lady for the Yorkshire Association, and the first peal rung on handbells in the method in the county.

On Saturday, January 7th, 1928, Miss Molly Davenport (Mrs. E. S. Powell) conducted a peal of Bob Major at St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield. This was the first peal of Major to be rung by a band composed entirely of ladies.

On Tuesday, November 11th, 1930, Miss L. Noel Cawthorne conducted a peal of Bob Major, also at St. Mary's, Handsworth.—Yours truly,

WM. BARTON,
Peal Secretary, Y.A.C.R.

JUBILEE OF SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A MEMORABLE GATHERING.

NEARLY 500 RINGERS AT FESTIVAL SERVICE.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild celebrated its jubilee on Saturday under the most auspicious circumstances. Favoured with a glorious day, nearly five hundred members concentrated on the cathedral city there to commemorate the fifty years of splendid work done by the Guild in the counties of Wilts and Dorset. After having disposed of the usual business associated with the annual meeting, luncheon was served in a large marquee erected in the Palace grounds, and, following this, in the glorious Cathedral, a festival service was held that must have greatly impressed all who were privileged to take part in it. Not only the bells of the city, but of many towers in the surrounding country were open to the ringers during the day, and parties from far-away corners of the diocese made full use of them as they journeyed to and from Salisbury. There has never been such a representative gathering of ringers in the diocese, and it spoke volumes for the enthusiasm of the members that they should attend in such large numbers.

The official proceedings began with the business meeting held in the Chapter House of the Cathedral, and over which the president, the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.P., presided. He was supported by Archdeacon Carpenter, the Master (Rev. R. H. Gundry), and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards).

The President first extended a word of warmest welcome to the members, whom he was glad to see present in such large numbers.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, in presenting the balance sheet, said for the first time, as far as he remembered, he had to report a reduced balance. That was due entirely to some abnormal expenditure, which, however, he thought was quite justified. There was the £5 they voted to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund and the sum expended on the copies of the leaflet on Grandsire for the use of beginners. The receipts were £55 9s. 3d., and the expenditure £59 1s. 9d. They had begun the year with a balance in hand of £47 2s. 8d., and were left with a working balance of £43 10s. 2d. Besides that, they had on deposit a sum of £53 8s. 11d.

The balance sheet was adopted, and the general officers re-elected, viz.: Master, Rev. R. H. Gundry; hon. secretary and treasurer, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. Green: hon. auditors, Rev. R. E. G. Newman (Gillingham) and Mr. H. Hopkins (Kington Magna). The three members of the committee to be elected were re-appointed: Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe, Mr. J. R. Jerram and Mr. E. B. Barter. The hon. secretary mentioned that Mr. Jerram was the only surviving link in the diocese with the first year of the Guild's existence, and he had received a letter from Mr. Jerram, whose health would not permit him to attend the meeting, expressing regret at his absence and wishing them success. Mr. Jerram's presence on the committee was still of considerable value to them for obvious reasons. If they wanted to know anything on any point of past history or precedent he was the one person to whom they could refer.

The election by the branches of members of the committee was duly confirmed.

THE HERVEY BEAMS MEMORIAL.

The Rev. C. C. Cox, asked to report on the Hervey Beams memorial, said he had been informed that the Bradpole Church authorities were inclined to abandon the scheme for a screen in favour of new stalls for the choir men, which would complete the chancel and would not cost so much. As yet, however, the committee had not received the details of the proposal.

Replying to a question, the President said all the money required had been collected.

Mr. C. D. Heginbothom (chairman of the Devizes Branch) brought forward a proposal for a revision of the branch rules. They were, he said, out of date in several respects, and he suggested that in the coming year the branches should consider them and submit any suggested alterations to the committee, who should bring their recommendations before the next annual general meeting.—The proposal was agreed to.

The Hon. Secretary said requests for help for bell restoration had been received from Chirton and Marden, where the bells were to be rehung, and Downton, where the tenor was cracked and had to be recast. He also mentioned the special case of St. Thomas', Salisbury, where the Guild had frequently enjoyed hospitality. The church was faced with the restoration of the roof because of an attack of the death watch beetle, and he thought the Guild might make a grant towards this fund. He had also received a letter asking for support for the national memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, which was to take the form of two additional bells at Tewkesbury Abbey. He proposed that they should make a grant of two guineas to Chirton, one guinea to Marden, one guinea to Downton, two guineas to St. Thomas', Salisbury, and half a guinea to the Davies memorial.

The Rev. C. C. Cox said he would second the resolution if the proposer would make the donation to the Davies Memorial one guinea, as he thought half a guinea would be rather a poor contribution from a Guild like theirs. —The hon. secretary gladly accepted the suggestion, and the grants were then agreed to.

TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that, although they were very properly celebrating their jubilee in connection with their annual festival, the actual anniversary of the foundation of the Guild was Wednesday, September 14th, and the committee had agreed that they should ask the members of the Guild in all affiliated towers to do some special ringing to mark the day throughout the diocese. He did not think that they should make any large attempt at peal ringing, because it would take ringers away from their own towers. What they wanted was to get all the ringers to celebrate the anniversary in their own towers on the same day, but if they could ring peals with local bands they should do so. There was one other thing which might also be done, and that was, with the permission of the incumbents, to hoist the flag on the church towers.

Letters of good wishes had been received, the hon. secretary stated, from Canon Coleridge, the Master of the Oxford Diocesaan Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and the Bishop of Sherborne. A letter had also been received from the widow of the late past-president of the Guild, Captain Acland, to whom he had written a letter of sympathy on the death of her husband. In conveying her grateful thanks, Mrs. Acland said her husband often spoke of his great pleasure at being closely connected with the Guild. He had always been a keen ringer since his Oxford days, and it was a sad blow to him when the doctor ordered him to give it up, but he never lost his interest in the work in Dorset. He taught all his children to ring handbells from the time they were quite small.

The Rev. W. Uphill, Rector of Stour Provost, Dorset, was elected a member of the Guild.

The Master thanked the members once again for electing him, although he said he felt he had not done as much for the Guild as he would have liked to do. He expressed appreciation of the services of the hon. secretary, who, he pointed out, was also treasurer and a man who was very careful with the money. At the same time he was always ready to help where help was needed. When he got a little bit more in hand he (the Master) was going to make a suggestion to him. He was going to suggest that to enable him (Mr. Gundry) to do his work properly and visit the corners of Wiltshire and Dorset, the treasurer should provide from the funds of the Guild for the use of the Master an aeroplane (laughter).

The President, before closing the meeting, said that during the year they had lost two vice-presidents. One of them, Capt. Acland, at the ripe age of 84, the other Mr. Brownlee West, of Devizes, who passed away a few days ago at the advanced age of 88. He asked the members to stand for a few moments in silence to mark their sympathy.

A BIG LUNCHEON PARTY.

Nearly four hundred members and friends sat down to luncheon in the Palace grounds, the president being supported by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, the Mayor of Salisbury, Archdeacon Carpenter, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), the Master of the Guild, the hon. secretary, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol), etc. At the conclusion of the meal the loyal toast was honoured, and the Mayor of Salisbury then proposed the toast of 'The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.' He offered the Guild a very cordial welcome to the city, and said that his long association with St. Thomas' Church and the ringers of that church had convinced him of the value of the services of ringers to any church which was fortunate enough to possess a peal of bells. The English Sunday, which he hoped they would always preserve (applause), was beautified by the sound of the church bells calling them to worship. Sunday would not be the same without the call of the church bells, and the work of the ringers was of definite value in Church life, while no national or even civic event of importance was complete without a peal on the bells. One of the pleasant experiences of a Mayor of Salisbury, on entering on his year of office, was to be welcomed by a peal from St. Thomas' Church tower. He hoped the Guild would always flourish and receive the support that it deserved from English churchmen and churchwomen (applause). He coupled with the toast the name of Lord Shaftesbury, of whose interest in and services to the Church it was, he said, unnecessary to speak. His name would always be honoured in the diocese of Salisbury (applause).

The President, in reply, first thanked the Mayor for the welcome he had given the Guild and the compliment he had paid them by coming among them. They one and all appreciated it and, added his Lordship, 'we would fain, Mr. Mayor, make you into a bell-ringer (laughter) and number you among our fellowship as such (applause). I may assure you that the art of ringing a bell is not really difficult to acquire. The bell is an instrument that yields to treatment that is fraught with enthusiasm (laughter), but let me say at the same time and warn you that it must be tempered with a certain amount of moderation which is due to its office, and so let me invite you to become a member of our Guild (applause). I can tell you in confidence that the language of bellringing is not so difficult to acquire (laughter)—fillet, rope-end, hunting up and down,

touch, Singles, Doubles, plain course, Grandsire Triples, London Surprise, in and out of course, these and others are a language that may sound double Dutch to you at the moment, but you would soon acquire enough, shall we say, with which to impress the poor, ignorant, uninitiated public (laughter). I assure you there is every reason why you should join your band as a bellringer.

FIFTY YEARS' WORK.

I wish someone else had been chosen to reply to this toast on this occasion (continued the President), someone who could make a more adequate reply. Why not the Master of the Guild, who for eight years has guided the interests of the Guild and its concerns with so much ability; or the hon. secretary and treasurer, a true servant of the Guild, who lives for its welfare and who has given unsparingly of his time and attention in the interests of the Guild? Nevertheless, I yield to none in my admiration and love for the Guild and its members (applause). One whose absence we deeply deplore to-day is the Dean, a vice-president, who is kept away through illness. We cordially hope for his speedy recovery, but his absence leaves a gap which we find quite impossible to fill. To-day, as you know, the Guild celebrates its fifty years of existence. Since the time that it began its work fifty years ago it has gone on increasing in intensity, developing the fruits of Christian fellowship, raising the standard of bellringing all through the diocese (applause), and endeavouring to advance a high tone and morale in the hearts and minds of its members (applause). We are always trying to impress on our members that the belfry forms part of the church, consecrated to the use of Almighty God, that the bells are instruments of sacred music, and that the office of the ringer is to be carried out in reverence. We have gone on steadily advancing, until we now number eight branches: Salisbury with a membership of 147 ringers, Devizes with 211 ringing members, Marlborough with a membership of 70, Calne with 72, Dorchester with 113 ringing members, and Swindon with a ringing membership of 132, North Dorset 196 and West Dorset 140 (applause), making a total of 838 ringing members with affiliated towers to the number of 159 (applause). Our duties lie in calling attention to the fatherhood of God and to the times that are set apart in the churches of our land for prayer and praise and thanksgiving to Him. We make sweet music upon the bells to swell the chorus of rejoicing, for joy is the keynote of that moment. We ring the bells, too, to denote the passing of a soul to the region of light in the life that lies beyond the grave, and we let the bells ring out a message of joy and witness, testifying to the call of our Heavenly Father to acknowledge Him and the supremacy of His Will and Being, witnessing, shall we say, to the spirit amongst our members, the spirit of willingness to help others, which is the true message of the bells. We shall, I hope, continue to attract more parishes and more members to the Guild and make good the verdict of Lamb, the writer, that the music of the bells is the music nighest bordering on heaven. For the bells are the voice of the Church; they have tones that touch and search the heart.

> The bells themselves are the best of preachers,
> Their lips of bronze are learned teachers,
> From their pulpits of stone in the upper air,
> Sounding aloft without crack or flaw,
> Shriller than trumpets under the law,
> Now a sermon and now a prayer.

That surely is our interpretation of our bells (applause).

GREETING FROM THE RINGERS OF ENGLAND.

Mr. C. D. Heginbothom submitted 'The Visitors,' to which the president of the Central Council responded. He said he brought to the Salisbury Guild a message of greeting from the change ringers of England. He did not know how many ringers he could claim to represent, but he believed it was in the neighbourhood of between 30,000 and 40,000. There were something like forty-six thousand ringers altogether, according to church statistics. They were not all change ringers, although it was hoped that some day they would be. Last week the Editor of 'The Ringing World' had suggested they should have a census of change ringers so that they might know how many people practised the art of change ringing in this country. He thought that was a very good suggestion, and he hoped before very long the Central Council would be able to take steps to have that census carried out. Continuing, he said he would like to express his personal thanks to Mr. Edwards for asking him to come there that day, because that was his first visit to Salisbury. He had tried for over forty years to come to Salisbury. In his young days he took an interest in architecture and until that day Salisbury was the only Cathedral in the British Isles that unattered that he had not seen. That had been put right that day, and it would not be very long before he came again to have a quiet look round the Cathedral, but when he heard of so many towers open for practice ringing in and around the city, the Cathedral and its details would have to wait for a later occasion (laughter). He had been told on very good authority that when the Central Council met in Salisbury the social side of the Council meeting was developed in a way that had not been done before, and while the serious work of the Council came first, there was no doubt that a great deal of good came from the social side (hear, hear). They were able in the evening before the Council and in the evening after the Council to discuss many subjects informally, and possibly those discussions had as much value as the official discussions at the Council meetings, and they owed a debt of gratitude to Salisbury for the way they entertained the Council and the opportunities that were given in a marked way for the social side of the meeting to be developed. Mr. Lewis added that he took the opportunity at that wonderful gathering of ringers at Croydon recently to make some remarks, perhaps of somewhat a severe nature, upon the standard of striking at the present time. Incidentally the Bishop of Norwich thanked him for what he said. The Bishop remarked that such gatherings were apt to turn into mutually congratulatory meetings, and he was glad somebody took the other line and did a little plain speaking (hear, hear). He had only arrived in Salisbury just before noon, but he had heard some excellent striking. He hoped that Salisbury, which he had heard described as the entrance to the West, had got the West Country tradition for striking, because there was no question, when they went further west, even though ringers did not practise 'scientific,' they did strike their bells, and it was a pleasure to listen to them if only in ringing them up and down and in call changes. They must remember that the public came first, and the public undoubtedly and quite rightly preferred good round ringing and good call change ringing to bad scientific change ringing (applause). He thanked the Guild for the toast and for their hospitality on that historic occasion.

THE BISHOP'S GOOD WISHES.

The Master said that day would go down in the history of their Guild as a red-letter day for many reasons. Not only because it was one of the biggest gatherings they had had in the Guild, and because it was the celebration of the jubilee of the Guild, and not only because they had in the chair their president, but because they had with them that day their patron, the Bishop of the diocese (applause). They had always known that they had his goodwill and his good wishes, but because of the claims of his office he had been unable to be present at any of their annual meetings. Therefore that day they acclaimed him with special pleasure and gratitude (applause). They looked up to him not only with respect as their patron, but, as faithful members of the Church, they looked up to him with affection as their Bishop (applause).

The Bishop of Salisbury said it was a real pleasure to him to be present that day and to meet them all. First of all he had arranged a very sunny afternoon for them (laughter). It was not everyone who could do that (laughter). Secondly, he thought there was a great deal in the actual gathering, quite apart from the business done, of the meeting of members from all parts of Wilts and Dorset. It heartened them and sent them back to their work all the keener, and when they met as they did on that occasion, under the shadow of the Cathedral, it was an additional attraction. He was proud to think that the Guild was so closely connected with the Cathedral. He welcomed them not only as fellow-Churchmen, but he welcomed them as Englishmen engaged in a characteristic English pursuit, for there were few occupations more characteristic of England than that of change ringing. He wished their Guild every possible good wish and success for the future (applause).

The Master, in the name of the company, thanked the Bishop for the address which he was to give them at the service in the Cathedral. No other opportunity would present itself, and he expressed the members' grateful thanks.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards thanked the Cathedral clergy for arranging the service and for the use of the Chapter House.

This was briefly acknowledged by Archdeacon Carpenter, who in turn thanked the Mayor of Salisbury for his presence, and the Mayor was briefer still in his response, merely saying 'Thank you.'

THE FESTIVAL SERVICE.

A little later a congregation of something like 500 ringers and their friends joined in the festival service in the Cathedral. In such surroundings the service could be none other than impressive, and the music rendered by the choir added to the beauty of the proceedings. The Guild's form of service was used, and the lesson, read by the Earl of Shaftesbury, was from Ecclesiasticus xl., the well-known passage beginning, 'Let us now praise famous men.'

The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop, who took for his text the words, 'Ye also shall bear witness' (St. John xv. 27). He spoke of the witness of the Church—of the ministry, of the music and the ceremonial, of the churches themselves, and said that the bells and the ringers' office were no less a part of the witness of the Church. Indeed, in a very definite and living way the ringers, through the bells, spoke to those outside and carried the witness of the church to places which the voices of the clergy in the church could not reach. He urged them to magnify their office and to let the witness of the bells be the witness of their own lives. He said it was vastly important that ringers should be communicants, and he concluded by expressing appreciation of the work which the ringers did for the Church.

After the Benediction, the clergy and choir, accompanied by the chief officials of the Guild, walked in procession to the War Memorial Chapel, where a brief service of remembrance was held for the 58 ringers of the diocese who fell in the war, and to whose memory the Guild erected a portion of the chapel screen. This little ceremony was fittingly concluded by a course of Grandsire Triples rung on handbells by H. Mitchell 1-2, Miss M. White 3-4, F. W. Townsend 5-6, A. G. Rose 7-8, the ringers being from Bournemouth and Poole. Then, while the congregation remained standing, the organist played the 'Dead March' in Saul—an expression of sorrow and sympathy on the assassination of the French President.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FORMED.

NATIONAL GATHERING AT EDINBURGH.

The inaugural meeting of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers was held in Edinburgh on Saturday, April 23rd, when between 40 and 50 ringers were present from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Paisley, Alloa and Leith.

The business meeting was held in St. Mary's Cathedral belfry at 3 p.m., after all present had had a pull on the grand ring of ten there, Canon Brereton, the Vice-Provost of the Cathedral, being in the chair. Letters were read from ringers in various parts of England congratulating Scotland on her enterprise and wishing the new association every success.

The preliminary committee then reported on the replies which had been received to the circular letter which had been sent out to all the existing ringing societies in Scotland, and put forward the draft of the proposed constitution and rules which had been prepared. After certain points had been discussed and various amendments made, the formation of the association under these rules and constitution was formally proposed by Mr. Stephen H. Wood, and carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS SEVENTY-FIVE.

Photographs were afterwards taken of the assembled gathering, and tea was served in St. Mary's song room, during the course of which it was announced that the number of members elected had exceeded 75, which enabled the association to be affiliated to the Central Council.

The President (Mr. W. B. Sampson) proposed a most cordial vote of thanks to Canon Brereton for all his kindnesses that day, for permission to ring the Cathedral bells, for taking the chair at the inaugural meeting in what he had rightly called the most wonderful ringing chamber of the world, and especially for taking the association's first service and for his inspiring address. He also thanked Mr. S. H. Wood for his share of the work of preparation in getting the association started, and assured him of their good wishes in his new activities.

The Master (Mr. S. H. Wood) endorsed the president's remarks about Canon Brereton, and said that, in his opinion, the practical interest he had shown in the association and in his own ringers did far more to ensure their regular attendance at church as well as in the belfry than a verbal appeal. He proposed a vote of thanks to all the others who by making the arrangements for that day had helped to make their first meeting so successful, to the organist for playing at their service, and to the St. Mary's Cathedral Society and their friends who had kindly provided and served such an excellent tea. He thanked Mr. Sampson most heartily for his kind words and good wishes to himself, and said how sincerely sorry he was, that he would have to leave the association so soon after its formation. He hoped that that day was only the beginning of great things for change ringing in Scotland, and he wished the Scottish Association a long and prosperous life, and every success in achieving the objects for which it had been founded.

A move was then made to St. Cuthbert's, where, after everyone had had a pull on the excellent ring of eight (tenor 21 cwt.), a representative band started shortly after six o'clock in an attempt to ring the association's first peal. This, however, proved the one disappointment of an otherwise successful day as, after nearly 1½ hours' almost perfect ringing, one of the ropes, a strand of which had earlier broken and been slowly unravelling itself for some time, snapped below the sally, and the attempt was at an end. It was

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SCOTTISH RINGERS AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
(1) Mr. Stephen H. Wood (Glasgow), Master. (2) Mr. W. B. Sampson (Edinburgh), President. (3) Mr. W. F. M. Stenhouse (Dundee), Honorary Secretary.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, and Mr. W. B. Sampson (Edinburgh) was elected as the first president of the association. In accepting this post, Mr. Sampson referred to the great work done by the late Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis for the cause of change ringing in Scotland, and to his lifelong desire to see the formation of a national association such as that. He expressed the regret which everyone felt that Mr. Ellis had not lived to see his hopes realised as they had been that day.

Mr. S. H. Wood (Glasgow) was elected Master, and, in thanking the members for the honour which they had conferred upon him, expressed his deep regret that he would not be able to hold it for long, as he had just heard that his work would be taking him back to England in a few weeks' time.

Mr. W. F. M. Stenhouse (St. Paul's, Dundee) was elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

Dundee was selected as the venue of the next annual meeting, and it was arranged to hold an intermediate meeting at St. John's, Alloa, in the autumn.

A short service was then held in the Cathedral, conducted by Canon Brereton, who gave a most helpful address which was much appreciated by the members.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MORE YOUNG MEMBERS NEEDED.

Commenting on the year's working of the North Notts Association, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. W. Stockdale, in his report to the annual meeting at Retford, stated that there had been a financial gain, but in practically all other ways the society had shown a decrease. Only four peals had been rung, and only fifteen new members elected, the total being 222, of whom 126 were performing members. After reviewing the year's work and paying a tribute to the late Mr. Herbert Haigh, who was one of the founders of the association, and held office, including that of hon. secretary, for 17 years, from its formation until his death, the hon. secretary appealed to the members to help the art of change ringing, remembering that it was first a service to God and only secondly their hobby.

The attendance at the meeting was the largest for many years. Service was conducted in East Retford Church by the Rural Dean and Rector (Rev. A. Parkinson), and the sermon was preached by the Rev. R. E. Rogerson, Vicar of East Markham.

The Rural Dean presided over the business meeting held after tea. He was supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall), the Rev. H. R. Peel (Cuckney), the Rev. R. E. Rogerson (East Markham), and the Rev. F. Boykett (Walkeringham). Among others present were Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, Lancham; the Misses Burchnall, Sutton-on-Trent; Mr. John Flint, Bolsover; and Mr. J. P. Fidler, Loughborough.

The Rural Dean thought it was an appropriate occasion when they should mark the sense of loss they had sustained by the death of Mr. Herbert Haigh, who had such a long association with ringers in North Notts. Another old ringer and one who had been closely linked up with East Retford Church had passed away since the last annual meeting. He referred to Mr. Harry Warburton, who was also a manager of the National Schools.

The company stood in silence as a mark of respect and as an act of remembrance.

JUNIOR BANDS SUGGESTED.

The Rural Dean said that was the seventh time he had been present at the annual meeting, and it was the largest gathering he had seen. He particularly welcomed so many ladies, most of whom were keen ringers, and in the name of the clergy he expressed their gratitude and appreciation of the services of the ringers Sunday by Sunday. He expressed the hope that those who were keen on developing the art would go forward and obtain the necessary skill in change ringing. He also expressed the thanks of the members to the secretary, Mr. Robert Stockdale, and his assistant, Mr. H. Revill, both of the Ordsall tower, and remarked that their enthusiasm for the work of the association was an inspiration to him.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson said he thoroughly endorsed the remarks of the Rural Dean in reference to the work of the secretaries. They at Ordsall felt proud they had such worthy representatives in the association, and he would be glad to render them his assistance. This was a splendid gathering, but very often such gatherings seemed to have a preponderance of anno domini. They needed more young members, not only in North Notts, but in other parts of the country. Ringing was not flourishing as it ought to do. He wondered if it was possible to have a junior band in every tower of the association.

The officers were re-elected.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. H. HAIGH.

The Secretary reported that the committee recommended that a brass tablet be erected in Ordsall tower to the memory of the late Mr. Herbert Haigh.

Mr. Stockdale said he understood that Mr. Haigh travelled far to increase his knowledge of the art. He was one who helped to form this association in 1887, and served on the committee as representative until 1912, when he was made hon. secretary, which post he held until 1929. Then he served as hon. treasurer until his death on Sunday, January 3rd, 1932.

Many of them knew Mr. Haigh longer than he had, but they had lost a vice-president and friend who would be hard to replace, for he did valuable work, both for the art and the Church. Nothing was too much trouble for him in helping the objects of the association.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson supported the recommendation of the committee, and observed that it would be necessary to obtain a faculty for the memorial tablet, which would be 12in. by 6in. The inscription would record Mr. Haigh's long association with bellringing in North Notts. The family had handed to him the late Mr. Haigh's ringing books and notes, and these would be placed in an oak cupboard in the tower of Ordsall Church. Any ringer would be able to inspect them. He moved the acceptance of the recommendation of the committee. Mr. G. R. Winter seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

The arrangements and collection of subscriptions were left with the secretary and Rector of Ordsall.

Mr. John Flint, Bolsover, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, Loughborough, were elected non-county members, and the following were elected ordinary members: Messrs. T. Anderson, P. Hammond and B. Williams, East Retford; Mr. F. Smith, Norton Cuckney; and Mr. L. Pearson, Worksop.

The next meeting was fixed to take place at Cuckney on May 28th.

The contest for the Crawford silver cup was fixed to take place at Ordsall Church on Saturday, August 27th.

The meeting closed with thanks to the Rural Dean and the Rev. R. E. Rogerson.

DEATH OF MR. T. J. SALTER.

GREAT WORK FOR WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

With the death of Mr. Thomas Salter, of Kidderminster, Worcestershire loses one of its foremost ringers. One of the early members of the association, Mr. Salter rendered great service in the building up of the association, and in 1905 was elected Master, a position which he held for many years. He also served the association as a member of the Central Council, and only his two old ringing friends, Mr. R. Matthews and Mr. W. Short, have rung more peals for the association. Born at Kinver, Staffs, in 1866, Mr. Salter was taken at an early age to Wolverley, in Worcestershire, where he learned to ring in 1881. His first 720 (Grandsire Minor) was the first 720 on the bells, but that young band was a company with aspirations, and they went on until they could ring London Surprise Minor, the first 720 of which for the Worcestershire Association was conducted by Mr. Salter.

In 1886 Mr. Salter joined the Kidderminster band and rang his first peal at that church in January, 1887. In October, 1888, he took part in the first peal on the bells by a local band since 1825, and helped the company to rise to campanological fame in the years that followed. They went ahead until they reached the topmost rung of the ladder with a peal of London Surprise Major in January, 1897. That band contained men whose names, thirty years ago, were household words in the Exercise, but none was better known than Thomas J. Salter, who through the years that have since elapsed was a bulwark of ringing in Kidderminster. His services to the Worcestershire Association were acknowledged by his election to be one of the lay vice-presidents.

One of the most unassuming of men, Mr. Salter was of a genial disposition, as well as being a really fine ringer, who was safe in any method and a perfect striker. He had a large circle of friends, not only in the West Midlands, but in other parts of the country, and particularly in Sussex, where, in former years, with the attractions of Brighton and the Surprise ringing to be obtained there, he spent many holidays.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

A quarterly meeting was held at the Parish Church, King's Norton, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 2nd, and in spite of the big counter-attraction of the 'All-England' ringers' gathering at Croydon, was well attended. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and tea was served at the Saracen's Head, an old 16th century coaching house, which is now, through the munificence of the brewery company, the Church Hall. About 30 sat down, presided over by the Vicar, Canon T. S. Dunn.

The business meeting followed, the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., being in the chair. The Chairman referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. George Walker, who for many years had been a highly respected member, and he asked all present to stand for a moment as a last mark of respect.

Reference was made to the proposed memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and it was resolved to support this with a donation from the Guild and by individual subscriptions from the members. The secretary was instructed to approach all towers in the diocese and report further at the next quarterly meeting.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Knowle on Saturday, July 2nd.

Mr. A. P. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Parish Hall, and to the ladies who had so kindly prepared and served tea.

This concluded the business, and a return was made to the tower for further ringing.

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too late to start again, but ringing was continued till 9 o'clock, Stedman Triples and Bob Major being rung, and many members getting their first experience of Grandsire Triples.

So ended a happy and successful meeting—the largest gathering of bellringers yet held in Scotland—and began, it is hoped, a new era of change ringing in the last of the countries of Great Britain to form an association for the furtherance of the art.

It is hoped that all ringers visiting Scotland at any time will get into touch with members of the association, from whom they will receive a most cordial welcome. The secretary's address is: Mr. W. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.
PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.
Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
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E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 31st, St. Magnus' on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 17th (8 p.m.) and on Sunday, May 22nd, at 5.30; all the others at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Miller) to follow.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Branch Sec., 4, Nall St., Milnrow.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (8) on Saturday, May 14th. Towers open at 2.30 p.m. A business meeting will be held at St. Marie's at 6 p.m. Tea can be had at the numerous cafes close by. A welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at 2 p.m. These bells have just been overhauled by Mears & Stainbank, and are now believed to be the best six in the district, the 'go' being excellent. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Re-opening of Westerleigh bells (6). This will take place on Saturday, May 14th. Service at 6.30 p.m. Rededication and address by the Bishop of Malmesbury. Special bus accommodation for Bristol ringers will be arranged.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol; Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne on Saturday, May 14th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, May 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Kenninghall, Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m., also Quidenham. Business meeting after tea, 5.15. Please notify intention of being present.—N. Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 2.30. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

EXETER CATHEDRAL.—Ringing on Whit Sunday at 1.15 and 4.30 p.m. Visitors invited.—T. Laver, Heavitree, Exeter.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, May 14th. 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.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Whit Monday, May 16th. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day; also Ormesby (8, tenor 18 cwt.); Stockton-on-Tees (10, tenor 27 cwt.). Service in the Parish Church at 12 noon. Dinner will be provided at the Star and Garter Hotel, Marton Road, Middlesbrough, at 1 p.m.: members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. Will all ringing friends please note change of address? — T. Metcalfe, Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday. The Central Committee will meet in St. Giles' Buildings at 11 a.m. Service at 12 noon in St. Giles' Church. Lunch at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.; St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Giles' (10), St. Sepulchre's (8) from 3 p.m. onwards; St. Giles' 5 to 6; St. Edmund's 6 to 7; Duston (6) from 4 to 6. Frequent bus service to Duston from Horse Shoe Street and St. Andrew's Road. — R. G. Black, General Secretary, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from noon; also Wenhaston (6), Wissett (6), and Chediston (6) all day. Tea at Town Hall (near church) at 5, 1/- each, for all sending word by May 13th to F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in the Cathedral at 12. Dinner at the Booth Hall Hotel at 1 p.m., 2/6, 1/6 to members obtaining tickets beforehand. Business meeting afterwards. Towers available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), 10.30-12 and 3-8.30; Cathedral (10) 5-8.30.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 53rd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 16th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, M.A., Dean of Bocking. 12.30 p.m.: Lunch (members 2s.), to be followed by the annual meeting at the County Hotel, Rainsford End. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, General Secretary and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Whit Monday, May 16th. Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing from 2 till 3.45 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9 p.m. A special service will be held in St. Peter's Church at 4.15. Address by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon A. C. W. Rose). A meat tea will be provided at the Parish Hall, adjoining the Church, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea, 2/6 each (1s. 3d. to members).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bideford on Whit Monday, May 16th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12.30. Dinner and meeting at Bromley's Restaurant at 1.15. Towers open: Bideford (8), Northam (8), Appledore (8). Central Council members invited as members of the Guild.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Shalford on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. L. Hunter, Bradstone Brook Cottage, Shalford. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (1/- per head) followed by business meeting at the Brickmakers' Arms after service. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 17th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Forest Branch. — Next meeting will be held at Littledean on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards in Church Room. All ringers who require tea must let me know certain by May 18th, so that arrangements can be made.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 21st. Service 3.30. Tower open 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify G. A. Webley, Ferndale Street, Faringdon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Heath on Saturday, May 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at a moderate charge to those who notify me by Wednesday, May 18th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

HALESOWEN PARISH CHURCH. — The tablet in memory of three old ringers will be unveiled on Saturday, May 21st. Service at 4 p.m., after which the bells will be available. All ringers are invited.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Soham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please look up Little Bob Royal.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available early. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Numbers should be sent in by May 18th, please. — S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury Branch. — A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged. Short business meeting in ringing chamber at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley on May 21st (8 bells). Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly inform me by the 18th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, May 21st, commencing at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me before the 18th inst. the number requiring tea. —J. E. Ashcroft, Grappenhall.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Huntingdon, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, 18th inst.?—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A joint meeting with the Warwickshire Guild will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 21st. Tea will be provided. It is hoped that this Association will be well represented.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Batcombe (6 bells), on Saturday, May 21st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Church House. Will those who require tea please consider the caterers, and notify me by Thursday, May 19th, latest.—C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts. — A joint meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 21st. Bells of St. Cuthbert's (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please drop p.c. to Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Bungalow, Tanfield Lea, by May 19th. This will greatly help arrangements. They always come again to our meetings. — H. Tyson, F. Robson, Joint Dis. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Creech St. Michael on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. For tea please notify by the previous Tuesday. — P. Merson, Bishops Hull, Taunton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — A monthly practice will be held at South Marston on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me. — S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards (8 bells). — Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A joint meeting with the Midland Counties Association (Hinckley District) will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided. —D. E. Beamish, Greenways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available: Holy Trinity, West Hill, 3.15 to 4.30; All Saints', 3 to 5, and after meeting. Service at All Saints' Church, 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. G. Gray, 34, Merton Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18, not later than Wednesday, May 25th. All are welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at North Collingham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. L. East, Low Street, North Collingham, Newark-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, May 25th?—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — A by-meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing commences at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. W. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, not later than first post Thursday, the 26th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in the tower 7.30. A good tea can be obtained at 1s. 6d. each. For tea please notify Mr. W. Collier, 235, Manchester Road, Swinton, Manchester, by Friday, May 27th. Uncertainties can also be accommodated. It is specially requested that a good attendance be assured for service.—P. Brown, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SUMMER coming to Aldenham Saturday, June 4th. ARE YOU? Ringing from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea and meeting at 5.30, Village Club.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

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SUGGESTED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. F. T. GOVER.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Exeter, Topsham, Whimple, Christow, Kenn, Bramford Speke, Cockington, Torquay, Paignton, Brixham, Dean Prior, etc. The bells, a handy ring of eight, were made good use of during the afternoon, touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles being rung, whilst rounds were rung for the benefit of the less experienced members. A service was next held in church, which was conducted by the chaplain of the Torbay Hospital, Torquay. The reverend gentleman apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Chudleigh, who was called away from home at the last moment. He based an excellent address on the text, 'Come unto me.'

Tea was served in the Lodge Room, and the subsequent business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. C. Wakley, of Torquay, in the absence of the chairman (Mr. F. J. Laxton) through indisposition.

At the commencement of the business the Chairman referred to the great loss the branch had sustained by the death of Mr. F. T. Gover, of Torquay, and the meeting stood in silence as a token of respect. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Paignton on Saturday, October 15th.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the visitors, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Chudleigh for the use of the bells, to the organist for his services, and to the preacher for his address.

Mr. A. C. Taylor, of Brixham, suggested that some memorial should be erected to the memory of the late Mr. Gover, and after a discussion it was decided to leave the question until the next meeting, the secretary in the meantime to make further enquiries.

The visitors afterwards returned to the tower and rang further touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles, and an excellent touch of Stedman Triples.

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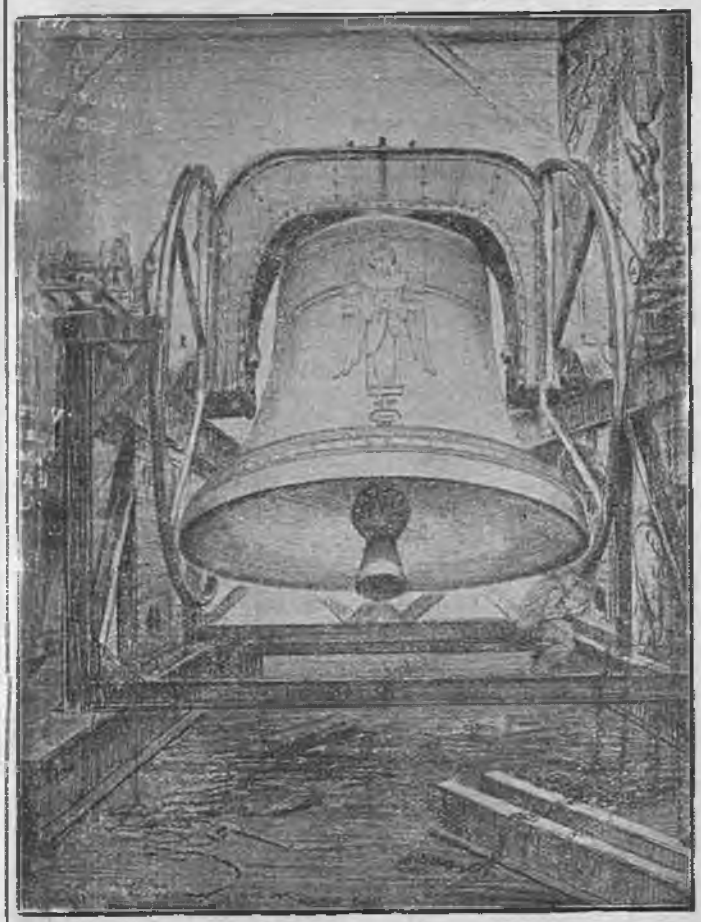

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THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

The weeks that have passed since Easter have been full of important and interesting events to ringers. There has been the 'All England' gathering at Croydon, the jubilee of three important organisations, to say nothing of the many annual meetings that have been held, and most significant, perhaps, of all, the inauguration of the Scottish Association. The whole of Great Britain, as well as Ireland, is now covered by properly established ringing societies, and the latest step to embrace Scotland is a very welcome advance. There are many obstacles to the spread of change ringing over the border, chief of which is the scarcity of rings of bells and the distance separating the places fortunate enough to possess peals and bands of ringers. Edinburgh has been the chief centre of ringing in past years, and here the art has been practised more or less constantly for many years, but in the other centres what change ringing there has been has been of a spasmodic nature. The recent revival in Glasgow has been due to the leadership of an Englishman, in 'exile,' Mr. Stephen H. Wood, who has created a new company, and, having educated some of them up to the peal ringing stage, has, it is hoped, planted seeds which should give permanent results. Dundee, Paisley, Alloa and Leith all have bands, but change ringing has had a precarious foothold.

It is out of this material that the Scottish Association has been formed, and the new interest which has thus been stirred up will, we hope, give an impetus which will eventually bring the art on the other side of the Tweed to as high a level as it has reached south of the border. The association cannot, of course, remove the material difficulties which exist, but it can and doubtless will draw the ringers closer together by the intangible sense of brotherhood which membership of a ringing association is intended to promote, and will encourage a greater keenness in the art and science of change ringing. The association has been founded with every promise of success, and it must be as encouraging to the promoters as it is surprising to ringers in England to find that it starts with a membership of more than seventy-five, which qualifies it immediately for representation on the Central Council. That there are so many ringers in Scotland is proof that the association has not come any too soon, and now that the members are united by a real bond of fellowship, not only, we hope, will a new spirit be infused into the work, but a new outlook on ringing created, and a new appreciation of its possibilities and interests established.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, E.C.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES G. A. PRIOR	*Treble*	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	GEORGE CARD	7
ERNEST J. KING	3	GEOFFREY R. GAMMON	8
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	JOHN A. WAUGH	9
WILLIAM H. THEOBOLD	5	EDWARD D. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal of Cambridge Royal by the ringer of the 3rd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHURCH, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JAMES PARR	*Treble*	THOMAS ISHERWOOD	5
*BERT GRIMSHAW	2	‡RICHARD BALDERSTONE	6
WILLIE AARON	3	†FREDERICK COCKSHOTT	7
†ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

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

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal. The ringers of 2nd and 5th are from Helmshore, 6th from Rishton, remainder local.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT	*Treble*	HERBERT FULCHER	5
WILLIAM PLATT	2	FREDERICK ROOPE	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	ERNEST WHITING	7
CYRIL BARBER	4	TOWNSON ADCOCK	*Tenor*

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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. COLLOM	5
JOHN S. HORTON	2	EDWARD J. BEER	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
E. CHARLES PATTEN	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. EVEREST...	*Treble*	JAMES BASSETT	5
TOM SAUNDERS	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
CHARLES H. SONE	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	7
GEORGE EDWARDS	4	ALBERT RELFE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. E. G. Bucsden, of Canterbury Cathedral, and Mr. M. A. Stretfield, churchwarden for 30 years at the above church. This composition appeared in 'The Ringing World' on March 25th last.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.)

REV. A. J. DE DENNE	*Treble*	HAROLD A. EDWARDS	5
FRANK WHEELER	2	HUBERT E. TAYLOR	6
CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	7
*WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	4	JOHN BEESLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

* First peal of Triples, and proposed a life member of the Oxford Guild before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Reginald Kynaston, of Oswestry, Shropshire.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ...	5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	2	*JOHN R. BREARLEY	6
WILLIAM T. PALMER	3	WILLIAM BIGGIN	7
NORMAN C. LEWIS	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

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

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ...	*Treble*	*ARTHUR CHAMPION	5
JOHN R. BREARLEY	2	*J. HILTON SYKES	6
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH...	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY	7
ARNOLD HAIGH	4	WILLIAM HARRISON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a wedding peal for Miss L. Champion, sister of the 5th ringer.

MASONIC PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, May 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hotspur Lodge, 1626, P.M., P.P.G.T.	*Treble*
H. G. FRAMPTON, Hotspur Lodge, 1626	2
T. H. REEVES, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134	3
WM. STORY, Hotspur Lodge, 1626, P.M., P.P.G.M. ...	4
JOS. ROWELL, Eldon Lodge, 3187	5
ADAM DEAS, Northern Counties Lodge, 406	6
JOS. E. R. KEEN, Buddle Lodge, 3937	7
M. ANDERSON, Prudence Lodge, 3424	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. E. R. KEEN.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, WILTON,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

SYDNEY A. WYATT ...	*Treble*	S. PERCY MERSON	5
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ...	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	S. GEORGE COLES	7
ALFRED J. WYATT	4	*JAMES HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* 500th peal. Rung for Ascension Day. First peal in the method on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	*Treble*	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS ...	*Treble*	F. W. CECIL CURTIS	5
*MISS GWEN TUNNADINE ...	2	WILLIAM E. BASON	6
GEORGE MAYERS	3	WILLIAM G. MAYERS	7
GEORGE HOWCHIN	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal 'inside,' and 14 years of age. 75th peal together by Messrs. Bason and Mayers.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, NORTHFIELD.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WITHERS, SEN. ...	*Treble*	JOHN WITHERS, JUN.	5
THOMAS HEMMING	2	HECTOR G. BIRD	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by S. GROVE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. T. J. Salter, a highly esteemed member of the above association. It was Mr. Hector G. Bird's 100th peal.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

*STANLEY G. ROBINSON	*Treble*	*WALTER COPPERWHEAT ...	5
FRED STUBBS	2	*CHARLES M. WHITNEY ...	6
*CYRIL WILSON	3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	7
*ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	4	†WILLIAM C. NUNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church except Mr. C. Wilson, who kindly stood in at very short notice. This was also the first peal of Grandsire Triples by a Thrapston Branch team.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

*JOHN FRIST	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
*BERNARD SAUNDERS	2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ...	6
HENRY STALHAM	3	ROBERT J. DAWE	7
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ...	4	REGINALD T. DENNIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. This composition, a variation of the original, contains only the 4th and 8th in 6th's place.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES	*Treble*	*JAMES A. MILNER	5
*ARTHUR CHALLINOR	2	*JACK TIPPER	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	JOHN WORTH	7
*ALBERT V. REES	4	*JACK WAUMSLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM FLATT	5
CHARLES BAKER	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
FREDERICK ROOPE	3	CHARLES F. SAYER	7
CHARLES LOOME	4	EDWIN R. GOATE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITING ...	*Treble*	JAMES G. RUMSEY	5
REGINALD C. KERSEY	2	CHARLES F. BAILEY	6
JAMES M. BAILEY	3	ERNEST S. BAILEY	7
ALFRED KEEBLE	4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ...	*Tenor*

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

A birthday compliment to A. F. Bailey, of Stockport.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT E. BOOTH ...	*Treble*	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	5
WILLIAM H. JONES	2	HAROLD L. FLAVELL	6
HARRY BOSWELL	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	7
ALBERT D. COLLINS	4	JAMES SHAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Elsie Greenfield, eldest daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

BLOCKLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. JOHNSON	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	6
WILLIAM SHORT	3	HAROLD F. MARTIN	7
FRANK LAWRENCE	4	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

LEONARD P. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	RONALD F. BULLEN	5
*WALTER F. JUDGE	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*BERNARD BOURNE ...	*Treble*	CHARLES E. PERKINS ...	5
†HARRY PERRINS	2	†REGINALD CHANCE	6
JOHN BASS	3	FREDERICK HANDLEY ...	7
VICTOR HUBBLE	4	*RICHARD CRADDOCK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK HANDLEY.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Reginald Chance on attaining his majority.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*HARRY WARN	*Treble*	WILLIAM LINCOLN	5
WILLIAM KEEBLE	2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ...	6
PERCY GREEN	3	GEORGE GREEN	7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4	ARTHUR HEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First Surprise peal. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Holmes) and Mrs. Holmes.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN GOODMAN	*Treble*	NORMAN C. WILLIAMS ...	5
*FRANK WILLIAMS	2	HENRY GOODMAN	6
*HAROLD GRIFFITHS	3	HARRY GOODMAN	7
GEORGE HUGHES	4	†BENJAMIN WINDSOR ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY GOODMAN.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for the 22nd anniversary of the accession of H.M. King George. J. Goodman has now completed the circle in this tower.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ...	*Treble*	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	5
*FRANCIS TOMPKINS	2	HERBERT GATES	6
JOSEPH CHATLEY	3	‡HENRY GOLDING	7
¦VICTOR WILLIAMS	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Major. ‡ 50th peal. Specially arranged and rung to mark the completion by Mr. H. Golding of 50 years' service as a ringer at the above church, for over 30 years of which he has been the leader.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. THYNG	5
NORMAN C. LEWIS	2	FREDERICK A. ADAMS	6
WILLIAM T. PALMER	3	WILLIAM BIGGIN	7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
First peal of Oxford on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14⅜ cwt.

JOHN FLINT...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH SAXTON	5
STANLEY SLANEY	2	EDWARD E. ROBBINS	6
CHARLES MASON	3	ERNEST WAGSTAFF	7
*BENJAMIN A. COOPER ...	4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.
* First peal in the method.

SONNING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

PERCY J. DYKE	...*Treble*	GEORGE ESSEX	5
*GEORGE LIMMER	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
CHARLES POLLEN	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
HARRY W. SMITH	4	GEORGE GILBERT	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.
* First blow in Bob Major away from the treble. Believed to be the slowest peal on the bells.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 10, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

MISS K. BURCHNALL ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ...	5
REV. R. F. WILKINSON ...	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	EDWARD FOSTER	7
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	4	LEONARD PIERREPONT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.
Rev. R. F. Wilkinson's first peal of Stedman Triples, he having rung a peal of Stedman Cinques first. First peal in the method on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 27. Tenor 28½ cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER ...	...*Treble*	T. ROLAND FLINT	5
JOSEPH BAILEY	2	*ARTHUR SHARP	6
MAURICE SWINFIELD	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	4	JOHN CURTIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
* First peal of Stedman. This composition is now rung for the first time.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: Miss Amy Kynaston 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, E. H. Kynaston 3, R. T. Evans (conductor) 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, H. T. Hughes 7, T. Marshall 8. Miss Kynaston is the first local lady to take up bell-ringing, and this was her first quarter-peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, 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 Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

*REGINALD BUTCHER ..	...*Treble*	†ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	4
HOWARD W. CHENEY ...	2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	5
CYRIL WILSON	3	GEORGE W. JEFFS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. J. WHITMORE.
* First peal in three methods and first 720 of Treble Bob. † First peal in three methods 'inside.' First peal in three methods as conductor. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilson, of Woodford.

BLACKWELL.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANK ROCKLEY... ...	...*Treble*	FRANK OSBORNE	3
ARTHUR SMITHSON	2	WILLIAM PARKES...	4
WILFRED RILEY	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by ARTHUR SMITHSON.
* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to F. Osborne.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. BUTLER	4
FRANK G. RINGE...	2	ERNEST W. FORBANK	5
ALBERT RAINBIRD	3	HARRY TURNER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to George Miles, a very highly respected churchman and ringer of St. Peter's church, who was interred at Shenfield on this date.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN C. ROYNON	...*Treble*	RICHMOND ROBERTS	4
EDWARD J. AVERY	2	GEORGE GILLING	5
EDWARD G. NORTON	3	*REGINALD A. DARE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.
* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. E. Shallish, for many years a faithful ringer at this church, who was interred at Banwell on the same day.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR GARLEY ...	...*Treble*	TOM GARLEY	4
*MISS MARY BROWN	2	JOHN D. BELL	5
†MISS MARY RANDALL ...	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The ringers of the treble and 2nd are aged 13 and 15 respectively, and are the youngest members of the Guild to ring a peal. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Dorothy M. Atkins and Mr. F. Boulton.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HARRY KNEESHAW ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR H. FOX	4
*JOHN W. KNEESHAW.. ...	2	STANLEY WEBB	5
JOHN M. PICKERING	3	JOHN W. HOBSON... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY WEBB.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were cast and hung by Dalton, of York, in 1783.

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

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Lancashire, Wells, Durham, Cambridge and Ringers'. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM BRAMHAM ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD CHANT	4
ARTHUR PANTHER	2	ARTHUR GILL	5
ALBERT NASH	3	DAN SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. CHANT.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung to welcome an heir to the Vicar, the Rev. L. E. Meredith.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, 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 different callings. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

THOMAS DIKE	...*Treble*	CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	4
*RICHARD E. G. LUTON ...	2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	5
FRANK WHEELER	3	ALBERT E. W. SMITH...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford), to whom the band tender their best thanks for his kind hospitality after the peal.

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five six-scores each of Antelope, St. Dunstan's, London Single, Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Old Doubles, and Plain Bob, and seven six-scores of Grandsire.

ALFRED J. ELLIOT ...	...*Treble*	HENRY W. GAYTON	3
HORACE TYLER	2	JOSH J. PARTRIDGE	4
ALBERT MINNEY	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOSH J. PARTRIDGE.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	...*Treble*	E. ROGER MARTIN	4
JOHN CHARNOCK...	2	WILLIAM SHARPLES	5
*JOHN BOOTH	3	*JAMES W. GROUNDS	6
HAROLD DAVIES	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Rung with the tenor covering, after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise Major.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN MALYAN	1-2	FRANCIS KIRK	5-6
WALTER AYRE	3-4	CHARLES JEFFS	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

RINGERS' FINE EFFORT.

TWO BELLS GIVEN AT WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

On Sunday week two new bells were dedicated at West Clandon Church, Surrey, and raised the peal to the full octave. The scheme thus brought to a successful conclusion is one for which the local ringers have been entirely responsible, and is the culmination of a long period of work and personal generosity. For several years the ringers have set aside their annual remuneration and, with the addition of funds raised by concerts, whist drives and other means, as well as a few subscriptions collected from friends, they have at length achieved their ambition. The spire and six bells of West Clandon Church were destroyed by fire on October 27th, 1913, and the spire was rebuilt and the six bells replaced in 1914. Before that time the tower was an active centre of six-bell ringing, and the local men raised their proficiency to Surprise peal ringing. Then came the fire and the war, but the band has been re-established, and although not quite so active in peal ringing it has recovered no small measure of its efficiency.

When the bells were restored in 1914 they were placed in a new timber frame for eight, and, with the treble recast, the two new bells have made a tuneful octave with a tenor of 17¼ cwt. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have made an excellent splice, and the Guildford District has gained a useful addition to the number of its eight-bell towers. The new trebles have been hung on ball bearings, and the tenor has also been similarly rehung.

Sunday afternoon's ceremony was shared by a large congregation. The little church was crowded, and even the supplemented seating accommodation was insufficient. The many ringers present attended by invitation, as it was found that it would be impossible to accommodate all who would otherwise desire to be present, either for ringing or for tea. Among the visitors were practically all the officers of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and representatives from many neighbouring towers. Mr. A. A. Hughes represented the founders, and the Earl of Onslow (patron of the living) was among the congregation. The special service was that provided in 'The Ringers' Manual' for such occasions, and the hymns sung were 'Ring forth, Holy Bells,' 'Unchanging God,' and 'The Sacred Bells of England.' The Rector (Rev. Sir John Herschel) conducted the service, and the dedication ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Guildford who, in the course of his address, said he knew with great joy and pleasure that there was an increasing zest for taking part in the bellringing of the church. He went on to refer to the place which bells occupied in the Christian life, and said that bells could be numbered among the minor sacraments of outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace. The bells spoke of God, and of worship, and to all who heard them they were a reminder of heavenly things and of God's presence. They had added two bells in their belfry tower. That would call for more bellringers, and in these days the call was not confined only to men. He found everywhere a quiet, steady growth of women bellringers. He thought that among the means of grace which they could make most use of, the bells of the churches were not the least. If they could not go to church on some particular morning or evening, they could respond to the call of the bells, could join inwardly with the service, which would begin in the church when the bells ceased, and became worshippers with those in the church. A peal of bells could enlarge the circle of worshippers. There were hundreds who could not be in that House of God but they could turn wherever they happened to be into a temple of the Living God, when they heard the call of the church bells. The service of the ringers was a part of the great Christian ministry, and was a thing to be done with praise and gratitude and self-denial, and he rejoiced that in these days the belfries of the land were occupied by men and women who were filled with that spirit, so that the bells of the churches became means of grace, hopes of glory, bonds of union, calls to worship to the glory of God and the peace and goodwill of all mankind. 'May the bells of this church,' concluded the Bishop, 'be used, not only now, but for centuries to come, to the glory of God and the well-being of His people.'

During the singing of the last hymn a collection was taken towards defraying the cost of the incidental expenses of the augmentation, the Rector announcing that the cost of the bells had already been provided for.

The ringing after the dedicatory prayers was done by five of the local band, with Messrs. Pulling, Hazelden and Melville, of Guildford, and after the service the first touch on the eight was rung by Messrs. A. A. Hughes, J. Thomas, N Harding, H. Hutton, W. J. Robinson, J. S. Goldsmith, A. H. Pulling and W. Melville. Other touches of Triples and Major followed, the ringing arrangements being supervised by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse). The visiting ringers were entertained to tea by Sir John and Lady Herschel, the churchwardens and local ringers, and afterwards the Rector, on behalf of the Clandon band, presented to one of their number, Miss Ide, a silver-bell inkstand as a mark of appreciation of the services which she has rendered as secretary of the bell fund.

Ringing was then resumed until evening service, which was a continuation of the festival of dedication.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 13th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. H. Bullen 1, F. Digby 2, W. H. Hewett 3, H. Hoskins 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. R Madgwick 6, C. W. Roberts 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

INVASION OF SHEPPEY.

KENT ASSOCIATION VISIT QUEENBOROUGH.

The half-yearly meeting of the Rochester District, held at Queenborough, was typical of this district's recent gatherings, and manifests the keen interest taken by those engaged in this branch of the Church's work. Just five years, to the day, had elapsed since the association held a meeting at this extreme of the district, the attendance on that occasion being about forty, but upwards of ninety put in an appearance at the subsequent meeting, ringers coming from Tunstall, Teynham, Lynsted, Sittingbourne, Newington, Rainham, Chatham, Gillingham, Rochester, Frindsbury, Milton-next-Gravesend, Gravesend, Beckenham and Minster, together with the local band.

Holy Trinity has a light peal of six, tenor 9 cwt., and the very small ringing chamber necessitated a partial control, which was efficiently carried out by the local men.

The association form of service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. O. F. R. Strickland, the organist also being in attendance.

At the close of the service a bountiful tea was provided by the lady friends and churchworkers.

The business meeting followed, his Worship the Mayor of Queenborough (Mr. G. Mayland) being in the chair, Mrs. Mayland also being present. The Mayor welcomed the association to their ancient borough, and said that, although he did not know much about bell-ringing, he was very much amazed at the team spirit shown that afternoon, and advised the ringers to foster that spirit for all time.—The Rector also addressed a few words of encouragement to the company.

The Mayor was unanimously elected as an hon. member of the association, as was also Mrs. W. Beer and Mrs. W. Cooke.

The General Secretary announced that the collection taken at the service in aid of the Benevolent Fund amounted to 19s. 7½d., the Mayor thereupon making this up over the £1.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Newington.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed and carried with applause to the Mayor for presiding, to the Rector of Queenborough for permission to hold the meeting and for arranging the service, to the ladies who had so generously provided such an excellent tea, and to the organist.

The Vicar of Minster was unavoidably debarred from attending the meeting, but had placed the bells of SS. Mary and Sexburga at the disposal of any who wished to avail themselves of the opportunity. Thanks were also accorded to him for this privilege.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, May 7th, and was very well attended. Ringing at St. Nicholas' Church was continued throughout the afternoon and evening, and included rounds for the novices and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise.

The Rector (Rev. Dr. O. Hardman) officiated at the service, and his short address was much appreciated. Tea, generous both in quantity and variety, was provided by the Rector, who was present, supported by the churchwarden, the general secretary, and members of the committee of the association.

The Rector also presided over the business meeting, at which three ringers were elected members of the association, and the election of one previous to a peal was confirmed.

Mr. E. Barnett, jun., presented a report of the proceedings at a committee meeting held on Easter Monday.—West Wickham was chosen as the place of the next meeting, in July.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for his address, for presiding at the meeting, and for his generous hospitality; to the choir and organist for their services; and to the churchwarden for presiding over the latter portion of the meeting.—This concluded the business. Some handbell ringing followed previous to returning to the tower for further ringing, which concluded an enjoyable and successful gathering.

MUFFLED RINGING AT HILLINGDON.

On Monday, April 25th, at the tower of St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, Middlesex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) in 63 mins.: C. Over 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, R. W. Darvill 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, E. G. Swift 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, J. J. Pratt 7, W. Honor 8, F. Corke 9, F. T. Smith 10. The bells were rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. J. Stilwell, who was interred that afternoon.

Mrs. Stilwell, who passed away on the previous Friday, was widow of the late Mr. John Stilwell, of Hillingdon. When Hillingdon bells were recast, augmented to ten, and rehung in 1911, the entire cost of the work was borne by Mr. Stilwell. He was an honorary member of the Middlesex Association, who, when they visited Hillingdon, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell on numerous occasions.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Thos. B. Hensher, who was to have taken part in the peal at Finedon on Saturday last, was taken ill with appendicitis during the week. An immediate operation was necessary. He is progressing favourably. Numerous friends all join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

The band who rang a peal of Bob Major at Monks Kirby, reported last week, wish it to be known that the remarks of Mr. E. H. Lewis re 'locked doors,' does not refer to them.

The peal of Superlative rung at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, April 23rd last, was George H. Cross' 450th peal, and also his 300th peal as conductor.

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY GUILD.

CHORISTERS AS RINGERS AT CITY CHURCH.

The City of London has few churches where the bells are rung regularly for service twice on Sunday, but St. Lawrence Jewry is one of the happy exceptions. After the bells were rehung about two years ago by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, a band was recruited from members of the choir, and under the instruction of Mr. A. A. Hughes, despite the disadvantages of having to learn on a heavy peal of bells, with a long draught of rope, excellent progress was made. The company, which started with eight members, now numbers twelve; not one has dropped out, and all, with the exception of Mr. Hughes, are members of the choir. A year ago they formed themselves into the St. Lawrence Jewry Guild, with the Rector (Rev. W. P. Besley) as president, and on May 11th last they rang their first quarter-peal—Grandsire Triples—which was called by a promising conductor, Mr. F. C. Shorter. The band was H. K. Markwick 1, E. S. Owen 2, A. A. Hughes 3, E. Murrell 4, S. F. Stonard 5, F. C. Shorter 6, G. T. Moody 7, W. C. Rose 8. With the exception of Mr. Hughes and Mr. E. S. Owen (who began to learn about 35 years ago at St. George's in the Borough but gave it up), none of the Guild had attempted to handle a bell before the band was started.

FAITHFUL SERVICE RECOGNISED.

On Tuesday, May 10th, a large gathering of people met in St. Mary's Hall, Hemel Hempstead, to do honour to Mr. Henry Golding, who has completed 50 years' service as a bellringer at St. Mary's Church.

Among those present were the Vicar and Mrs. Robson, Rev. G. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Miss Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Lightbody, Mr. and Mrs. Horn, Mr. Barker, Mr. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clarke, and Mr. Hopkins, and a representative gathering of the congregation.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. W. F. Williams (churchwarden), who called upon the Vicar to read the inscription in the album, containing the names of 254 subscribers to the presentation fund, and to make the presentation.

The Vicar expressed his great pleasure in being privileged to perform this service, and spoke of the great work of Mr. Golding and of the esteem in which he was held by all. He asked him to accept the gift as a token of affection from them all.

Mr. Golding was greeted with loud applause, and said how grateful he was for this unexpected token of goodwill.

Mr. W. Ayre, representing the Hertford Association, read a letter of goodwill, greetings and appreciation from the general secretary of the association. He urged for more support for the belfry by getting young people to take an interest in ringing.

Mr. Jackson also added his appreciation of Mr. Golding's services. The gift—a magnificent mahogany cabinet gramophone—was then brought into action, the first record played being 'The Bells of St. Mary's' on handbells by Dr. Barnardo's boys. The inscription on the gramophone reads: 'Presented to Mr. Henry Golding by members of the congregation on his completion of 50 years' service as a bellringer at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Hemel Hempstead, May 10th, 1932.'

The remainder of the evening was occupied by a whist drive and dance.

W. A.

DEBENHAM BELL FUND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I append a further list of donations with our best thanks to the donors. The renovation is turning out to be a more costly matter than was at first anticipated, as four of the bells have to be recast, bringing the total up to about £630. In view of this, I am making an earnest appeal for further help, as I feel sure there are still other ringers who would like to do their little bit towards the restoration of our famous peal.—Yours,

Debenham. W. C. RUMSEY.

Previously acknowledged £3 3s., Cecil Pipe 5s., Peter Laflin 2s. 6d., W. J. Nevard 10s., R. T. Dennis 10s., David Elliott 5s., W. C. Rumsey 10s., Leslie Brett 2s. 6d.; total £5 8s.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT PLYMOUTH.

The fortieth annual meeting of the Central Council was held at the Guildhall on Tuesday. The president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, hon. secretary and treasurer, and Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, hon. librarian. There were 63 members present, representing 31 associations, and, in addition, 9 honorary members.

The Mayor of Plymouth gave the Council an official welcome to Plymouth, and on behalf of the churches a welcome was extended by the Bishop of Plymouth, both of whom were thanked by the president.

The Hon. Secretary reported the affiliation of the North Staffs Association (one member) and the newly-formed Scottish Association (one member), also the reaffiliation of the Gloucester and Bristol Association (four members), while the Truro Diocesan Guild representation had been increased from one to four members.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, Mr. H. W. Wilde and Mr. W. A. Cave were re-elected hon. members, and Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham) was elected an hon. member.

A list of six associations who had not paid the affiliation fees was read, and the President intimated that under the rules the representatives of associations whose fees had not been paid were not entitled to vote at that meeting.

New members having been introduced to the president, reference was made to the death of members and former members who had passed away during the year, viz.: Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. T. T. Gofton, H. Argyle (members), S. Wood and T. J. Salter (former members).

The Hon. Librarian (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) reported the largest sale of publications during the year that he had known. Including 272 copies of the Doubles and Minor Methods, the sales amounted to £58 17s. 1d., and there was a balance on the sales account of £42 9s. 5d.

The general account, presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer, showed that the balance in hand had increased from £47 14s. 9d. to £61 11s. 11d. The receipts included £5 from interest on investments, £28 5s. from affiliation fees, £2 7s. 6d. from hon. members, and £42 9s. 5d. from publications. The expenditure, including £10 10s. to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, amounted to £64 4s. 9d.

The accounts were adopted.

Mr. E. A. Young, one of the trustees, reported on the condition of the Carter ringing machine, and a suggestion was made that a demonstration should be given whenever there was a large gathering of ringers in London.

The Peals Collection Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported, had received a lot of fresh material, mainly of Royal and Maximus, and he was going through it to pick out anything that was new.

The Methods Committee's report, which has already been published, was received, and later in the day authority was given for the publication of the collection of Triples methods as soon as it is completed.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson wrote expressing regret that he had been unable to take any steps in connection with the booklet on variations, and asked, on account of pressure of work, to be allowed to resign from the position of convener of the committee which had been appointed to deal with the matter.

At the suggestion of Mr. G. R. Newton, it was later decided to request the Peals Collection Committee to get together a collection of the best peals in all the usually practised methods, with a view to their eventual publication.

The Peals Analysis Committee's report (already published) was adopted, and Mr. G. L. Grover was appointed a member in place of Mr. G. L. Fletcher, now hon. secretary of the Council.

Interesting reports were presented by members of the Towers and Belfries Committee dealing with restorations on which they had been called in to advise.

The Stedman Tercentenary Committee's report, presented by the president, showed that subscriptions amounted to £487 19s. 4d., interest on bank deposit £4 16s. 9d., and sales of souvenirs (after paying costs) £9 5s. 4d. The total receipts were thus £502 1s. 5d. The cost of the scheme had been £533 6s. 11d., so that there was a balance of about £30 to be raised.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee it was resolved that the Council should advance the sum in order that the remainder of the accounts should be paid. It is hoped that those who have not yet subscribed to the fund will contribute towards the sum required.

The Stedman Committee's report was adopted, with thanks to members of the committee for their labours.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards presented the Literature and Press Committee's report, which included recommendations as to ringing publications which should be purchased where it was desired to establish a tower library.

The Records Committee's report was presented by Mr. G. L. Grover, and it was resolved that, as the records had been brought up to date, the work should in future be handed over to the Analysis Committee.

Mr. E. W. Elwell presented, on behalf of the Rules Committee, the proposed new rules of the Council (published in our last issue). He asked that during the coming year members would study them, and if they had any criticism or suggestions to make that they would put them forward in time for the committee to consider them before the meeting of the Council in London next year, when they would be submitted for final adoption.

The President moved, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded, the following motion: 'That this Council strongly deprecates the recording as a peal on a commemorative tablet any performance which does not conform to the accepted standard of a true and complete peal, and calls upon all affiliated societies to support the Council in this matter.'—Mr. E. W. Elwell made an eloquent speech in support of truth in the records of ringing placed in churches, and the motion was carried nem con.

Canon Coleridge, who attributed most of the bad ringing which took place to bad handling of the bells, proposed 'That in view of the great need for attention to good striking, the Council appoint a small committee to draw up a pamphlet on the proper handling of a bell.'

Mr. J. T. Dyke seconded, and a discussion took place, principally on whether the need was met by existing publications. It was pointed out that what was aimed at was something that could be sold for a few coppers, so that it was cheap enough to put in the hands of every beginner.

The motion was carried, together with a rider by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn that the pamphlet should include a simple explanation of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor.

Canon Coleridge and Mr. Dyke were appointed the committee to draw up the pamphlet and given power to add to their number.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved: 'That in order to further the best interests of the Exercise, and to give all ringing matters the maximum publicity, all affiliated societies be requested to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of the only ringing paper.'

Mr. F. W. Perreus seconded, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith made a statement as to the additional circulation that would be needed to enlarge the paper, which was the most pressing need. What was wanted was an additional circulation of at least 3,500 per week.

The discussion showed that members were keenly desirous of extending the circulation of the paper, and the resolution was unanimously passed.

A vote of sympathy with the Rev. R. L. Gundry, Master of the Salisbury Guild, in his recent accident, was passed, and the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to all concerned in the successful arrangements for the Council's gathering.

After the meeting, members and their friends were entertained to tea by the Devon Guild, and in the evening a social gathering was held.

THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

SECOND LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged or promised	31	7	6
Alderman J. S. Pritchett	1	1	0
D. H. Scott	2	0	0
A. E. Bolding	1	0	0
L. H. and P. M. Cooper	2	2	0
F. G. Fass	1	0	0
G. M. Bush		10	0
F. K. Howell		5	0
J. H. Shepherd	1	1	0
F. Blowing		6	6
Gloucester Branch dinner	1	12	6
E. Guise		10	6
Queensbury ringers		10	0
Mrs. M. Hancock	1	0	0
E. Weatherby (Los Angeles)		4	0
Guildford Diocesan Guild	2	2	0
Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild	2	2	0
Oakley ringers (Basingstoke)		6	0
J. Chesterman		5	0
Farnham (Surrey) ringers (per Mr. R. Hasted) ...		10	6
Rev. Noel Hope		2	6
W. Nevard		5	0
Oxford University Society	1	1	0
E. Bishop	1	1	0
Bristol Branch meeting (March)		11	6
Bristol Branch meeting (April)		15	6
	£53	12	0

Acknowledged by Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Rev. E. S. Saleby, P. C. Williams and E. Guise.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REOPENING AND REDEDICATION OF WESTERLEIGH BELLS.

On Saturday, May 14th, the above peal of bells was reopened and rededicated by the Bishop of Malmesbury.

The service, which took the form of special evensong, was taken by the Rural Dean, Canon E. J. Phillips, the lesson being read by Canon G. R. Wood (father of Stephen H. Wood). The service was fully choral, the organist and choir of St. Ambrose's, Bristol, having very kindly undertaken the responsibility.

The opening touch was performed by past and present officials of the association, viz.: Mr. J. Gould (Master), Mr. H. T. Howell (past Master), Mr. P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), Mr. E. Guise (general hon. secretary), Mr. W. H. Thomas (Bristol Branch chairman), and Mr. J. G. Jefferies (Management Committee).

The rededication ceremony was performed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Malmesbury, who afterwards gave a very encouraging address. He said that the ringers were one of the organisations of the Church, and ought to be encouraged; also that Westerleigh had a lot to be thankful for and proud of in the fact that the Vicar, Rev. R. Stevens, and Miss E. C. Stevens (the Vicar's sister), both of whom are between 90 and 100 years of age, had defrayed the entire cost of recasting the treble and retuning the whole peal, and rehung in a metal frame on ball bearings with all the latest fittings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the generous gift being over £400. About two hundred and fifty attended the service, which taxed the accommodation of the small church.

After the service, the bells were made good use of till about 9 p.m., several touches of the usual methods being brought round.

An interesting feature of the gathering was the belfry election of the Bishop of Malmesbury as an hon. member. The proposition of Mr. J. Gould (Master), seconded by Canon E. J. Phillips (vice-president), was carried unanimously.

Messrs. Taylor are to be congratulated on a real good job, the 'go' of the peal being all that could be desired. The bell hangers were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

Cobham and Leatherhead were the only towers represented at the meeting at Cobham on Saturday, but real holiday weather brought visitors from Aldershot, Chiddingfold, Croydon, Farnborough, Guildford (S. Nicolas'), Ottershaw, Thames Ditton and Weybridge, and a successful meeting resulted.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. du V. Brunton, conducted the Guild's service at 4.30.

Tea was provided in the Church Room, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the two churchwardens, and after the brief business meeting the local band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. James, entertained the company with a selection of handbell tunes.

Ringing continued until nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal, methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

Members are reminded of their committee's resolution to support the Chertsey District's meetings. The next one is at Esher on June 4th.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

5,088 IN SEVEN METHODS. BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456	M.	W.	H.	Methods: One lead each of:
52364	2	2	2	L. B. Y. B. L. N.G.
65243	2	2	2	L. B. Y. B. L. N.G.
46532	2	2	2	L. B. Y. B. L. N.G.
34625	2	2	2	L. B. Y. B. L. N.G.
42356	2	2		L. B. Y. B. L.
65324	—	—	—	L. C. R.
(35426)	—			R. C.
56423	—		2	N. C. R. N.G.
(46325)	—			R. Y.
(36524)	—			N. C.
45623	—		—	N. C. L.
53624	—		2	L. C. L. N.G.
26435	—	—		L. C. R. or L.
54632	—		—	R. or L. C. L.

Repeat as from 42356 four times, omitting last bob at H. in last part only.

B., Bristol; C., Cambridge; L., London; N., Norfolk; N.G., New Gloucester; R., Rutland; Y., Yorkshire. Norfolk is rung with a fourth's place bob, and as this cuts out the H. lead, the course-ends in brackets are not rung where shown.

Rung at St. Mary's, Willesden, by the Middlesex Association, on April 19th, 1932.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FACILITIES FOR MID-WEEK PRACTICE.

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association was held at Heston on Saturday, May 7th. Some 35 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening. Among the visitors were Mr. A. W. Coles (Master, N. and E. District), Mr. J. Herbert (hon. secretary of the Southern District of the London County Association), Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayne (Pinner), etc., whilst Messrs. C. Kippin and T. Price paid a flying visit (on a motor-cycle!) en route for home after an abortive peal attempt.

Ringing commenced at Norwood Green at 3 p.m., and for a couple of hours the musical ring of six were rung in various methods. The tenor is 7 cwt., and the trebles proved a 'handful' to even some of the experts! Heston bells were rung both before and after tea to a variety of methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Surprise Major.

A bountiful tea was provided by the Vicar and the local ringers, an action that was greatly appreciated. The vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) presided over the subsequent business meeting, supported by the Vicar of Heston (Rev. G. Craggs) and officers of the district.

Eight new ringing members were elected, and it was agreed that the next meeting be held at Sunbury on June 11th.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) moved, and the hon. treasurer (Mr. C. S. Bird) seconded, that, commencing on May 26th, a joint practice be held at Heston on the last Thursday in each month at 7.30 p.m. It was explained that the main idea behind these practices was an endeavour to make progress. Those who attended were requested to come prepared to ring a method that they did not normally ring in their local tower. A special welcome was extended to members whose business precluded them from attending the ordinary Saturday meetings.—After a brief discussion the motion was adopted.

Mr. J. Herbert explained the action taken by the Southern District of the London County Association with reference to the bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street.—Mr. Trollope expressed the satisfaction felt by those present at the co-operation of another London society on this important subject, and thanked Mr. Herbert for bringing the matter forward.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. G. Craggs (Heston) and the Rev. T. B. Parker (Norwood Green) for the use of their bells, and to the local ringers, particularly Messrs. Chandler (Heston) and Emmett (Norwood Green) for their assistance and co-operation, and, last but not least, to the ladies who prepared and served the tea.

WEDDING BELLS.

MARRIAGE OF WELL-KNOWN LEICESTER RINGER.

Joyous peals rang out from the bells of St. Margaret's, Leicester, recently, when the well-known ringer, George Stedman Morris, son of the esteemed verger of the church, Mr. Josiah Morris, was married to Miss Edith May Olieff. The bride looked very pretty in a dress of parchment satin, and carried a bouquet of lilies and heather. The bridesmaids—Miss Margaret L. Morris and Miss N. Ayriss, niece of the bridegroom and cousin of the bride respectively—were arrayed in green suede georgette, their bouquets being of cream roses. The bridegroom—well! he was wrapped in thought, wearing a smile! The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. G. L. Buchanan, and the organist played the wedding march at the conclusion of the ceremony, while the 12 bells in the ancient tower were rung by a mixed company from St. Margaret's, the Cathedral, St. John's, All Saints', Anstey, etc., and later a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at the Cathedral.

MASONIC PEAL AT NEWCASTLE.

The Masonic peal at Newcastle-on-Tyne on May 3rd was rung to celebrate the appointment of W.Bro. Cecil A. Cochrane, D.C.L., P.G.D., to be Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, in succession to the late Col. C. W. Napier-Clavering. The announcement of Dr. Cochrane's appointment appeared in the daily papers on the morning of the day this peal was rung. He has been an hon. life member of the Durham and Newcastle Association since 1902, when he gave the peal of eight bells to All Saints', Gosforth, the church which his father had built a few years previously. Mr. Reeves, of Birmingham, who took part in the peal, is an hon. member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

MUFFLED BELLS FOR APPLETON RINGER.

At Appleton, Berks, for evening service, on Sunday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): F. C. White 1, H. C. White 2, G. Holifield, sen., 3, C. G. White 4, F. Messenger 5, A. H. White 6, F. S. White 7, G. Holifield, jun. (conductor), 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. All are Sunday service ringers. Rung with the bells muffled as a last mark of respect to Mr. R. Bennett, aged 76, who was interred at Appleton on the previous Tuesday. He was a much respected member of the Appleton band, and rang about 40 peals.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

VICAR OF PROBUS MAKES TWO PROMISES.

A meeting of the Truro Branch of the Diocesan Guild was held at Probus on May 7th, when about fifty ringers attended from Truro Cathedral, St. Gluvias, Illogan, Redruth, St. Dennis and St. Erme, and among those present were Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Diocesan Ringing Master), Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (diocesan secretary), Mr. W. H. Southeard (vice-president), Mr. Wm. Wood (Penzance district secretary), and Mr. J. Wood (Gulval). Probus is just five miles from Truro, and the tower, regarded as the finest in Cornwall and 123ft. 6in. in height, contains the heaviest ring of six in the county, the tenor being 21¾ cwt. They are called (if the expression is permissible) 'a good old ring.' The local band commenced the ringing soon after two o'clock, and the bells were kept going, although a few, used to light bells on ball bearings, found it rather difficult, until 4.30. The usual service was then conducted, and the address given by the Vicar, the Rev. T. G. Hammond, whose subject was 'The Tower,' which could be seen for miles around, and marked the place where there was a building dedicated for the worship of God. In itself it was, he said, a silent witness, but the bells were the speaking witness.



Cornwall's heaviest ring of six hangs in this tower.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, after which Mr. A. S. Roberts proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome, and remarked how glad he was that the Vicar, who, as he had said previous to his address, could not find anything about bells to preach about, did not attempt to do so, because they had so often to listen to stories and particulars about bells which were not correct. He thought that very often ringers knew more about bells than the clergy. They were looking forward to coming to Probus again, and hoped that then the bells would be a full octave and would 'go' a little easier, and that the tower would be affiliated to the Guild.

The Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, seconding, said he considered work amongst ringers and the ringers' duty on Sundays, when there was at present such a disregard for church-going, were of the utmost importance.—In acknowledging the vote of thanks, the Vicar said he was going to make two promises, one was that in a short while Probus would become affiliated to the Guild, but it took a very long while to convert some of his ringers who had been in the tower nearly as long as the bells. The other promise was that the bells would be done in time, and he hoped two more would be added. During the short time he had been at Probus he had had Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Gillett and Johnston and Taylor and Co., all wanting to restore the bells. It was very nice of them indeed, but he wanted the money first.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Redruth in September, and that each branch should have a branch fund instead of all payments being made at present from the central fund.

Ringing took place again in the evening, and also at Ladock, where the octave, tenor 12⅞ cwt., on ball bearings, were appreciated after the heavy 'go' at Probus.

SAVED!

To the Editor.

Sir,—Bow bell strickles were saved too long! So was the 'splendid gesture'! And mark this fact, the city has echoed of late years with the slogan, 'Save Bow bells'—a plaintive appeal which went on unheeded. Please don't shed any more 'grief gravy'! It won't wash away facts. Mr. Editor, pen-names are hardly necessary, but here it is—

IRENÆUS.

THE LATE MR. T. J. SALTER.

AN APPRECIATION.

As a regular reader of 'The Ringing World' I was indeed deeply grieved to note the passing of that stalwart ringing enthusiast, 'Tom' Salter, of Kidderminster, and I feel that his demise will be equally felt by all with whom he came into contact. It was only about three weeks ago that I was gazing upon his photograph. You, too, Mr. Editor, were among those associated with one of the Winchester Diocesan Guild's ringing weeks, and little did I think, when looking upon those faces, that one I knew so well was so rapidly approaching his end. Would that my pen could speak of the abilities of 'Tom' Salter as a ringer. Unfortunately, my early associations with the art were not maintained, and beyond an occasional delve into ringing history, and the noting of passing events as recorded in 'The Ringing World,' I can claim no other associations. 'Tom' Salter, however, comes well within my ken, for it was in my early days that I first had the opportunity of knowing him. Steeped in ringing lore, as I was in those days, the receiver of valuable information from, among others, such men as the late John Carter and Henry Dains, I was interested in all new faces to that mecca of change ringing in those days, viz., Brighton. The St. Peter's band was then in its zenith, and all newcomers were watched with great interest by my youthful eyes. It was then that 'Tom' Salter came from Kidderminster. He was accompanied by John O. Bennett. Alas! he too has passed over. 'Tom' was a young man then—in his twenties—and enthusiastic to a degree. Those intricate methods attained by the Brightonians were an attraction to him. He wished to tread those wonderful paths. A great welcome was given him by those early pioneers into the present-day era of Surprise methods, and 'Tom' was not lagging. By concentration of his brain he was soon engrossed in those marvellous pieces of squared paper, covered with what looked like a 'zig-zagging' line, but which to the initiated was the true path to success. Without reference to records I cannot tell what methods 'Tom' succeeded in ringing peals upon that first trip South in 1896, but I believe that many of his early Surprise peals were accomplished with the members of the St. Peter's band. His appetite was whetted, and in 1897 and the following year he was again spending his holidays in Brighton with further successes in the Surprise methods. Again in 1900 the attraction was equally as great, and I have the word of my uncle, who participated in many, if not all, of the peals rung, that they were some of the best Surprise peals accomplished. From that time on I had not the chance of meeting 'Tom' Salter, but could only have the opportunity of watching his progress through the medium of the ringing papers. I do know, however, that his enthusiasm and energies were the means of stimulating many others. His keenness was infectious to a degree, and if only that infection could have spread towards me, perhaps my pen could have better written the appreciation he so well deserved. An excellent ringer has passed over, and his loss will, I am sure, be greatly felt, not only in the Midlands, but in many parts of the country.

V. S.

THE FUNERAL.

Many ringers were present at the funeral of Mr. Salter, which took place on May 5th. The first part of the service was held in St. Mary's Parish Church, Canon L. B. Sladen officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. F. Hastings (Rector of Martley), with the Revs. A. C. Griffiths and Trippass. The mourners included Mr. Keith Salter (son), Mr. William Salter (brother), Mr. William Baker (brother-in-law), and Mr. Bernard Baker (nephew).

The churchwardens of St. Mary's Church (Messrs. W. Mackaness and J. C. May), members of the choir, Church Council, Mr. R. E. Grove, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), Messrs. A. Perkins and J. Anderson (Alma Bowling Club), Mr. H. Gaston, Mr. W. Pugh, Mr. J. Hunt, and some of his old workmates were among those present. The bearers were his old ringing friends, Messrs. J. Woodberry, C. H. Woodberry, J. Davies, A. Wright, J. Bass, R. Mathews and E. J. Brookes. In addition to the Kidderminster ringers, many were present from Old Hill, Brierley Hill, Wollaston, Hagley, Areley Kings, Wolverley, Stourbridge, Halesowen, Wordsley, Worcester and Clent, and took part in muffled ringing on the bells at the Parish Church before and after the funeral.

After the interment, which took place at St. John's Church, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at the graveside by Messrs. C. H. Woodberry (Kidderminster), W. Short (Clent), R. Matthews and J. Bass (Stourbridge).

There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. Salter leaves a widow and one son, Mr. Keith Salter, who is a ringer, in bereavement, and they have received many expressions of sympathy, for Mr. Salter was widely known and much respected.

He had interests outside the art of ringing, for he had been a keen cricketer in his younger days, and latterly was one of the finest exponents of the game of bowls in Kidderminster. Mr. Salter was a carpet weaver by trade, and had been for nearly 20 years employed by the Carpet Manufacturing Co., while prior to that he was for some 30 years with another Kidderminster firm.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On handbells, 720 Double Court Bob Minor: J. Arbon (first in the method and first attempt) 1-2, W. Wightman 3-4, G. Wightman (conductor) 5-6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEMBERS WHO 'DROP OUT' AND REJOIN.

Speaking at the annual spring meeting of the Witney and Woodstock District Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Tackley on Saturday week, the chief officers of the Guild made a strong appeal to members to maintain their subscriptions, instead of dropping out for a time and then rejoining.

A service was held in Tackley Church, at which the Master preached the sermon. The service was taken by the Rev. E. J. Lee, and others present included the Rev. G. H. Stuart-Gmelin (Rural Dean), who has just become a life member, the Rev. F. R. Marriott (Rector of Wootton), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), and Mr. A. J. Wright (general treasurer). The Master referred to the ideal relations which should exist between the parish priest and the ringers, and went on to say that they were both workers in the cause of God. Before the Guilds came into being, ringers and parish priests were very far away from each other, but throughout the country the Guilds had been trying to break down the barrier between them. He was not going to pretend, however, that they did not still find instances where the ringers and parish priest, although not living very far apart, appeared to be a long way asunder spiritually, and to have no real sympathy one with the other. They ought to feel that they were engaged in the same work and working under the same great Master Builder. He would have them notice that both parish priest and ringers were preachers—preachers who were giving expression to the people of the trade of God. The ringer, however, had the bigger pull, because his sound went out all over the parish and reached those to whom the voice of the preacher did not reach when he preached in church. They must have sympathy with each other; he urged them to remember that their Sunday ringing was not merely to announce the time of service, but that it was really the work of God, and he thought that both ringers and priests must study their work. Another thing that was necessary was fellowship with others who were engaged in the same work. The parish priest might be able to get up and deliver Sunday by Sunday a very fine sermon, and if it was going to touch the hearts of those in the parish it would meet the needs of the times, and it would show that the priest had the fellowship of his parishioners. So it must be with the ringers. They must get to know what their brothers and sisters were thinking, and they must try to have sympathy one with another.

Tea was served in the Village Hall, and afterwards the annual meeting was presided over by the Rev. F. R. Marriott, Rector of Wootton. He congratulated the meeting on the fact that it was the largest he had seen since he had joined the Guild. He also congratulated the Master on the sermon he had delivered, remarking that it was most appropriate and helpful.

RESTORATION FUND GETTING LOW.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Evetts, jun., presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £18 10s. 6d., compared with £19 4s. In his report he stated that the honorary members were dropping, and he urged foremen of towers to do their best to get new honorary members. He was pleased to see that the new Rural Dean (the Rev. G. H. Stuart-Gmelin) had become a life member. He pointed out that when a tower was in trouble it was always the hon. members to whom they looked for support. The general treasurer had said that the restoration fund was getting rather low, and he would like to see it increased again. The ringing members, he added, had also fallen considerably, there being 98 members compared with 136 last year. He was pleased, however, to see Cassington rejoining, but he was sorry to see that Tackley did not belong.

The chairman was unanimously re-elected, as was the secretary and treasurer. Mr. Marriott said he had a sort of feeling that perhaps the time had come when they ought to have a chairman from the other side of the district, but he was willing to carry on if the members wished him to.

The Master pointed out that no Branch stipulated that their chairman must be a ringer; if they did, the Guild would be pretty badly off, he added. All that was required of a chairman was that he should be willing to advise the secretary as to holding meetings and to preside over them.

A letter was read from the Banbury and District Branch asking that now Rousham had been joined with Lower Heyford, and that most of the ringing was in the hands of Lower Heyford, the tower should join that district, and Mr. Evetts said that what he felt about various towers gradually falling away was that it was a sort of beginning of the destruction of the deanery. He did not like to see towers dropping away, but in this case he felt it was only right, although he would be very sorry to lose the members.

Mr. Pearson, of Deddington, secretary of Banbury Branch, explained the situation, and the Master said that, while sympathising with Mr. Evetts, he thought that while Rousham was part of a tower which was already in the Banbury and District Branch, there was nothing to worry about.

Messrs. W. T. Bond, G. C. Clarke and N. Spindlow were re-elected representatives on the Guild General Committee.

Members from various towers who had lapsed were readmitted, and it was decided that the autumn meeting should be held on October 1st at Stanton Harcourt, which has not been visited since 1921.

THE MASTER'S APPEAL.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn expressed his pleasure at being present, and said that he was glad to see so many former members returning. He did regret, however, their absence during the years they had not paid their subscription. He wanted to stress the fact that that was not the way to do things—to pay one's subscription and then drop out for a time, and he did trust that those who were present as members and those who were now members once more would take this to heart and keep up their subscriptions.

Referring to 'The Ringing World,' the Master said he had come to the conclusion that there were a great many towers in the Guild where the paper was never seen. They could not say that they had a poor ringing paper by any means. It was run in such a way by Mr. Goldsmith that if he was to take up any other matter where very little education was required it would be a success at once. Mr. Goldsmith was a real journalist, and he had the interest of the paper at heart. It provided a real link for ringers throughout the country, and they were, in addition, able to see what was being done in different parts of the world. The reason for the price of the paper being rather high, he added, was that not enough took the paper. He had brought with him a number of the current issues, and he hoped that after seeing it members would be induced to take the paper each week.

Mr. Evetts also spoke in warm terms of the paper, and said that he looked forward to each Friday morning with great anticipation.

Mr. A. J. Wright, general treasurer, referred to the fact that in some towers there was a very strict rule that if members dropped out and then wished to rejoin they had to pay their subscriptions for the intervening period. He stated also that with regard to the restoration fund, there was now a balance in hand of about £15, and he wished to increase it so as to be able to meet any call that was made on it.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary, also referred to lapsed members, and commented sharply on those members who allowed this to happen and then wished to rejoin. If they felt they were not getting anything out of it, he said, and did not want to pay a halfpenny a week, he would not try to get them back. He felt very sorry for the branch secretary, but stated that the captains of towers were as much to blame as anyone. If captains could not see that the halfpenny a week was forthcoming, there was something radically wrong with the tower. In most towers where people took an interest in change ringing and in the ringing for Sunday services they had a tower fund, from which, when necessary, subscriptions could be paid. He referred in warm terms to the branch secretary, and Mr. John Monk, of Witney, paid tribute to the chairman.

The Rev. E. J. Lee welcomed the Guild, and said he hoped they would come as often as they could. One of the reasons for this was that he hoped the visit would prove to be an inspiration to their own ringers. They in Tackley had fallen on evil times in the last two or three years; they used to have their bells rung regularly on Sundays, but at the present time they were only rung occasionally. If the visit did inspire their own ringers, no one would be more pleased than he at the result of the visit.

Touches were later rung on the bells of several churches in the district.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE MILES.

Mr. George Miles, of Brentwood, whose death we have already briefly recorded, passed away at the age of 55 years after a short and painful illness.

While living at Camberley, Surrey, he rendered yeoman service to the Winchester Diocesan Guild, acting for some years as secretary of a district which had its special difficulties. On going to Brentwood in 1923, he became an enthusiastic member of St. Thomas' Society. He helped to advance the standard of ringing in this tower, and conducted the first peal rung by Sunday service ringers at this church in 1924. He also inaugurated the first annual outing held by this society, which has since become an annual function greatly enjoyed by the members.

In 1928 he formed a Guild of ringers at the Church of St. Peter, South Weald, and had since done pioneer work in teaching the art of change ringing to young members.

Mr. Miles had rung about 60 peals in various methods. He will be missed by his many friends, who found him a very just and upright man, whose love was in the Church and her bells.

He was interred at St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Henfield, on Monday, May 2nd, and following the service a half-muffled touch of Bob Minor was rung on the bells by A. and C. Brackley, W. Palmer, C. Sharplin, A. Rainbird, E. J. Butler and F. G. Ringe.

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BROOKFIELD'S NEW BELLS.

BELL FOUNDERS TRIUMPH OVER DIFFICULTIES.

The bells of Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, Manchester, which were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were reopened on Saturday, April 25th, when a special meeting was held on the invitation of the trustees and committee of the church, to which all ringers and their friends were invited. The dedication service was conducted by the resident minister (Rev. Fred Cottier), assisted by the Rev. Stanley Mossop, of Sheffield, and attracted a large congregation, including many ringers and members of the church.

A stirring address by the Rev. F. Cottier, on the duties of ringers and the pleasure their work affords them, followed the dedicatory prayers and rounds on the bells. At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung by local ringers and visitors until 4.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea was provided.

A short meeting, over which the Rev. F. Cottier presided, followed. In an address of welcome, Mr. Blick, a member of the church committee, thanked the visitors for their attendance, and expressed the hope that they would again visit Brookfield at no very distant date. He was supported by Mr. Hinchliffe, chairman of the church committee, who in the course of his remarks regretted the absence of Brookfield's oldest ringer, Mr. John Fearnhead, who had been prevented from being present on account of sickness, and added the hope that he would soon be restored to health and able to take his place among them again.

The Chairman, in a short and humorous speech, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, and added that, although this was only his second experience of a ringing meeting, he hoped it would not be very long before he attended another. He informed the meeting that he was seriously thinking of taking up ringing himself. (It is hoped that he will carry out this intention so that his ringers may have the opportunity of teaching him the meaning of touches.) He concluded his remarks by saying how pleased he was to hear the nice things which had been said about the bells, both for tone and 'go,' and he was sure that Mr. Johnston, who was present, must be a very proud man indeed.

Mr. C. F. Johnston replied with an excellent speech on the art and craft of bell hanging, and gave a lucid description of the bells.

A vote of thanks to the donors of the tea was proposed by Mr. C. Ollier, seconded by Mr. E. F. Mawby, and supported by Mr. W. Wolstencroft. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and ringing took place until 9.30 p.m.

There were 28 towers represented, and methods ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise. The meeting was, indeed, one of the most successful and enjoyable ever held in the Manchester district.

As for the bells, the whole peal has been recast and is now a splendid octave, with a tenor in F sharp, weighing 14½ cwt., representing the last word in the art of casting and tuning. The span of the tower is small, and the difficulties of rearranging the peal were increased by sundry obstructions, considerations of height in the ringing room, and many other problems affecting materially the ringers' comfort. The bells now hang in two tiers of four at each level, in a new self-contained metal frame of massive construction. The iron headstocks, ball bearings—to say nothing of the 'clapper control' on the tenor—all combine to complete a modern ring of eight which it will be hard to improve upon in the Manchester district, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston received nothing but praise from the visitors throughout the day for this latest perfect specimen of their handiwork.

DEATH OF JOHN R. BARTRAM.

A GREAT LOSS TO MELTON MOWBRAY.

It is with deepest regret we record the passing of John Robert Bartram (son of Mr. R. Henry Bartram, of Melton Mowbray), which occurred on May 12th at the early age of 34. Deceased was a first-class ringer and striker, and had rung seven peals in all. This total would have been considerably more had his occupation allowed, but whenever free one could find him taking his place in the belfry, especially at Melton Mowbray, where he will be sadly missed. He began ringing at the age of 15, and rang his first peal at 16. One peal is worthy of recalling, viz., Doubles at Harby by a father and four sons, of whom he was one. These five also rang in a peal of Triples. His peals were: Grandsire Triples 2, Minor 1, Doubles 1, Stedman Triples 2, Cambridge Major 1. Of a cheerful and pleasant disposition, he was liked by all with whom he came in contact, and his place in Melton belfry will be hard to fill. He was buried on Whit Monday, the first portion of the funeral service being taken at St. Mary's Church, Melton, by the Vicar, Rev. P. E. Robson, M.A., R.D. Many friends were present, including Messrs. R. Mount, of Waltham, S. Proctor, of Grantham, H. King, of Long Clawson, and the local ringers. Many floral tributes were sent. Muffled ringing took place in the evening. The deepest sympathy and condolence goes out to the deceased's widow and all the Bartram family in their bereavement.

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NOTICES.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

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E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 31st, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Sunday, May 22nd, at 5.30; all the others at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Shalford on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. L. Hunter, Bradstone Brook Cottage, Shalford. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (1/- per head) followed by business meeting at the Brickmakers' Arms after service. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

HALESOWEN PARISH CHURCH. — The tablet in memory of three old ringers will be unveiled on Saturday, May 21st. Service at 4 p.m., after which the bells will be available. All ringers are invited.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Soham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please look up Little Bob Royal.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available early. Service 4.15, followed by tea. —S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury Branch. — A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged. Short business meeting in ringing chamber at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Huntingdon, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A joint meeting with the Warwickshire Guild will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 21st. Tea will be provided. It is hoped that this Association will be well represented.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Batcombe (6 bells), on Saturday, May 21st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Church House.—C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts. — A joint meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 21st. Bells of St. Cuthbert's (8) available from 2.30 p.m.—H. Tyson, F. Robson, Joint Dis. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Creech St. Michael on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. — P. Merson, Bishops Hull, Taunton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — A monthly practice will be held at South Marston on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me. — S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A joint meeting with the Midland Counties Association (Hinckley District) will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided. —D. E. Beamish, Greenways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, May 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—Jas. Wm. Grounds, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available: Holy Trinity, West Hill, 3.15 to 4.30; All Saints', 3 to 5, and after meeting. Service at All Saints' Church, 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. G. Gray, 34, Merton Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18, not later than Wednesday, May 25th. All are welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in the tower 7.30. A good tea can be obtained at 1s. 6d. each. For tea please notify Mr. W. Collier, 235, Manchester Road, Swinton, Manchester, by Friday, May 27th. Uncertainties can also be accommodated. It is specially requested that a good attendance be assured for service.—P. Brown, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at North Collingham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. L. East, Low Street, North Collingham, Newark-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, May 25th?—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — A by-meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing commences at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. W. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, not later than first post Thursday, the 26th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

BLEDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by Mr. Bond, of Burford, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Gloucester on Saturday, May 28th. Service 3 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol and Wotton-under-Edge Branches.—A combined meeting will be held at Yate, Gloucester, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow, by kind invitation of Canon E. F. Smith. Kindly let us know for tea not later than Wednesday, 25th inst. — Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, or Oliver E. H. Hill, Fleece Villa, Rook's Moor, Stroud.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Northaw, Saturday, May 28th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please *do* advise me. Nearest Station, Cuffley or Potter's Bar from King's Cross, or by bus from Barnet to Potter's Bar Police Station. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Churchyard Cottage at 1s. per head. To facilitate tea arrangements a p.c. from intending visitors would be very much appreciated. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Hastings, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. All very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gedney on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by May 24th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) at 2.45. Service in church 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Other arrangements as usual. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Frensham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 25th.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a good one.—J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney on May 28th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. All requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Smith, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield. A good attendance requested. Special business.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at the Rectory 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford.

ALDENHAM.—Saturday, June 4th.—Ringing from 3.30. Tea at Village Club, 5.30. Nearest station, Bushey. Bus to church. Cheap tickets from all stations, coach or train.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH. —Service at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. The rings of 10 of the Parish Church and of the bell foundry tower will be available after the service. 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 2nd, to Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

DEVON GUILD. — North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Monday, May 30th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, June 4th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 1st? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, June 11th, the nature of business being despatched to each member by post. Bells of St. John's Parish Church (8) available from 3 o'clock and during the evening. St. Peter's (10) during evening only. Service in Parish Church at 5 p.m. Address by the President (the Bishop of Croydon). Tea (free of charge) and meeting following at Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. Please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, by June 8th, if you are coming to tea. It is the DUTY of every member to be present at this meeting. — Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—Joint meeting of districts of the Herts, Middlesex and Beds Associations will be held at St. Albans on July 23rd. Full details in later issues.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., Herts Association.

OWING to mechanical defects all ringing at St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth, is suspended until further notice.—R. J. Stone, Steeple Keeper, 16, Penhale Road, Fratton, Portsmouth.

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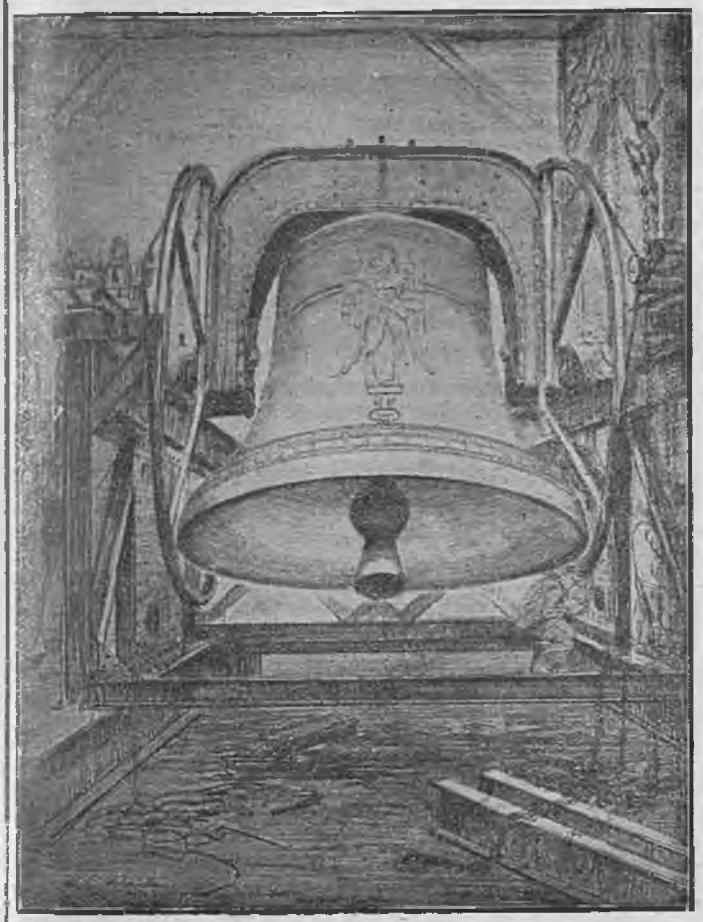

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A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT.

The experiment of holding a meeting of the Central Council as far west as Plymouth was fully justified by the event, for the attendance of 72 members was little short of recent provincial gatherings, such as Liverpool, 79, in 1931, and Chelmsford, 78, in 1929. It was equal to the Chester figure in 1925 and better than either of the earlier post-war meetings in the provinces, viz., 62 at Salisbury, 56 at Lincoln, 60 at Northampton and 63 at Gloucester. It shows that there is an increasing appreciation of the importance and value of the Council and that members, when they are elected, recognise that their duty is, if possible, to attend. Thirty-one out of the fifty-two affiliated societies were represented, which, for a meeting held at such an extremity of the country can surely be considered a satisfactory proportion. There is now no important area of England which the Council has not visited in the forty years of its existence, and the distribution of the meetings has been very equitably done. It may seem a little hard, perhaps, that associations in the south-east of the country should have to send their representatives to two such distant places as Liverpool and Plymouth in successive years, but taken all in all the forty years' itineration has left no one much to grumble at in this respect, except it may be associations like the Durham and Newcastle, and the Devon and Truro Guilds, who, in any case, unless the meeting is held almost in their own territory, are condemned to long journeys. But their geographical situation makes that inevitable and they are the last to complain.

Next year the Council meets in London, as it always does at the beginning of each triennial period, and after that will, presumably, come the turn of the Midlands for two meetings. The Council cannot then long postpone the recognition of those other areas to which the coming of the Scottish Association gives emphasis. In the not distant future Wales, Ireland and Scotland will have to be considered in the rota of meetings, and South Wales particularly has a claim which it would now be hard to deny. Ireland has already invited the Council, and the success of Plymouth is the best augury for a successful meeting in Dublin, when the time comes to turn attention to selecting the next place of meeting in the 'west.'

One incident of Plymouth is worth calling special attention to in this connection. It is a waste of time and money to send representatives to a meeting if they cannot vote, or take part in the proceedings. The rules of the Council make it very plain that until an association's subscription to the Council is paid its representatives cannot vote, yet there were six affiliated societies which this

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year had not taken the precaution of paying the small subscription due. Two representatives of one of the defaulting societies were saved a lost journey by the fact that their treasurer was present and able to pay the fees, but at least one other society's representative was present who was unable to take part in the proceedings, after making the journey. It is a very undignified position for a member to be placed in, but the fault is with the delinquent society and the action taken by the Council in upholding the Standing Committee's recommendation on the subject this year will probably have the effect of bringing about a more prompt payment of subscriptions in the future.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*C. BERT CHESTER ...	...*Treble*	H. LESLIE PASK...	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	2	*JACK BRAY	8
*LEWIS SNELL	3	HAROLD MARCON	9
CHARLES McGUINESS ..	4	*GEORGE W. CREASEY ...	10
*GEORGE FLINTHAM	5	HAROLD WALKER	11
JOHN WALDEN	6	JOHN A. FREEMAN ..	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS LANGDON	7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ...	2	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ...	8
ROBERT W. GREEN	3	ARCHIBALD HARRIS	9
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	4	CHARLES S. BURDEN	10
HERBERT LANGDON	5	RICHARD F. DEAL	11
PERCY E. CLARK	6	JAMES H. RUMLEY ...	..*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

TEN BELL PEALS.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33¾ cwt.

EDWIN H. LEWIS... ...	...*Treble*	RUPERT RICHARDSON	6
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ...	2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	9
GEORGE R. PYE	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

The first peal of Stedman Caters in Cornwall. All the ringers are members of the Central Council.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	...*Treble*	*FRED HAWKES	6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	WILLIAM LEWIS...	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	CYRIL TANSELL	9
*HAROLD F. MARTIN	5	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

C. HENRY WEBB	*Treble*	PERCY L. HARRISON	6
*JOHN P. FIDLER...	2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	7
EPHRAIM W. RANDS	3	HAROLD G. JENNEY	8
FRED W. HILL	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	9
COLIN HARRISON	5	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES	6
*PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	*CECIL C. MAYNE	7
EDWIN H. LEWIS	3	JAMES BENNETT...	8
JOHN G. NASH	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	9
GEORGE R. PYE...	5	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

ARTHUR DEAN	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. SMITH	6
HERBERT J. SKELT	2	RONALD H. DOVE	7
GEORGE MARRINER	3	TONY PRICE	8
ROYDON DAVIES	4	DANIEL COOPER	9
ALBERT HARMAN	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN

First peal of Oxford Treble Ten on the bells, and by all the band except the ringers of 2nd and tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHEWTON MENDIP.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

KENNETH FORD	*Treble*	LEONARD PULLIN	5
JOHN FURZE	2	REGINALD MIDDLE	6
ARTHUR RICKETTS	3	S. T. WITHEY	7
HERBERT BABER	4	JOHN FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. T. WITHEY.

First peal as conductor. First peal and first attempt by the village band.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

WILLIAM E. BASON ...	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
GEORGE HOWCHIN	2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	6
GEORGE MAYERS	3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

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

50th peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who are to be congratulated upon the excellent result. It is 22 years since the last peal was rung, i.e., Bob Major, on February 10th, 1910. A previous peal of Double Norwich was rung on May 19th, 1827, conducted by Samuel Thurston.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED DOUBLE OXFOR , PLAIN BOB AND DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	*Treble*	HARRY HOVERD	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	FREDERICK A. COLEY	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ...	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S EIGHT-PART VARIATION OF BROOK'S.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

C. HENRY WEBB	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NEWTON	5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... ...	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
HARRY L. SMITH...	4	LEONARD W. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in this method on the bells.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ALBERT RELFE	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
WILLIAM BIDNALL	2	*WILLIAM WENBAN	6
CHARLES W. PLAYER	3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ...	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	FREDERICK WHITE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

TIVERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. REED	5
RICHARD GRATER	2	JAMES HUNT...	6
ALFRED J. WYATT	3	S. PERCY MERSON	7
SYDNEY A. WYATT	4	WILLIAM COCKRAM ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WILLESDEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ...	*Treble*	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	5
WILLIAM PYE	2	THOMAS LOCK	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	HARRY KILBY	7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ...	4	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN ...	*Treble*	CYRIL TANSELL	5
THOMAS W. LEWIS	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	*FRED HAWKES	7
HAROLD F. MARTIN	4	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Major.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

EDWARD EDWARDS	...Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN.	5
JAMES WILLIAM KAY	2	EDWARD IDDON	6
*MISS G. ANNIE CROOK	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
ALBERT EDWARD SANDIFORD	4	OWEN OLIVE	...Tenor

Conducted by MISS G. ANNIE CROOK.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the wedding anniversary of the conductor's parents. Great credit is due to the conductor, who only commenced to handle a bell in August last; she is 16 years of age and still at school. All are service ringers at this church.

GRAVESEND.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER	...Treble	JOHN BURLES	5
*MRS. E. J. BEER	2	GEORGE BUTCHER	6
*MISS KATHLEEN BEER	3	RICHARD CONSTANT	7
†CHARLES GOODBURN	4	STUART SANDFORD	...Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED T. POULTON	...Treble	GLYN SHAW	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	2	ROBERT E. SUMMERS	6
ARTHUR ALFORD	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
EDWIN H. FOSTER	4	HARVEY H. WINNEY	...Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Bishop of Jarrow. He was Vicar of Bridstow 1919-1921.

HELMSHORE, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

BERT GRIMSHAW	...Treble	THOMAS ISHERWOOD	5
WILLIE AARON	2	JOHN WISE	6
JAMES CORBRIDGE	3	RICHARD BALDERSTONE	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method for ringers of 1, 3, 5, and 6, who are local ringers, the remainder being from Churchkirk. Rung as a wedding peal for the ringer of the 6th, and a birthday compliment to ringer of 5th. The conductor's 150th peal.

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

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*REG. CHANCE	...Treble	JOHN BASS	5
WILLIAM SHORT	2	ROBERT MATTHEWS	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
HAROLD V. COOPER	4	HECTOR G. BIRD	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Major. The first peal of Superlative on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Heathcock and the treble man, who both belong to the local band.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

HENRY W. GAYTON	...Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	5
NORMAN INSKIP	2	CHARLES RICHARDSON	6
HERBERT L. HARLOW	3	PEARL INSKIP	7
AMOS SMART	4	HENRY STAPLETON	...Tenor

Composed by the late J. W. BARKER. Conducted by H. W. GAYTON

First peal of Treble Bob Major by ringers of 5th and 6th.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS	...Treble	GEORGE MARTIN	5
WILLIAM WELLING	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	3	*FRANK CORKE	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	CECIL C. MAYNE	...Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

WHITTLESEY, PETERBOROUGH.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF ROUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK NEWMAN	...Treble	BERRY WAYMAN	5
MANSFIELD GINN	2	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	6
FRED C. GINN	3	ARTHUR J. GINN	7
ROBERT SMITH	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

The treble ringer is local, the rest belong to Over, Cambs. The ringers were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. C. Brittan, a native of Over, and a member of the Whittlesey St. Andrew's Society.

BOCKING.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

SAMUEL WARNE	...Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
GEORGE WIFFEN	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Samuel Warne and George Wiffen.

WALKDEN, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

NORMAN HEAPS	...Treble	JOHN BOOTH	5
*MISS A. POTTER	2	CHRIS GUDGEON	6
JOHN POTTER	3	JAMES GROUNDS	7
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY	4	WILFRED J. MOSS	...Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHRIS GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method.

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LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE	*Treble*	FREDERICK DIGBY	5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
JAMES E. DAVIS	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

Rung with the bells fully muffled, as a last tribute of respect to M. Doumer, the late President of France. First peal in the method by the ringers of the 5th and 7th.

PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE, DEVON.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild	*Treble*
JOHN W. JONES, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association	2
FRANCIS E. DAWE, London County Association	3
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER, Middlesex County Association	4
GEORGE R. NEWTON, Lancashire Association	5
WALTER AYRE, Hertford County Association	6
JAMES GEORGE, Hon. Member	7
GEOFFREY A. TAYLOR, Chester Diocesan Guild	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY WALLACE...	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. TACK	5
ROBERT HOWARD...	2	WILLIAM K. NORTH	6
REGINALD T. NEWMAN ...	3	JOHN WELCH...	7
SIDNEY CARTER	4	BARNARD PATMORE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor. Rung after a breakdown in the attempt for a long peal of Bob Major.

METHERINGHAM, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MRS. J. BRAY	*Treble*	GEORGE W. CREASEY... ...	5
CHARLES McGUINESS... ...	2	H. LESLIE PASK	6
HAROLD MARCON...	3	JACK BRAY	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	4	HAROLD WALKER... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

First peal of Superlative Surprise Major by all the band. First peal of Major on the bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN	*Treble*	*ALBERT RELFE	5
*WILLIAM BIDNELL	2	CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	*KENNETH PATTENDEN ...	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	FREDERICK WHITE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Fiftieth peal together by T. E. Sone and C. W. Player. The visitors would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the local band for having everything in readiness.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	*Treble*	THOMAS J. FOWLER	5
PERCY NEWTON	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	HENRY C. ALFORD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

PETER CROOK	*Treble*	*JAMES MARSH	5
FRED HINDLE	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
PETER CROOK, SEN.	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method on the bells.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

T. COLIN RYDER	*Treble*	*HAROLD CHANT	5
*JOHN GILBERT	2	ARTHUR PANTHER	6
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ...	3	†ARTHUR GILL	7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ...	4	ALBERT NASH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 205). Conducted by A. NASH

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 100th peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD	*Treble*	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	2	WILLIAM BIGGIN...	6
WILLIAM J. THYNG	3	THOMAS E. LEE	7
*AMBURN WILSON	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

PLYMOUTH.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT EMMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER, Middlesex County Association ...	*Treble*
JOHN W. JONES, Llandaff and Monmouth Association	2
GEORGE R. NEWTON, Lancashire Association	3
ARTHUR J. PITMAN, Swansea and Brecon Guild	4
WILLIAM H. SHUKER, Lancashire Association	5
SYDNEY HILLIER, Salisbury Guild	6
ERNEST J. BUTLER, Essex Association	7
WALTER AYRE, Hertford County Association	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Monday, May 2nd, for Confirmation service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. S. Price 1, F. Whitman 2, J. C. Dicken 3, A. Lowe 4, N. Kirk 5, H. Rogers 6, P. Price (conductor) 7, A. Walton 8. Longest length by 2nd and 3rd.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Ascension Day, for evening service, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Ballard 1, J. H. Bailess (first 720 'inside') 2, C. H. Webb 3, W. A. Wood 4, P.C. F. E. Wilson 5, H. Bird (first 720 Treble Bob as conductor) 6.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Ex-Inspr. FREDERICK RIDGWELL	Essex County Constabulary		*Treble*
P. Con. THOMAS G. BANNISTER	S	Division Metropolitan ...	2
P. Sergt. GEORGE SCHLEUTER	H	" " ...	3
P. Sergt. GEORGE SHIPP	F	" " ...	4
Ex-P. Con. FREDERICK DIGBY	L	" " ...	5
P. Con. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	A	" " ...	6
Ex-P. Con. ERNEST BRETT	E	" " ...	7
Sub-Div. Inspr. WM. BOTTRILL	T	" "	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by Sub-Divisional Inspector W. BOTTRILL.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE F. MARGETSON	*Treble*	JOHN E. BLOWER	5
GORDON A. BACON	2	STANLEY W. BAYBUT	6
WILLIAM DUDLEY	3	HENRY T. WILSON	7
FRANK LUFKIN	4	WILLIAM H. JUDD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

Rung on the eve of the dedication festival. The ringer of the treble, who is in his 83rd year, rang his first peal in 1868.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELSTOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

VERNEY COOPER	*Treble*	PEARL INSKIP	4
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2	PERCY C. BONNETT	5
TOM BARTRAM	3	WM. STAPLETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose Surprise, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM CLARK	*Treble*	HORACE M. DAY	4
ALBERT SCOTT	2	JOHN MACHIN	5
JOSEPH O. LANDAN	3	ROGER W. DANIELS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal and belongs to the local band. First extents of Primrose Surprise and Double Bob by ringers of 2, 5 and tenor.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN.	*Treble*	NORMAN HOUGH	4
*RONALD HOUGH	2	ALBERT H. BOOTH	5
REGINALD W. WORSALL ...	3	HARRY PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Royal May Day Festival. Although this is the 68th May Day Festival, the oldest in the country, it is the first time a peal has been rung for the occasion.

WICKEN.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. A. Green 1, F. Case 2, H. Ridgway 3, *G. Whitehead 4, *R. Foddy 5, T. Roberts 6, A. J. Green 7, G. Foddy 8. * First quarter of Stedman.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

BERTRAM F. TOBB ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NORTON	4
FREDERICK CHERRETT ...	2	SIDNEY CHILDS	5
ARTHUR WARREN...	3	FREDERICK A. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

Rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Barker on the occasion of their silver wedding.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's of Merchant's Return, two 720's of Oxford, three 720's of Kent, and 240 of Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIS DYSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM STEEL	4
†HERBERT HOLBROOK ...	2	ARTHUR CHAMPION	5
ERNEST BROOKES	3	‡JAMES H. SYKES... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST BROOKES.

* First peal on the treble. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob. Longest length rung on the bells.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*LESLIE W. PENFOLD	*Treble*	ALFRED J. BULL	4
*ERNEST W. RAZZELL ...	2	*HAROLD KEW	5
*HENRY H. PARSONS	3	HUGH R. THORPE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HUGH R. THORPE.

* First peal in five methods. Quarterly peal for the Southern District.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS H. G. M. SNOWDON	*Treble*	THOMAS BIRD	4
CHARLES A. RIPPINGALE ...	2	OLAVE BROYD	5
CLADDE SNOWDON	3	GEORGE PANNELL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

First peal and first attempt for ringers of treble and 4th.

HARTFORD, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

B. BULL...	*Treble*	MISS B. HIBBERD	4
MISS J. SHEPHERD	2	C. PANNELL	5
E. PANNELL	3	J. SMART	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. SMART.

First attempt and first peal in any method by all the ringers, except Mr. J. Smart, who taught the band. All are regular service ringers at the church, and this is believed to be the first peal rung on the bells by a band of Sunday service ringers.

HOME FROM BERMUDA.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Chatham, on Sunday evening, May 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hogarth 1, J. Kidd 2, S. Shellock 3, E. Sills 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, W. Beaumont 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8. This quarter-peal was arranged for Mr. Sills, who was home on a short stay from Bermuda, and whose ringing showed that he had lost little of the art.

GLINTON, NORTHANTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court and Single Court. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN ALLEN	*Treble*	ROGER W. DANIELS	4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	2	HORACE M. DAY	5
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ...	3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's of Bob Minor. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS C. TOMKINS	*Treble*	HERBERT F. JUSTICE	4
ALBERT W. GIBBONS	2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	5
JOHN HIGGINS	3	ERNEST A. HILLYER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

First peal of Minor by 4 and 6. Tenor ringer proposed member of Guild before starting.

MARSTON BIGGOTT.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. W. WEST	*Treble*	HARRY SANGER ... ... 8...	4
EDWARD G. COWARD	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
H. JIM RALPH	3	WILLIAM C. WEST ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. WEST.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	*HAROLD MARCON	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3-4	JACK BRAY...	7-8
*HAROLD WALKER	9-10		

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Witness—MRS. C. MCGUINESS.

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.'

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ...	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON	5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE	3-4	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ...	7-8
JOSEPH THACKRAY	9-10		

Composed by JAMES WOOD. Non-Conducted.

Umpire—FRANK RAYMENT.

First 'silent' peal of Royal in the method by all the band, also by the association, and believed to be the first ever rung.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

LOCKED CHURCH DOORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I did not learn until after Mr. Lewis' letter appeared that we had rung a peal at Monks Kirby with the church door locked. This is quite unnecessary, and on behalf of the band I ask Mr. Lewis to accept our sincere apology.

C. H. WEBB.

A VILLAGE BELL RESTORATION.

COMPLETION OF THE WORK AT BLEDINGTON, GLOS.

On Saturday, May 28th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Gloucester will re-dedicate the recently restored ring of six. The bells at the dedication ceremony will be rung by a band of Burford ringers, the re-conditioning having been superintended by the Burford firm, Messrs. Thos. Bond and Son. On Sunday afternoon, the 29th, peals have also been arranged to celebrate the opening by a company of ringers from Bourton-on-the-Water and Stow-on-the-Wold, led by Mr. Bernard Phillips, the secretary of the Ruri-decanal Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, in whose area Bledington Church is situated.

The following are the main features of interest in the restoration. Three of the old seventeenth-century bells (date 1639, 1651 and 1695) have been quarter-turned and rehung on ball bearings in a new iron and steel frame. The oldest of these (the former treble) has also undergone repair by welding process to remedy a crack. To supplement these, three new bells have been added, cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, partly out of the metal of a comparatively modern (1811) bell of James Wells, which was the tenor of the old ring of five, but out of tune with the rest of the ring, and very clumsy to handle. There is another ancient bell, of date 1639, which was past retuning for the restored ring, but which at the urgent entreaty of the Diocesan Advisory Committee has been preserved from recasting and is being kept in the church for its historical interest, one of the three new bells taking its place in the ring. The following is the order, with the inscription on each bell, of the restored ring of six:—

Treble (new).—'James Wells he made a fifth and last,
Twice 60 years agone:
Now out of that we two are cast,
And six hath Bledington.' 1931.

2 (new).—'I bless God's holy name for William Weale, 13 times churchwarden, who for many years cared for us and gave largely for our restoration. Ob. 28 Aug. 1931.'

3 (old).—'We are the belles of Bledinton. 1639.' (The former treble.)

[The former second, the companion to the above, is inscribed, 'And Charles he is our king, 1639.' This, as stated above, is not rehung, but preserved in the church, its place being taken by the new No. 4.]

4 (new).—'Pro rude donata, Carolo quae rege vocabat:
Vos in idem fanum post tria saecla voco.'
'In place of one who called to kirk
When Charles he was our king,
Since she no more can do her work
I join the new-hung ring.'

5 (old).—'God save King William. 1695.'

Tenor (old).—'James Keene made mee. 1651.'

Undoubtedly all the four 17th century bells proceeded from the Keenes' foundry at Woodstock, those of 1639 and 1651 being by James, and that of 1695 by Richard Keene.

The cost of this careful restoration, which has endeavoured to preserve as much as possible the ancient character of the ring, while at the same time considering the wants of the modern change ringer, will, with all the many incidental expenses, amount to about £360. Towards this, £285 has been raised within about a year and a half—£200 in the little village itself. Help towards raising the remaining £75 would be gratefully appreciated and acknowledged by the Vicar (Rev. S. Liberty, Bledington, Oxford) or the hon. treasurer (Lieut.-Col. S. M. Rice, of the same address).

Bledington Church is within a mile of Kingham Station, on the G.W.R. Oxford-Worcester line.

The inscriptions on the new bells are the composition of the Vicar.

LADIES' GUILD EX-PRESIDENT MARRIED.

The wedding took place at Isham, Northants, on Saturday, April 30th, of Miss D. M. Atkins and Mr. F. Boulton, both of Isham. Miss Atkins is a past-president of the Ladies' Guild and vice-president of the Northamptonshire Branch. The bride was given away by her father, the Rector, and married by her uncle.

After the ceremony the bells were fired by the following band of the Ladies' Guild, viz.: Miss M. Gorley, Miss M. Brown, Miss Dorothy Lewis, Mrs. E. M. Atkins, Miss Thursfield and Miss Steel. Later, a peal was attempted, but was, unfortunately, not successful. However, a further attempt, made a week later to coincide with the return of the happy couple to the village, succeeded.

Among many gifts were those received from Miss Steel and Mrs. Fletcher, president and secretary of the Ladies' Guild respectively, Miss Thursfield, secretary of the Northants Branch, and the Isham ringers, past and present.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Higham Ferrers, for the wedding of Miss Elsie Martin, daughter of Mr. A. H. Martin, one of the ringers at Higham Ferrers, on May 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by: Claude Palmer 1, William Wilby 2, L. Chapman 3, George Brown 4, George Smith 5, G. D. Deighton 6, Oscar Payne (conductor) 7, Horace Dunkley 8. First quarter by ringers of 1, 2 and 5.

WESTWARD HO!

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT PLYMOUTH. AND A VISIT TO TRURO.

There were many attractions in the 'West Countree' for members of the Central Council and their friends who visited Plymouth in connection with the annual meeting at Whitsun. Early arrivals were able to join in ringing for service at the various Plymouth churches on Sunday, and the first of the reunions took place at the headquarters, the Royal Hotel, on Sunday evening, when many old friends met again, but all of them, as one put it, 'a year older.'

On Monday the Devon Guild's annual meeting at Bideford attracted several of the visitors, and eight others occupied a part of the day in ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at Plympton. The most important feature of Bank Holiday, however, was an official visit to Truro for a peal attempt on the fine bells at the Cathedral and a reception by members of the Truro Diocesan Guild. The excursion meant departure from Plymouth soon after 7 a.m., for those engaged in the peal. They were met at the Cathedral by representatives of the Cathedral company, including Mr. A. S. Roberts and Mr. W. J. Southeard, and were also welcomed by the Rev. W. R. Trewhella, hon. secretary of the Diocesan Guild, and the Sub-Dean (Canon H. W. Sedgwick), the latter expressing good wishes for the success of the peal.

Happily this went according to plan, and the exponents of 'scientific,' in a land where perfect 'stoney' abounds, did credit to the art and delighted the Cornish change ringers who had come to listen to the ringing. The first peal of Stedman Caters in Cornwall was thus recorded. No fewer than nine of the company were elected members of the Guild before starting the peal, this being made possible by the presence of so many Cornish members. The ten bells at Truro Cathedral were erected by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1910, the tenor being a few pounds under 34 cwt. There is a long draught of rope, and the distance from the ringing floor to the ceiling is such that two sets of rope guides are necessary. The bells, however, are in perfect ringing order, and the peal was thoroughly enjoyed by those who took part.

AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO CORNISH CHANGE RINGING.

After the peal the visitors were entertained to luncheon by the Truro Diocesan Guild, Dr. John Symons, of Penzance, presiding, supported by Lieut.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Ringing Master), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Council), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Council), Canon Sedgwick, Rev. W. R. Trewhella, etc.

Dr. Symons welcomed the representatives of the Council to the diocese, and referred humorously to some of his early experiences of ringing, which began over fifty years ago. He called the first peal in Cornwall, and since those days there had been a continuous uphill struggle in the Duchy to promote change ringing. The Guild, however, was slowly making an impression (applause).

Lt.-Col. Jerram proposed the health of 'The Visitors,' and said the Truro Guild was very grateful to the visitors for having come there and rung such an excellent peal. Cornwall was a very 'stoney' county, not only in the towers but in the difficulties they met with in trying to spread change ringing. It was perhaps natural that the stoney ringers should not approve of them when they tried Stedman or Grandsire, but he would have liked to bring all the ringers of Cornwall to listen to the ringing that day. It was without a hitch, and it had shown those who were struggling in Cornwall with the rudiments what they might hope eventually to attain. He was happy to say they were beginning to see a little daylight for change ringing in the county, but at present they only had five towers where it was regularly practised. He was glad of that visit of members of the Central Council, which would be an encouragement to them to carry on.

The President of the Council, in response, thanked the hosts for their hospitality, and said that scientific ringers had something to learn from the old Devon and Cornish ringers in the striking and in the ringing up and down. He hoped the visit of the Council to the West would encourage change ringing. The President added the thanks of the visitors to the Cathedral authorities.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who was also called upon to respond, said he was warned before coming to Truro that it would be 'up to them' to see that they left a good impression behind, and he was pleased to think that the ringing had been appreciated by Truro ringers, and that they had not 'let down' the art in the estimation of Cornish listeners. He added the special thanks of the visitors to Mr. Roberts for making the arrangements for the peal.

The Sub-Dean, acknowledging the thanks to the Cathedral authorities, said the ringing had given immense pleasure to all, with one exception, who had heard the bells that morning, and to the practical ringers it had given a great deal of encouragement.

The visitors who had not taken part in the peal had the opportunity of ringing for afternoon service, and many had the privilege of seeing some of the Cathedral treasures, which were shown to them by the Sub-Dean. Afterwards there were visits to Kenwyn and St. Kea Churches for ringing.

There was another informal 'gathering of the clans' at headquarters at Plymouth on Monday evening, by which time most of those who were to attend the next day's meeting had arrived.

AN EXPERIMENT JUSTIFIED.

The Council discharged the serious business of the proceedings on Tuesday, the Standing Committee being in session for nearly two hours before the full Council met at 11 a.m. The business, with an interval for lunch, lasted until after half-past five, and both members and friends were then entertained to a sumptuous tea by the Devon Guild. Various rings of bells, including those at the Dockyard, were afterwards open for ringing, and later there was a 'social' organised by the Devon Guild, at which there were vocal and instrumental music and handbell ringing, the programme having been arranged by Mr. E. W. Marsh, who, indeed, was chiefly responsible for nearly all the local arrangements and was heartily thanked for all he had done to make the Council's visit so enjoyable.

Opportunity was also taken to thank the Devon Guild for their hospitality, and the president of the Council for his conduct of the business, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who proposed the vote of thanks, remarking on the Council's good fortune in having such an able chairman as Mr. Lewis had proved himself to be. He also thanked the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) and his unofficial assistant (Mrs. Fletcher) for the way in which they had prepared for the business of the Council.

The Chairman, in acknowledging the vote, which was carried by acclamation, said it had been a pleasure to preside over the meeting because all had helped to make it a success. He paid a tribute to the work done by Mr. Fletcher, and thanked Mr. Marsh and his friends of the Devon Guild. Going so far west, he said, was rather an experiment, but he thought the numbers had justified the experiment, and would make them look forward before very long to accepting the invitation to Dublin.

The Rev. E. S. Powell replied for the Devon Guild, and Mr. E. W. Elwell expressed thanks to the hon. librarian (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) for the work he had done during the year. It had been a record in sales, and that had involved a record in the amount of work to be done.

The evening sped all too quickly, and the 'social' ended about 11 p.m., although, it is said, business and other matters were still being discussed elsewhere until the 'wee sma' 'ours.' Some members departed by the midnight train, and many left in the early morning, but others remained during Wednesday to visit Kelly for the dedication of the memorial to the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, and a peal was also rung at Emmanuel Church. A motor-coach party was made up to visit Buckfast Abbey, where special permission had been obtained from the Abbot to ring on this unique peal of bells. The magnificent abbey, which is only just nearing completion and has taken 25 years to build, the whole of the labour in the erection of the structure having been carried out by the monks themselves, was inspected with interest, but some of the visitors did not find ringing by any means easy as they stood on the narrow balcony high up in the central tower, with only a low parapet wall between them and the floor of the abbey 51ft. below. Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques were rung.

Despite the heavy rain on this, the last day of the visit, the members spent a most enjoyable time and carried away very pleasant memories of their trip to 'Glorious Devon.'

UNOFFICIAL NEWS.

One member of the Central Council spent twelve hours in motor coaches on Whit Monday travelling across England to Plymouth. It was much cheaper than going by train, and he saw a lot of the country.

Another made an even longer journey during the week-end by motor-cycle, but he did not do it all in one day, as he got an unexpected 'close up' with the road at one place, which left him badly shaken and not a little marked. He has, however, such 'golden' opinions of Cornwall that, despite the accident, he turned up in Truro on Whit Monday.

Members of the Council scored three peals while on their visit to the West. During the peal at Plympton St. Maurice, the Vicar baptised the infant daughter of a visitor. The music of the bells made an unusual background to the prayers and responses and the occasional crying of little Sheila. The ringers were much obliged to the Vicar for his kind consideration in allowing the peal to be rung under the unusual circumstances.

After the peal at Truro Cathedral, one of the ringers, assuming a look of innocence, inquired of a waiter at a local hotel, what the bells had been ringing for. He was informed that the ringers from all the towers in the country round came to Truro to practise every Whit Monday!

There were several amateur detectives on the look-out for Kate at Plymouth, but if she visited there she succeeded in eluding them all.

There is no truth in the rumour that she was one of the two ladies who took a distinguished member of the Council out to tea.

By the way, we have been asked who was this gentleman; and who was the other member who was escorted back to his hotel by another pair of fair ones? If we knew, we wouldn't tell.

Who found a nice new cap at Truro, and left in its place one obviously the worse for wear? The rightful owner of the former would be glad to get into communication with the lucky finder. If he does, will it be a 'row' or a 'change'?

DEATH OF LINCOLNSHIRE LADY RINGER.

AN ACTIVE CHURCHWORKER AT BARTON.

The ringers of St. Peter's Church, Barton-upon-Humber, have suffered a great loss through the death of Miss Kathleen Allberry (Kitty), beloved and only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allberry, of Southgarth, Barton, which took place on April 19th at the early age of 25 years.

Some months ago Miss Allberry's health suddenly broke down. She never recovered, and to the regret of everyone who knew her she passed peacefully away on the above date.

Miss Allberry had never attempted peal ringing, but was regular in attendance on practice nights, and ever present at Sunday service ringing. Her activities were not confined to the belfry. For many years she had been a Sunday School teacher, a member of the St. Peter's Girls' Guild, secretary of the Barton Church Players' Guild, and was always ready to do anything for the church which she loved so well. She was also a member of the British Red Cross Society.

The funeral took place on Saturday, April 23rd, the cortege from Southgarth to St. Peter's Church being headed by a company of the local branch of Red Cross Nurses, in uniform, who on arriving at the church porch formed a guard of honour. Here the Vicar (Rev. W. E. Varah), the Rev. J. V. Thomas (curate), and the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, of Bigby, president of the Grimsby District, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, with the surpliced choir, met the procession, and the service included the hymns, 'How bright those glorious spirits shine' and 'Lead, Kindly Light.' At the conclusion of the service the Dead March was played on the organ by the organist, Mr. H. King. The funeral procession re-formed to proceed to the cemetery half a mile away. Ten members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Ringers, with the help of two members of the Players' Guild, acted as bearers, carrying the coffin the whole of the way. They were Messrs. A. H. Eastoe, F. Chambers, J. Broughton, F. Green, O. Daddy (Barton), H. Ebbottson and M. Walker (Ulceby), F. Lord (Scunthorpe), B. Gilliatt (Burton-on-Stather), G. Hall (Elsham), and Messrs. A. Oldridge and W. Jennings (representing the Players' Guild). Amongst the large number of mourners were Miss Stamp, Miss Blood, Miss Doughty (from the local band), Mrs. J. Bray (Burton), Mrs. A. H. Eastoe and Mrs. A. Hoodless (representing the Ladies' Guild of Ringers), and Mr. Jack Bray (Burton), Ringing Master of the Grimsby District. The last rites were performed at the graveside by the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry. After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by A. H. Eastoe 1-2, F. Lord 3-4, J. Bray 5-6, A. W. Hoodless 7-8.

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BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Sandal on Saturday, May 14th, when members were present from Armley, Batley, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Pontefract, Royston, Shelley, Wath-on-Dearne, and the local company. The bells at Sandal have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. There is now a marked improvement in the tone of the bells.

The Vicar (Rev. A. A. Parry) attended the tea in the Parochial Hall. Mr. C. D. Potter presided over the business meeting, at which a communication was read from the Yorkshire Association (Southern District) with reference to the joint meeting to be held at Handsworth, and it was agreed that all who were able should attend.

Wath-on-Dearne was selected for the next place of meeting.

After the usual vote of thanks, further ringing followed, both on handbells and in the tower.

RINGERS REHANG A BELL.

At Christ Church, Bootle, for evensong, on Whit Sunday, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): W. Cleator 1, D. Parry 2, L. Corteen 3, J. Martin 4, Jas. McKee 5, John McKee (conductor) 6.

The ringers of this tower have just replaced a broken gudgeon on the tenor (13 cwt.) The 'go' of the bell is now excellent. These bells are of cast steel, by Vickers, of Barrow. They were cast in 1862. There are few other such bells in use now.

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There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes, which included those from relatives and friends and ladies of the Barton and Brigg Branch of the Red Cross, the Ladies' Guild of Bellringers, the Parish Church bellringers (both in the shape of a bell), 1st and 2nd company of Girl Guides, Barton Bowling and Tennis Club, the Players' Guild, the Brownies, the Girls' Guild, the boys of the Parish Church School, the staff and scholars of the girls' and infants' department of the Parish Church Schools, Miss Branston (president) and Miss Jowitt (secretary) of Newark G.F.S., the St. Chad's Sewing Party and many others. The grave was lined with moss, flowers, and foliage by the members of the Red Cross Society.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells with the bells half-muffled: Mrs. J. Bray 1, A. W. Hoodless 2, Martin Walker 3, Bernard Gilliatt 4, Stephen Bromfield 5, Frank Lord 6, Jack Bray (conductor) 7, T. Hall 8, concluding with the 'whole pull and stand' 25 times.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Fourteen keepers and gardeners of Clifton Zoological Gardens, of whom seven handle their bell well, are to be elected probationer members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association to-morrow. They have had but two practices, but show extraordinary keenness and promise.

The attempt for the long peal of Bob Major at Bennington on Whit Monday came to grief after just over four hours' ringing. The band afterwards rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob. It is hoped to make another attempt for the long peal as soon as possible.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on the back eight bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Whit Monday by the Royal Cumberland Youths. This follows on Cambridge Maximus and Cambridge Royal on the same bells. Can any other society claim a similar performance in one tower?

There can be few ringers whose peals have been spread over a period of 64 years, but Mr. George F. Margetson, who is 82 years of age, and rang the treble to a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Rayleigh, Essex, on Saturday, May 21st, rang his first peal in 1868, at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich. His tutor was the late Mr. Ted Horrex. We congratulate Mr. Margetson on still being able to stand at the rope end for three hours.

It is interesting to note that five members of the National Police Guild who rang in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Dunmow, on Saturday, also took part in the first police peal ever rung—a peal of Bob Major at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields in 1912. These were Messrs. Schleuter, Shipp, Digby, Brett and Bottrill.

The peal at Dunmow was the first in the method for the Guild, and the band wish to thank Messrs. Smith, of the local company, for the excellent arrangements made, and also for the bountiful tea provided by them.

The peal of Major at Wiveliscombe on April 30th was not the first on the bells, as claimed in the footnote.

Mr. Arthur F. James, a member of Saffron Walden Society, passed away on Saturday last. He had been in failing health for the past six months, and underwent an operation in the Freemasons' Nursing Home, Chelsea, a month ago, but never regained his strength. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My last letter to you was written before I saw Mr. Trollope's contribution to your issue of April 1st. I am sorry to have been unable to comment on the latter earlier.

Whatever view we may take of the obscurities surrounding the origin of the College Youths, one thing is clear. When I say that in our present state of knowledge it cannot be shown that there was not a ring of bells at St. Michael's prior to the Fire of 1666, I am stating a proposition which cannot be rationally contradicted. For the rest of what I have said I claim no more than that I have long considered the subject and given some study to the locality and its history. But the more light we can get the better, and anything Mr. Trollope may tell us about the Westminster or other traditions will be welcome. At present I do not see any new material.

No one not under the influence of controversy would be likely to doubt that Shipway meant St. Michael's Church. No other church will fit his words. The introduction of St. Martin Vintry is nothing but an irrelevance.

In 1900 I said in 'The Bell News' that I considered the criticism of Osborn and Ellacombe to be misconceived, and I say so again now. Shipway must be alluding to the pre-Fire St. Michael's, for he could not intend to inform the Exercise that there ever was a time when the College Youths practised in the present tower, which he and every London ringer knew held but one bell. We cannot show that the College Youths did not practise at old St. Michael's unless we can show—which we cannot—that there was not a ring of bells there. Parnell, I was told, years since, was a great collector of all he could hear of ringing lore, and on this particular point we cannot assert that what he told Shipway was false. To say that a society practised in a tower is not to say that it was connected with it exclusively or for any other purpose. The relations of ringing societies and church towers were the same in the seventeenth century as when the London St. James' Society was founded in 1824. (I give this date from memory, but if not exact it is not far out.)

I do not understand Mr. Trollope's allusion to me when he mentions those who have accepted Osborn's guess. I have never accepted it. On the contrary, I expressly rejected it more than thirty years ago in 'The Bell News,' and with it, of course, what Ellacombe said. I have never connected the College Youths with Whittington, or mediæval guilds. On the contrary, I regard such attempts as false history. In my view the seventeenth century London ringing societies were entirely new secular clubs formed for the pursuit of an intellectual sport, which then arose for the first time, owing to the keen interest in mathematics which was at that time aroused in England. They had no continuity with anything that had gone before. The mediæval guilds had long been extinct, and the College Youths, in my opinion, had no more connection with them than with troubadours or crusaders.

R. A. DANIELL.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

BIG 'PUSH' FOR A LARGER CIRCULATION AND A BETTER PAPER.

The Central Council at the meeting at Plymouth discussed the need for increasing, in the interests of the Exercise, the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' The Council recognises the value of the services rendered by this journal to ringing, but it is being carried on without adequate remuneration. At the same time the great activity which is being displayed in the art makes it important that more space should be available. Both deficiencies can only be made up by a larger circulation, and, on the motion which was before the Council, the Editor made an appeal for an increase of at least 3,500 new subscribers. If that were forthcoming a larger and more attractive paper was promised. Such an increase ought not to be beyond the bounds of possibility, and efforts are to be made to realise it. Will all our readers help to make this big 'push' a success? This issue is enlarged to 20 pages, and this would be the size of 'The Ringing World' every week if the increased circulation is forthcoming.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn had given notice of the following motion: 'That in order to further the best interests of the Exercise, and to give all ringing matters the maximum publicity, all affiliated societies be requested to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of the only ringing paper.' Towards the end of the College Youths' dinner, the Henry Johnson dinner, and similar gatherings, he said, there usually comes a toast to the Press. By that time, in his experience, a great number of people had gone, and those who were left, having drunk the health of the Press, go home feeling they have done all that they have been asked to do and all that they need do. He wanted to speak to the Council in support of their ringing Press. A ringing paper was not in the same category as a daily paper. Whether they bought a daily paper to-morrow or not, did not matter much to those who sold it, but it did matter infinitely whether or not they supported 'The Ringing World.' He asked them what that meeting would have been that day if there had been no 'Ringing World'? He asked those who were older to carry back their thoughts to the time when they did not have such a paper as 'The Ringing World,' when they had a great trouble to get announcements and reports at all. But for 21 years now they had enjoyed 'The Ringing World.' Week by week it had been well worth taking and reading. Never once had he read a leading article that was dull. Their support of 'The Ringing World' was of vital importance to ringing and to what was called the Exercise at this time. The circulation was not what it ought to be. After he had spoken and the motion had been seconded, the Editor of 'The Ringing World' was going to make a statement and sketch the lines on which they could do something to increase the circulation. It was up to them to do it. He had been trying to do what he could in his own Guild. Since he began his branch meetings this spring and summer he had taken round with him half a dozen extra copies, and, having made his speech, had handed the copies over to the secretary to distribute to those towers where they did not take 'The Ringing World.' They were glad to see Mr. Goldsmith so well—they remembered that he had a severe illness, and how he carried on then they would never know—but there would come a time when he would have to relinquish his work, and he wanted to see the paper in such a position financially that, when his call came to leave them, it would be open to someone else to carry on without having to say he could not afford to do it.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, who seconded, said it was for the Council to do something more than merely express its views. They ought to take some definite action to get increased circulation for the paper.

THE EDITOR'S STATEMENT.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World') said he naturally welcomed the resolution, but he did so not merely from a commercial aspect but because he believed if it were passed and given effect to, if it were not allowed to remain as just a pious expression of opinion but followed up with definite action, not only 'The Ringing World' but the Exercise would benefit. He thought they were all agreed that without a journal devoted to ringing, the Exercise and the Art would in all probability be in a very sorry way. It was the ringing Press of the last sixty years which had gradually welded the Exercise together, and had largely, if not entirely, made possible its present development. Ringing papers, however, had always had an uphill task, and four of them had gone under in the struggle. 'The Ringing World' had lasted for twenty-one years, and, while he did not wish to take any credit for what had been done, he could assure them it had not maintained its existence without the exercise of a good deal of tenacity and determination. Had it been treated as purely a commercial venture, 'The Ringing World' would long since have gone the way of the rest, but he had had a deeper interest in it than that. He had an inherited and profound love of the art, and it was that more than anything else which had persuaded him to continue with 'The Ringing World' when other considerations said, 'Have done with it.' The circulation was nothing like what it ought to be to make it a satisfactory commercial proposition. There were many ways in which the paper could be made more attractive and make a wider appeal but it was hampered by limitations of space and the question of cost. The intense activity in the Exercise to-day imposed a demand upon the columns of the paper that it was impossible wholly to satisfy. A great deal of matter was crowded out which deserved to find space, and a great deal more was omitted which, while of interest to those directly concerned, had little for the general ringing public. At present they had to crowd in every possible line, and constantly several pages of matter were squeezed out. To make the appearance of the paper more attractive, and to introduce special features, at least 30, if not 50, per cent. of the present news items, limited as they were, would have to be sacrificed. The only practicable solution was a larger paper, and a larger paper would cost more money to produce. He realised that the present price of threepence might seem a lot of money to those who bought the paper, but what they did not know, perhaps, was that rather more than half of this was swallowed up in the cost of distribution through the trade. The only way to meet the cost of a larger paper was an increased circulation, and, in view of the demands which there were upon space, a larger and more attractive paper was, to his mind, much more likely to be generally acceptable than a cut in the price, desirable as that might seem on the surface. Mr. Goldsmith went on to give some comparative figures, and said that to increase the size of 'The Ringing World' by four pages every week, an increased circulation of 3,500 copies was needed. There were, he said, no definite statistics as to the number of change ringers in this country sufficiently interested to belong to an association or guild, but probably he was not far out when he put the number at 20,000. Was it too much to ask for 7,500 subscribers to the paper? Much as he would value the resolution before the Council, if it were passed, he realised that some further action was necessary if it was to have any real result, and he suggested that a suitably worded appeal for support should be sent out by the associations, in a form agreed by the president of the Council and the mover of the resolution, and he undertook that any definite indication of a substantial increase in circulation should be responded to by an enhanced value in the paper itself.

Various suggestions were put forward by members of the Council for meeting the situation. Mr. G. R. Newton thought the Council should consider assisting to finance the journal.

Mr. J. Cotterell advocated obtaining the paper through the post direct from 'The Ringing World' office, and thus saving distribution costs.

Major Hesse urged instructors and conductors of towers to impress on young ringers the importance of supporting the paper.

Another member suggested that each branch of each association should appoint a representative to push the sale of 'The Ringing World,' and to save expense of distribution by obtaining all the necessary copies in bulk.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said it was out of the question for the Council to undertake any financial responsibility. He thought it would be wiser to appoint a committee to act in collaboration with Mr. Goldsmith to formulate a scheme for increasing the sales.

Mr. J. W. Jones urged the pushing of the sales at the monthly and quarterly meetings of associations, and Mr. F. Wilford said in the Peterborough Diocese they had been able to get an advertisement into the 'Diocesan Review.'

The resolution, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

EAST HADDON RINGERS' MARRIAGE.

The wedding of Miss E. Turland and Mr. J. Cadd, both of whom are ringers of St. Mary's Church, East Haddon, took place at St. Mary's on Saturday, May 21st. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. E. Pitter, an hon. member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, of which both the bride and bridegroom are members.

As the couple left the church, the organist played the 'Wedding March,' following which the church bells were fired and several good touches rung. Later in the day, as the bride and bridegroom were leaving for their honeymoon, which is being spent at Southsea, 720 Bob Minor was rung by the local band: Mrs. H. Brown 1, F. Benfield 2, J. Caddman 3, J. Cadd 4, A. Brown 5, R. Adams (conductor) 6. The ringers attended the reception at the invitation of the bride and bridegroom.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At the Parish Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. J. Spice 1, A. James 2, G. F. James 3, *H. Knight 4, W. Grace 5, *G. Letchford 6, G. Huxley (conductor)) 7, F. F. Scott 8. * First quarter-peal 'inside.'

CAMBERWELL.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, May 1st, for evensong, 1,257 Stedman Caters: W. Rogers 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, C. O. Moore 3, T. W. Taffender 4, J. Lucas 5, E. Hancox (conductor) 6, W. D. Grainger 7, E. J. King 8, G. H. Grainger 9, W. Peters 10.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH MEETING.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS DEBAR MEMBERS FROM VOTING.

Below we begin a detailed report of the 40th annual meeting of the Central Council, a brief summary of which appeared in our last issue. The business was transacted in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Plymouth.

When the Council had assembled, the Mayor of Plymouth took the chair, and was supported on the dais by the Bishop of Plymouth, the president of the Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. W. Fletcher), and the hon. librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). The affiliated societies were represented as follows:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. H. R. Newton.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. J. Hunt.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. E. M. Atkins.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. H. S. Brocklebank.

Devon Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell, Mr. E. W. Marsh and Mr. G. C. Woodley.

Essex Association: Mr. E. J. Butler and Mr. G. R. Pye.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. J. Austin, Mr. E. Guise and Mr. W. Rose.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. H. Pulling and Mr. G. L. Grover.

Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.

Kent County Association: Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. T. Groombridge and Mr. F. M. Mitchell.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association: Mr. G. R. Newton and Mr. W. H. Shuker.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. Richardson and Mr. J. Phillips.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones.

London County Association: Mr. A. D. Barker and Mr. F. E. Dawe.

Middlesex County Association: Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. Hollier and Mr. W. Pickworth.

Midland Counties Association: Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Rev. R. P. Farrow and Mr. J. H. Swinfield.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Mr. F. Nolan Golden.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. J. Evans.

Oxford University Society: Mr. H. Miles.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. T. Law and Mr. T. Tebbutt.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. S. Hillier and Mr. C. H. Jennings.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.

Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake.

Surrey Association: Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. A. J. Pitman.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Lieut.-Col. C. F. Jerram, Mr. H. J. Clark and Mr. W. H. Southeard.

Warwickshire Guild: Mr. F. W. Perrens and Mr. J. H. W. White.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: Mr. G. Williams.

Worcester and Districts Association: Mr. H. G. Bird and Mr. J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. J. Cotterell, Mr. P. J. Johnson and Mr. S. Palmer.

The following hon. members were present: Messrs. W. A. Cave, E. W. Elwell, J. George, J. S. Goldsmith, J. H. B. Hesse, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex. Young.

Thirty-one societies were thus represented by 63 members, and twenty-one were unrepresented. There are altogether 130 elected and 15 honorary members of the Council.

A WELCOME TO PLYMOUTH.

The Mayor of Plymouth, at the outset of the proceedings, extended to the members a hearty welcome to Plymouth. They came, he said, from all parts of the country, and they would speak with a comprehensive voice. As ringers they had a message, and it was of that message he would like to speak. He would be exceedingly sorry to miss the utterance of the bells which he heard ringing Sabbath by Sabbath. Their message was not entirely for those who did or did not attend church. Their message was for all occasions, and left its impress on all those who were attentive and content to listen. They inspired Tennyson in his wonderful passage in 'In Memoriam,' when he wrote 'Ring out the false, ring in the true.' Nothing was more necessary in this our day than that there should be some means of ringing out the false and ringing in the true. He did not know that the bells ever inspired him more to serious thought than on the occasion of the passing of some great prince or person of State, when they rang that most majestic of all peals, which represented the passing of a soul from this world, and the muffled sound of the bells came back from the skies after they had rung the main peal. Ringers did not know what chord they were touching in the hearts of those who heard them. When they were doing their skilful work in the towers and giving out their beautiful harmonies, they stimulated their hearers to a deeper response to the higher things of life. He cordially welcomed the Council to Plymouth, and hoped that when they had seen more of the historic town and its surrounding beauties they would carry away happy memories of their visit (applause).

The Bishop of Plymouth gave the Council a hearty welcome on behalf of the Church in Plymouth. The Bishop of Exeter would, he said, be coming in the afternoon to give them a diocesan welcome and his episcopal benediction. He did not know how Devon compared with other counties, but certainly they were very proud of their bells in Devonshire, and proud of the men who rang them. The work of the ringers was of very great importance and value. Some of them were old enough to remember the time when not very much was expected of the bellringers, except to ring the bells. Now, none of them accepted that idea, and they tried to get men to ring who felt that they were called to a real piece of religious work, and that they must do it in a religious spirit. In Devonshire they linked bellringing with the religious life of the Church, and that was the ideal which, he knew, underlay the work of the Council. For that reason they welcomed them in the West. He hoped bellringing in Devonshire would gain by their visit, and that the Council would gain by carrying away a pleasant impression of Plymouth. He wished the Council all success in their visit and in the discussions which would ensue (applause).

The President thanked the Mayor and the Bishop for their kind welcome. The Council, he said, appreciated very much being able to come to that wonderful city, which was the farthest west and the farthest south the Council had ever been. It was rather an experiment to go so far, but as would be seen from the numbers present, the distance had not deterred them. That was no doubt owing to the attractions which they knew would be waiting for them in Plymouth. The Bishop had said he hoped they would gain something from their visit to Devon. He (the president) thought they would. The position in the West Country was rather unique as far as change ringing was concerned. That Council represented what, in the West, was called scientific change ringing, which was different to a great deal of the ringing practised in Devon and Cornwall, but he did feel very strongly that they had something to learn from the local style of round and call change ringing, because ringers in Devon and Cornwall, even though they did not go in for scientific change ringing, did know how to strike their bells and produce that rhythm which was so much appreciated by the public. He felt if they could secure for their change ringing in all cases that excellence of striking which they heard in the West among the round ringers, they would go back with a great deal of benefit. In this connection he would like to mention what Col. Jerram had said at Truro on the previous day, if they wished to act in a missionary sense in those western counties, and further the introduction of the art of change ringing, it was necessary for them as change ringers to be able to do all that the round ringers could do (hear, hear), and unless they could rise and fall the bells in peal with absolute accuracy and ring rounds and, if necessary, call changes with perfect accuracy, they had no great chance of performing much missionary work in those western counties. He thought it was their duty to take an inspiration from the West and go back determined to learn to rise and fall bells perfectly, as was done in the West. That, he thought, was the gain they might take back from their visit. He thanked the Mayor and the Bishop of Plymouth for coming there to welcome the Council and inspiring them to go on with their business and reach those ideals which they had put before them (applause).

The Mayor said it was a great pleasure to come among them, and he hoped they would enjoy their business proceedings as much as he was sure they would enjoy the rest of their visit.

The Mayor and the Bishop then left, and the president took the chair.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Secretary reported that two new societies had joined the Council, the North Staffs and District Society, who had elected one representative, and the Scottish Association, who had elected one representative. He had also to report the reaffiliation of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who had elected four representatives. He understood that was the first time the association had elected four representatives to serve on the Council during the last twenty years (applause). The Secretary added that the Truro Diocesan Guild had sent three more representatives, making four instead of one (applause). The total number of associations now affiliated was 52, but there were still six associations whose affiliation fees were unpaid for this year.

The President called attention to Rule 5 of the Council's 'Rules and Decisions,' which states that 'no representative member shall be entitled to vote at an annual meeting of the Council until the subscription of the society he represents be paid.' The President added that the Standing Committee had had this matter under consideration, and their recommendation was that the rules be enforced. Therefore those members representing societies whose subscriptions were unpaid should not be allowed to vote. The rule also implied that they should not be allowed to take part in the meeting. The committee did not wish this year to insist on that, and he proposed therefore that members whose subscriptions were unpaid should be

allowed to speak and take part in the discussions, but they were bound to insist on the rules that they be not allowed to vote.

Mr. E. A. Young asked whether, if any unpaid subscriptions were paid forthwith, the representatives present might be allowed to vote.

The President said the difficulty was that it was necessary that the subscriptions should be paid by some fully qualified official of the association concerned. No doubt, if any such officers were present and prepared to pay the subscription forthwith, it could be accepted, but they could not accept such subscription from private members who were not duly authorised.

Mr. Young then tendered the subscription for the three members of the London County Association, of which he is the hon. treasurer.

CHANGE IN HONORARY MEMBERS.

The next business on the agenda was the election of hon. members. Four retired, and the Standing Committee recommended the re-election of Mr. H. W. Wilde and Mr. W. A. Cave, and the election of Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham. For special reasons, the President said, the committee recommended that one vacancy be left. It used to be the practice to have one vacancy in reserve in case they wanted to elect any special person as an honorary member, and it was proposed to follow that course on this occasion. On behalf of the Standing Committee, he proposed the three names he had mentioned.—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded the motion, which was carried.

The following new members were formally introduced to the president: Messrs. J. Austin, E. Guise and W. Rose, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association; Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Messrs. H. J. Clark and W. H. Southeard, Truro Diocesan Guild; Mr. John Phillips, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; Mrs. R. Richardson, Ladies' Guild; Mr. J. H. White, Warwickshire Guild.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Ancient Society of College Youths; Mr. A. King and Mr. A. E. Sharman, Bedfordshire Association; Rev. C. A. Clements, Chester Diocesan Guild; Mr. T. Metcalfe and Mr. J. C. Pollard, Cleveland and North Yorks Association; Mr. S. J. Hughes, Dudley and District Guild; Mr. J. W. England, East Derbyshire and Notts Association; Mr. T. R. Dennis and Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Ely Diocesan Association; Mr. C. H. Howard and Mr. W. J. Nevard, Essex Association; Mr. E. Bishop, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association; Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Guildford Diocesan Guild; Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Lancashire Association; Mr. W. Willson, Midland Counties Association; Mr. A. L. Coleman, Norwich Diocesan Association; Rev. J. B. Frith, North Staffs and District Association; Mr. F. W. Hopgood, Oxford Diocesan Guild; Mr. W. Collett, Oxford Society; Mr. G. Cross, St. Clement Youths; Mr. J. D. Matthews, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; Mr. H. Knight, Stafford Archdeaconry Guild; Mr. C. Dean, Surrey Association; Mr. H. Barton, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild; Rev. C. C. Marshall, Yorkshire Association; Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. H. W. Wilde, Mr. S. H. Wood and Mr. J. Griffin, hon. members.

DEPARTED MEMBERS.

Reference was next made to the loss of members through death. Canon Coleridge said as one of the oldest members of the Council, and one who had attended every meeting of the forty which had been held, it had been his sad lot to see many of his friends of the Council pass away from their midst from year to year. They had had very sad departures from among them during the past year. He was only going to speak of one, because he was a very great figurehead in every way in the Exercise; he referred, of course, to the late Henry Law James. Mr. James was very regular in his attendance at the Council meetings, and he was very energetic indeed on those committees on which he served, and over some of which he presided, and when he came there he brought no uncertain views. He put forward views which to some of them seemed rather far in advance of anything they had dreamt of before, but no doubt Mr. James was perfectly right, for he was more far-seeing than many of them, and had a way with him of enforcing his views. They gave him every credit for everything he did for the Exercise. He could not help going back in thought to the meeting at Chelmsford, where, because he was so ill, he asked to be allowed to sit while addressing the Council, and made a most impassioned address. He was shaking all over—whether it was pain, or sickness, or excitement he (the speaker) did not know—but he did it in a most marvellous way. A very great man in the person of Henry Law James had passed away from the Exercise. They would miss him at every possible turn, especially those of them who had known him for long years and appreciated all that he did for the good of the Exercise. He (Canon Coleridge) had no doubt many members of the Council were in the same position as he was when they heard of Mr. James' death. Some of them only heard of it on the evening before the funeral, and as the funeral was on Saturday it was manifestly impossible for the clerical members to get to Surfleet and back to their duties on the Sunday. Had it been on any other day he would have gone, and he had no doubt other members of the Council, too. He was, however, thankful that their secretary, who only knew of the funeral on the day before, did exactly what they would have expected him to do. He not only immediately sent a wreath on their behalf, but also wrote a letter of condolence to the nearest relative and, busy man though he is, attended the funeral on behalf of the Council (hear, hear). They lamented the death of Henry Law James, they appreciated the work which he had done for the Council and for ringing in general, and they condoled with the members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who had been proud to call him their Master for many years (hear, hear). Canon Coleridge added that he knew it would be a great help to the secretary of the Council if, when the death of a member of the Council took place, he was at once communicated with. For one thing, it might save in some cases a good deal of feeling when letters were addressed to someone who had passed from their midst. He asked the members to stand and join with him in an expression of sympathy in the great loss which the Council had experienced by the death of the Rev. H. Law James.

The members rose and stood in silence.

The President said the Council had lost two other members during the past year. Mr. Tom Gofton, of the Durham and Newcastle Association, had been a member of the Council since 1921. Those members who had been in the North, and some of them who had gone on ringing tours, would know what a splendid ringer Mr. Gofton was, and what an accurate striker and what excellent work he did in the Durham and Newcastle Association in the encouragement of Surprise ringing, along with other members of his talented family. Although he did not take much part in the discussions at the Council, they would miss him very much. They had also lost Mr. Harry Argyle, who had been a member of the Council since 1912. He also had done valuable work in a quiet way for the Council and for the Exercise. There were two other old members who had died within the last few weeks. Mr. Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, was a member of the Council for a good many years. He did not often say much, but what he did say was very much to the point. After what Canon Coleridge had said about the Rev. Law James, he could not help recalling the meeting at Manchester when Mr. James was arguing, in his usual pointed way, that we had extended Stedman in an entirely wrong way; that a quick-six in Stedman Doubles was really a bob, and that what we called Stedman Triples was not Stedman at all, but that what we called Erin was true Stedman, and that the bobs should be made by ringing a quick six. This led to a rather heated discussion, which went on for a long time, and eventually Mr. Sam Wood proposed that Stedman be left as it was 'in fayther's time' (laughter). Mr. Wood did a great work in Lancashire, and was particularly noted for the long peals which were rung at Ashton-under-Lyne and other towers in the neighbourhood. Continuing, the President said he had seen in 'The Ringing World' that Mr. Tom Salter, of Worcestershire, who was a member of the Council for some years, had also passed away. Mr. Salter had done much good work for ringing in Worcestershire, and he would like to suggest that their secretary send a letter of condolence to the relatives of those he had mentioned.

This was agreed to by the members standing in silence.

The minutes of the meeting held at Liverpool, having been printed, were taken as read and adopted, but on the suggestion of Mr. G. R. Newton it was decided to add to them an expression of the Council's thanks to Mr. W. A. Cave for his services during the absence from England of the then hon. secretary (Mr. E. A. Young).

(To be continued.)

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Llandudno on Whit Monday. Members attended from Bangor, Portmadoc, Gresford, Buckley, Rhyl, Wrexham, Chester, and the local band, also several visitors, including Mr. W. W. Walstencroft (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon), Mr. R. Kynaston (Oswestry), and Mr. R. Horton (Darlaston). Ringing commenced at 1.30 p.m., and was continued until three o'clock, when a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Watkin Davies), who gave an interesting and inspiring address that was greatly appreciated. He extended a hearty welcome to the members, and spoke of the friendly relations that existed between the clergy and the local band of ringers. Ringers were usually heard and not seen, he said, but he had made a practice of either himself or one of the curates visiting the belfry every Sunday. The Rector also mentioned the loss Llandudno had sustained in the death of Mr. Leonard Lowe, an enthusiastic young ringer.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar of Bangor occupied the chair in the absence of the president, who was unable to attend through ill-health.

The officers were elected as follows: President, the Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones, M.A.; vice-president, the Rev. Watkin Davies, M.A.; Master, Mr. A. E. Pegler; treasurer, Mr. T. Cathrall; secretary, Mr. W. Cathrall; district secretaries, Mr. W. T. Pegler (Bangor), Mr. B. R. Collis (Rhyl), and Mr. A. Lea, jun. (Wrexham).

The following new members were elected: Miss Wainwright, Mrs. Owen, Mr. Hingley and Mr. S. Gillam.

It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Bangor and the annual meeting at Rhyl.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for conducting the service, for his excellent address, and also for the tea which he so kindly provided. Thanks were also accorded to the Rev. D. Jones, Vicar of Bangor, for presiding at the meeting.

The tower was again visited after tea for further ringing under the guidance of the Ringing Master.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT CHELMSFORD.

The 53rd annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, when there was a large attendance of ringers from all parts of the diocese. At intervals during the day the twelve bells of the Cathedral were rung, and bands of ringers went out to neighbouring towers to practise their art. The popularity of Chelmsford as the meeting place for Essex ringers was again demonstrated, there being several rings of six and eight bells in the immediate district. Service was held in the Cathedral in the morning, and was well attended. Canon Morrow, Rector of Chelmsford, officiated, and Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Association, read the lesson. Mr. F. R. Frye, Mus.Bac., presided at the organ, the ringers' special service being used. The hymns, 'Ring bells, ring out thy holy chime,' 'Lifted high within the steeple,' and 'The sacred bells of England,' were sung.

The Very Rev. E. Rogers, Dean of Bocking, gave the address. Taking as his text, 'Ye shall be witnesses of Me,' the Dean said he counted it a great privilege to share in the ringers' festival, because for him, as for many others, the bells of our churches held very sacred memories. Bells were so amazingly intimate; they touched everything most sacred in human life; they touched it with an understanding and sensitiveness which was sometimes denied the human tongue. Because the bells were inarticulate, they brought a message to the heart. The best in art, music, and statuary had been brought to the church to add to the worshippers' joy, and the ringers had added the art of change ringing; they had brought their skill and intelligence to bear upon the dead bells, and made them live with a new harmony and a new beauty. It was just that which made a man of service to his fellows and to God; for the practice demanded discipline, sacrifice, perseverance, than which no nobler qualities could be found in the human heart. As this art of change ringing was used, so it would react upon life, because those who practised it became better servants. In Essex over a thousand members of the Ringers' Association realised the gracious gift God had entrusted to them.

A collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £1 8s. 6d.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

Luncheon was served at the County Hotel, and this was followed by the business meeting of the association. The Master presided, supported by the Dean of Bocking, the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. F. J. Pitstow), the district officers and members of the general committee. The Master expressed the regret of Canon Morrow that he was prevented by his duties from attending. The Master then welcomed Mr. Pitstow on his return to the association after being laid aside by illness., and on his suggestion it was agreed that the secretary should send a message of sympathy to Mr. T. Faulkner, who recently underwent an operation.

The Master proceeded to refer to the deaths of founder members, as stated in the report, and said only two original members now survived, Mr. Thomas Watson and Mr. Thomas Edwards, both resident in Braintree. Mr. Edwards expressed a willingness to attend the meeting, but on medical advice he decided not to, although he hoped to join the ringers on some future occasion.

The Master then presented his annual report as follows:—

It is gratifying to report year after year satisfactory progress, and this 53rd year of the association's existence still reflects this happy and encouraging advance of its work. The large and increasing attendances at the meetings is proof of the interest that is being maintained by members generally, despite the fact that not a few are among the ranks of the unfortunate unemployed. The total membership is 1,149, against 1,167 for the previous year. As usual a great number of names have been removed, due to lapses, deaths and removals, but, on the other hand, we have a very considerable number of new members, but not quite sufficient to make good the losses. With a little effort this can be done, and perhaps exceeded before the end of the present year. The mid-week meetings in the N.W. Division, arranged for the convenience of those who cannot attend on Saturdays, are a new departure and have proved a success. One hundred and five towers are now affiliated against one hundred and ten recorded in the last report.

Three founder members, continued the report, had been called to higher service: Messrs. F. Rudkin, of Braintree, Mr. W. Bearman, of Bocking, and Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford. Mr. Rudkin was for many years the District Master of the N.E. Division. Mr. Bearman, owing to failing health, had not taken an active part in ringing for many years. Mr. Keeble was one of the pioneers of the association. Very few, if any, individual member took a more active part in building up the association in its early days. He was largely responsible for dividing the county into districts, and one of the first auditors. Despite his advanced age he kept up his interest to the last. They had also lost Rev. J. W. Dunn, of Colne Engaine, an honorary member; Mr. J. Souter, of Mistley; Mr. H. Redgwell, of Rayne; Mr. G. Neville, of Rayleigh; Mr. F. Sworder, for many years the sole representative of Epping; Mr. A. R. Keeling, for over forty years the secretary of the Orsett band; and Mr. J. Brewster, of Harwich, one of the members with the longest length of service, who had done much in his younger days to teach and foster the art in his district.

In belfry improvements very little work had been done, due undoubtedly to the economic crisis. Three treble bells had been installed at the new Church of St. George, Ilford, to form a nucleus of a ring of eight, and the light ring of six at Ford End had been rehung. Two trebles were to be added to complete the octave at Witham.

Ninety-seven peals had been rung during the year—eighty-nine on tower bells and eight on handbells. The list, although not quite so comprehensive as last year, was a very fine record. The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was the first in the method by this association. The handbell peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Sible Hedingham was a very creditable performance, and was the first by the association. No less than thirty-two acted in the capacity as conductors on tower bells. Financially they had improved their position. Subscriptions amounted to £70 0s. 5d., booking fees £2 18s. 10d., collections to Bell Restoration Fund £4 13s. 4d., making a total income of £77 12s. 8d. Expenditure totalled £72 10s. 11d., leaving a credit balance on the year's working of £5 1s. 9d. Grants had been made from the Bell Restoration Fund of £3 3s. each to Coggeshall, Ford End and Woodford, and £1 1s. to Saffron Walden, leaving a balance in hand on this fund of £33 12s. 7d.

The report concluded with an expression of gratitude to district officers who had retired, for their long and devoted service. Thanks were also accorded to those remaining in office, some of whom had served for many years. All were carrying out their duties in a most efficient and praiseworthy manner, and the success of the association was due to their untiring efforts.

The report was unanimously adopted, the Chairman remarking that there had been no outstanding event connected with the association during the past year, but it had been a very successful year.

BELL AUGMENTATIONS.

The hon. secretary presented the report of the general committee, which recommended the following grants: One guinea to the memorial to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, former secretary to the Central Council; a second donation of one guinea to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund; and five guineas to the fund being raised by the Rev. A. C. Corner-Stone for a ring of eight bells at St. George's Church, Ilford.—Mr. Pitstow proposed the adoption of this report.

The Master said St. George's was one of the new churches recently built at Ilford. The Vicar was formerly curate of Romford, and he knew the value of bells. The work of the bells at St. George's had been entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and would be well done. There was already the frame for eight and three bells. At present there were no bells ringable in Ilford, St. Mary's tower being unsafe. It was rather unusual to-day to build a church with a tower and bells straight away, and he was sure they would all feel it a very deserving case (applause). In answer to a question about the augmentation of the bells at Witham Church, the Master said a treble bell was being given by the Chalk family, and the second bell would be hung as a memorial to a parishioner who had made a bequest to the church.

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

The Dean of Bocking took the chair temporarily during the election of Master for the ensuing year. Mr. W. Pye proposed the re-election of Mr. C. H. Howard, and said Mr. Howard got about to all the meetings in the county.—The proposition was seconded in several places and was carried unanimously.—The Master, in resuming the chair, said that was the 23rd time he had been elected to the office, and he appreciated the honour very much. It would be his endeavour to continue to give satisfaction. As was known, he held many other positions, but the association always had the first charge on his Saturday afternoons. Whenever possible, he attended all the district meetings. He was sometimes beaten when two were arranged on the same date. It was a great pleasure to be present and see the excellent work done by the district officers.

The remaining officers were unanimously re-elected: Mr. F. J. Pitstow, hon. secretary and treasurer; general committee, Dr. Spencer-Phillips, Messrs. W. Keeble, W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner, F. Dench, together with the Master, secretary, District Masters, secretaries and auditors; Peal Committee, Messrs. G. Joyce, G. R. Pye, T. Faulkner, W. Keeble; representatives on Central Council of Church Bellringers, Messrs. C. H. Howard, J.P., W. J. Nevard, G. R. Pye, and E. J. Butler; auditors, Messrs. W. H. Theobold and G. W. Faulkner. All were thanked for their past services.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES.

In accordance with the notice given at the previous annual meeting, Mr. E. J. Butler moved an alteration in rules 7 and 8, which was agreed to as follows:—

Rule 7.—Notice of motion to be brought forward at any annual meeting shall be sent in writing to the secretary at least 21 days before that meeting and shall be placed by him on the agenda.

Rule 8.—No peal of less than 5,000 changes in one method, or 5,040 changes on five bells rung without interval in true 120's, or 5,040 changes on six bells, rung without interval in true 720's, of which no two in the same method shall be called alike, shall be published in the annual report. No peal shall be published in which any member has taken part whose subscription is in arrear.

All new compositions rung by the association shall be inserted in the annual report, numbered, or reference to their publication given.

The Master stated that in future there would be no booking fees, and in place of the peal book the annual reports, which included each year all the peals rung, were to be bound and kept as the official

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on Whit Monday, and was well attended, members being present from 25 towers. At the business meeting, held in the Parish Church Memorial Hall, the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) presided, and presented the annual report, which stated that the finances of the association were once more on a thoroughly sound basis and fully able to meet any demands likely to be made upon them. While the principal object of the association—'the promotion of scientific ringing throughout the county'—was being steadily pursued, the opinion was felt that its activities should be increased by holding more meetings, and possibly by dividing the county into four divisions, instead of the existing three. The reports sent in by the branch secretaries, both as to service ringing and the condition of the bells in the county, were most satisfactory. 'We trust,' the report added, 'that those responsible will see to it that the ringing is maintained at the highest possible standard of excellence, and that they will make every endeavour to aspire to a 100 per cent. attendance for Sunday service ringing.'

The committee appointed to deal with the question of the certificate of membership had failed to trace the plate of the original, but a new one had been designed which they were sure would meet with general approval. It is to be obtained post free 1s.

In the financial statement the receipts in the general account were shown to be £224, which sum included 1930's balance of £145. The balance at the end of December, 1931, was £136. The balance on the actual year's working was £6 13s. 9d. There was a decrease of £5 on the Benevolent Fund, and the committee thought some means should be taken to give this fund more support.

The hon. general secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone) presented the report of the hon. peals secretary (Mr. Frank Bennett), who was unable to be present. Mr. Bennett wrote that 72 peals had been rung during the year, which was less than in 1930, but the standard had been higher.

Officers were re-elected as follow: President, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chichester; vice-presidents, re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Vicar of Brighton (Canon A. C. W. Rose); Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman; hon. treasurer, Mr. Rickman; hon. general secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone; hon. peals secretary, Mr. F. Bennett; hon. auditors, Messrs. W. C. Hart and F. C. J. Turner; representative to Central Council, Mr. Rickman; hon. trustees of funds, Messrs. F. B. Tompkins, H. R. Butcher and G. H. Howse; hon. divisional secretaries, Messrs. R. Swift (Central Division), A. C. Pankhurst (Eastern Division) and A. W. Groves (Western Division).

The following new members were elected: Messrs. H. Barnes, R. Matthews and A. Taylor (Aldrington), Miss Nora Peters, Miss Marjorie Bright and Mr. S. Barton (East Grinstead). One new tower (Buxted) was affiliated, eleven members being elected. Mr. T. R. Dennis (Cambridge) was elected a non-resident member.

Mr. E. C. Merritt moved a resolution, which was carried, that a committee be appointed to consider the best means of increasing the activities of the association. A motion by Mr. Stone to alter part of a rule 'that the hon. trustees shall be held responsible for all invested funds of the association, the capital of which shall be invested or otherwise held by them conjointly,' was also carried.

The meeting decided to make a grant of £5 5s. towards a memorial in Tewkesbury Abbey of the great work done by the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies for the advancement of the art of change ringing.

Prior to the meeting, service was held in St. Peter's Church, when the Vicar of Brighton (Canon A. C. W. Rose) gave an inspiring address on 'team work.'

After tea in the Memorial Hall, Canon Rose was thanked for his presence, and in reply welcomed the ringers and wished them every success in their ringing in future.

During the day the ringing took place at St. Peter's (ten), St. Nicholas' (ten), and the Church of the Good Shepherd (eight).

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record. The list of peals would be taken each week from 'The Ringing World,' and he reminded those responsible for sending peals for publication of the necessity of accuracy in detail.

Mr. L. Shamen, South Weald, was made an hon. member of the association, and Mr. H. Coote, Braintree, was re-elected a ringing member.

The Master thanked Canon Morrow for the service at the Cathedral and for the use of the bells, and Dr. Frye for arranging the music at the service. He also thanked the Dean of Bocking for his inspiring address, which was very much valued by the ringers, and all the incumbents for the use of their bells.

The Dean of Bocking, in reply, said he was deeply interested in ringing, and he had been very pleased to take part in the Essex ringers' festival.

The bells in the following towers were at the disposal of the members during the day: Chelmsford Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), and Boreham (8). Touches by mixed bands in all the standard methods were rung, including Cambridge Surprise Royal.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

MORE ENCOURAGEMENT FOR FIVE-BELL TOWERS WANTED.

At the annual meeting, held this year at Sudbury, in place of Bury St. Edmunds, the officers were all re-elected. The new bands at Woodbridge and Wattisfield were congratulated on the great progress they had made, and it was arranged to hold a meeting shortly at the latter place.

Referring to the raising of the band at Wattisfield, the report presented by the hon. secretary, the Rev. H. Drake, said there were a number of five-bell towers in Suffolk, and their members were not doing what they could to get them all to be change-ringing towers. It was true that it was difficult to have meetings at a five-bell tower, because so few could ring at a time. But there was no reason why ringers, where they had more bells of their own, should not help ringing bands to be kept going where they had fewer bells. What happened was that, when more bells were in a tower, the ringers always tried to ring the full number, and were out of practice on the lesser numbers. This should not be so. It was always a pleasant change for the general public to hear the lesser numbers occasionally, and it was good practice for the ringers to ring sometimes on four or five bells. Moreover, if they could help and encourage the ringers of five bells to ring changes, it was very probable that they would soon organise a movement to increase their five bells to six or even eight.

The tower at Debenham had been strengthened very adequately, the report continued, and now the order for the rehanging of the bells in an entirely new frame had been given, and they hoped that they would soon be in ringing order again. Other towers had been reported on, and they might hope that a number of bells would be hung, or rehung, when times were better. So far, the bad times were not manifested in their finances. Their position was not quite so good as the great increase in their balance would seem to indicate. Some receipts from other years appeared this year, while not all the usual payments had been made. Still, they had undoubtedly more than paid their way, and if all members would pay their subscriptions regularly, and also obtain some honorary members in every parish, they would continue to do so.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley (Ringing Master) presented his report, in which he stated that during 1931 86 peals were rung for the Guild, and all but one of these were on tower bells in 32 different towers, the other being on handbells. The talented band at Leiston had a busy year, and this tower headed the list with 12 peals. Framsden and Helmingham also did well with seven each. Glemsford, Holbrook, Monks Eleigh and Rougham appeared in their list for the first time. There were 182 members, the same as last year, who took part in the peals, and 30 shared the conducting. Although their total was 12 less than in 1930, the standard of methods rung was high, especially in the Surprise Major section, 13 of these methods having been rung, thanks to the enterprising Leiston and Helmingham district bands.

The reports were adopted.

Some rules for the reckoning of the number of changes rung were discussed in detail, and were finally passed as follows:—

AXIOMS.

'(1) Ringing is expressed by rows of numbers, of which the figures follow one another, in the same order as the bells, which they represent, sound.

'(2) Any one of these rows is either a repetition of, or a change from, any other row.

'(3) Change ringing is that which is represented by writing rows of figures, starting from a certain row (usually "rounds"), and proceeding without any repetition until the ringing returns to the same row (usually "rounds") again.

'(4) If there be one or more repetitions, the ringing is said to be false. Such ringing may have its length measured by counting up the number of rows rung, not the changes. For while repetitions cannot be changes, they are still rows.

'(5) In such case, a claim to have rung the same number of changes as rows is a false statement. Anyone who makes or supports such a claim is not considered qualified to be a member of a society or company of scientific change ringers.

'(6) No such false statement, claiming that changes have been rung when they have not been rung, should be allowed on the walls of our churches.'

The bells of the three churches in Sudbury were kept going in the usual methods during the day, and, besides, some of the beginners were encouraged to ring rounds. The day was beautifully fine, and the meeting most successful, sixty sitting down to tea.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Horton (6 bells) to-morrow, Saturday, May 28th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Upwell (6 bells) on Saturday, June 4th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barter, Dis. Sec.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, on Whit Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss M. White 2, Miss F. M. Child (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, A. G. Rose 4, F. E. Pitman 5, F. Frampton 6, H. R. Mitchell (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, at St. Michael's Church, for 7 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Hayden 1, H. J. Tucker 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Bull 5, W. T. Prior 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: E. Ansell 1, W. Prior 2, H. M. White 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Also rung as a compliment to the secretary (Mr. H. M. White) on the 22nd anniversary of his wedding day.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) was rung at the Priory Church on Whit Sunday, May 15th, in 50 mins.: A. Bishop 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, Miss M. Rouse 5, E. V. Hinton 4, Mrs. E. Williams 5, S. White 6, F. E. Pitman (first quarter-peal of Caters) 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, B. Kerley 10.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Holy Cross, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung for the evening service on Sunday, May 15th: C. J. Hart 1, W. Gorringe (conductor) 2, A. Richardson 3, B. Saunders 4, R. Playford 5, F. Weller 6, J. A. Hart 7, F. Miles 8. This was arranged for W. Gorringe, of Hawkhurst.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Whit Sunday, May 15th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Walker 1, H. Taylor 2, F. Wheeler 3, H. Edwards 4, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, F. Whipp (first quarter-peal) 6, T. Clark 7, J. Beesley 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday evening, May 15th, at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, to mark the pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. Lewis 1, R. Lewis (Bromsgrove) 2, T. O'Hara 3, G. Holmes (conductor) 4, J. A. Doxin 5, R. Harrison 6, T. E. Lee 7, H. Hirst 8. Composed by Mr. Hayward, of Bromsgrove.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 15th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Carter (first quarter) 1, H. Burningham (first away from treble) 2, J. Read 3, J. Beagley 4, T. Upshall 5, S. Meadows 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 1st, at St. Martin's, for evening service, 1,363 Grandsire Cinques: F. B. Yates (longest touch on 12 bells) 1, G. E. Fearn 2, G. E. Large 3, A. Walker (conductor) 4, H. H. Fearn 5, W. C. Dowding 6, H. Stanley 7, C. Webb 8, E. Mansell 9, G. F. Yendell 10, J. Neal 11, W. T. Froggatt 12. Longest touch of Grandsire Cinques by all except the conductor.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, April 24th, at the Parish Church of St. Barnabas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Ludlow (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, Miss O. M. Sanders 2, F. S. Sanders 3, W. J. Meers 4, W. Davies 5, R. C. Ingram (conductor) 6, G. F. Swann 7, J. Preston 8.

THE DEVON GUILD.

BIDEFORD ATTRACTS A BIG GATHERING.

The annual general meeting of the Devon Guild, held at Bideford on Whit Monday, was a great success. No less than 166 members, representing 26 bands in union, attended—a record for the remote position of the town. A bright and inspiring service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. R. Seymour, Rector of Combe Martin, whose address held the attention of a large congregation, and was replete with helpful and wise counsel.

Luncheon was partaken of at Bromley's Restaurant, the president (Rev. E. S. Powell) presiding, supported by Revs. E. V. Cox, H. L. Pigot, F. W. Moore, W. H. Smale and J. G. Eddy, and eight members of the Central Council, who were on the visit to Plymouth.

At the business meeting the officers and vice-presidents were re-elected, and three life members and four ordinary members, together with the Archdeacon of Barnstaple as hon. member, were elected.

It was resolved to amend the rule governing the period for holding the annual meeting by extending the final date to the end of June instead of the first day in June.

Exeter and Ottery St. Mary were proposed as the place for the annual meeting in 1933, and by a majority vote Exeter was selected.

A proposition to subscribe to the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was referred to the committee, as was also a motion for the resumption of the monthly Cathedral practices.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Bideford, the organist, and Rev. R. Seymour for his address, which was carried with acclamation.—The Rev. E. V. Cox, in proposing a vote of thanks to the officers, said that no Guild could be better served than theirs by their president, secretary and treasurer.

Ringing was carried on at St. Mary's Church from 10 a.m. at intervals to 5 p.m., also at Northam and Appledore.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.
PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available: Holy Trinity, West Hill, 3.15 to 4.30; All Saints', 3 to 5, and after meeting. Service at All Saints' Church, 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in Church Hall. All are welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in the tower 7.30. A good tea can be obtained at 1s. 6d. each. It is specially requested that a good attendance be assured for service.—P. Brown, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at North Collingham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea to follow.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — A by-meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing commences at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

BLEDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by Mr. Bond, of Burford, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Gloucester on Saturday, May 28th. Service 3 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol and Wotton-under-Edge Branches.—A combined meeting will be held at Yate, Gloucester, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow, by kind invitation of Canon E. F. Smith.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, or Oliver E. H. Hill, Fleece Villa, Rook's Moor, Stroud.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Northaw, Saturday, May 28th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please *do* advise me. Nearest Station, Cuffley or Potter's Bar from King's Cross, or by bus from Barnet to Potter's Bar Police Station. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Churchyard Cottage at 1s. per head. To facilitate tea arrangements a p.c. from intending visitors would be very much appreciated. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Hastings, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. All very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gedney on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) at 2.45. Service in church 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Frensham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Marindin Institute 5 p.m. —C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a good one.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney on May 28th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. All requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Smith, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield. A good attendance requested. Special business.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Walberton to-morrow (Saturday), May 28th. Tower open from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Buses run frequently from Arundel and Chichester. — A. W. Grover, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined practice at the Wallops, Saturday, May 28th. Bells from 2.30. Tea, Nether Wallop, 5 p.m. Special bus leaves Andover Guildhall at 3 p.m. Return fare 1s.—F. S. H. Marle, Newtown, Newbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow to-morrow (Saturday) May 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Tideswell on Saturday, May 28th. Church of St. John the Baptist (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 31st, St. Magnus' on June 2nd, 16th and 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 9th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th, 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.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH. —Service at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. The rings of 10 of the Parish Church and of the bell foundry tower will be available after the service. 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 2nd, to Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

DEVON GUILD. — North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Monday, May 30th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, June 4th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 1st? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Bennington on June 4th, when the bells will be available as usual. Tea will be provided by the Rector in the Church Room. All ringing friends will be welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Norton-le-Moors on Saturday, June 4th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. W. Corfield, The Fields, Leek Road, Norton-le-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than June 1st.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Great Chishill on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea on Vicarage lawn, price 1s. each; profits to start fund for new treble bell. Please look up Carter's Doubles and come and make the meeting a great success. Heydon bells available during evening.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8). For tea please notify Mr. F. Roddis, Reveill Villa, Whiston (without fail), not later than June 2nd. A welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Notifications for tea must reach me not later than Wednesday, June 1st.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, June 4th. Service, co-operated with the Diocesan Guilds' Union, in the Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher: Archbishop of York. Tea at the Co-operative Café 4.45 (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.) for those who notify Mr. George Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous. Cathedral tower open 2 to 3. St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's 1.45 to 2.30. After the meeting the Cathedral and St. Botolph's bells will be available until 9 p.m. and St. Peter-at-Gowts until 7.30 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting will be held in London on Saturday, June 4th. St. Clement Danes' bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the A.B.C. Tea Rooms opposite, at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, May 31st.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Alresford on Saturday, June 4th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30 in the Village Hall. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the usual charge for tea will be made. Bells of New Alresford and Bishop Sutton open at 2.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 4th, at St. George's, Southwark (Little Dorrit's Church). Bells available 3.30 to 8.30. Break for tea (in vicinity) and meeting 5.30 to 6.30. All friends welcome.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton and Bedford Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at Husborne Crawley, on Saturday, June 4th. The bells (8), recently augmented, will be ready at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. The President (Rev. A. Rust) asks that names for tea shall be sent to him at The Vicarage, Husborne Crawley, Bletchley. Will members and friends please do this?—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, June 4th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Chirton and Marden bells also available for ringing during the evening. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 31st, who will require tea. — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

INVEST YOUR SPARE TIME in a visit to Aldenham on Saturday, June 4th, and get good interest. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest stations: Bushey or Radlett. Either coach or train. Cheap return fares. Bus to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—June meetings at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.: Sunday, June 5th, 10 a.m., service ringing; Mondays, 13th and 27th, practice, at 7.30 p.m. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.15.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The annual meeting will be held at Kelston, near Bath, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who wish for tea kindly notify me by June 8th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Nocton (6) Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Notification for tea by June 6th prompt to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beaminster on June 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Notification for tea to C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Harwich on June 11th. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea provided at the Hanover Dining Rooms at 5.15. All are welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify the district secretary, James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe, not later than June 8th?

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at Great Gaddesden on June 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 9th? This is important. — C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, June 11th, the nature of business being despatched to each member by post. Bells of St. John's Parish Church (8) available from 3

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Anstey on Saturday, June 11th. The bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the School at 5 p.m. Notification for same to me by Thursday, June 9th. Business meeting following tea. All members and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Harrington, Mascot, Stebbing, not later than Thursday, the 9th? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15th, at Ickleton. 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, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. These bells go well to all methods. —F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

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DISTRICTS UNITE IN SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A combined meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild was held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 21st. There was a good attendance of ringers, and the bells were kept going throughout the afternoon.

After tea a short meeting was held, Mr. Foster Pattison being in the chair.

Mr. Storey proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, remarking that there was always a welcome at Chester-le-Street, and they could not help enjoying themselves at the fine old church.

In view of the success of the meeting, it was decided to hold another combined gathering at Gateshead on Saturday, June 25th.

After the meeting, two short touches of Stedman Triples were splendidly rung on handbells.

The methods rung on tower bells during the day were Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major and Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Altogether it was a really successful meeting, and a plain proof that district meetings are worth while.

WEDDING AT YARDLEY HASTINGS.

An interesting wedding took place at Yardley Hastings on Whit Monday, when Mr. Harry Wooding, of Basingstoke, and Miss W. Whitney, of Yardley, were married at St. Andrew's Church. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. D. G. Smith, and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Walter Whitney, himself a ringer.

Mr. Wooding was for many years a member of St. Andrew's belfry, and is well-known in ringing circles in many parts of the country.

As the newly-married couple left the church, 720 Bob Minor was rung by the local band: H. Lack 1, W. Lack 2, A. Berril 3, R. Burge (conductor) 4, S. J. Elliot 5, R. D. St. J. Smith 6. Afterwards touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, in which the Rector, Mr. Whitney, and (last but not least!) the bridegroom took part.

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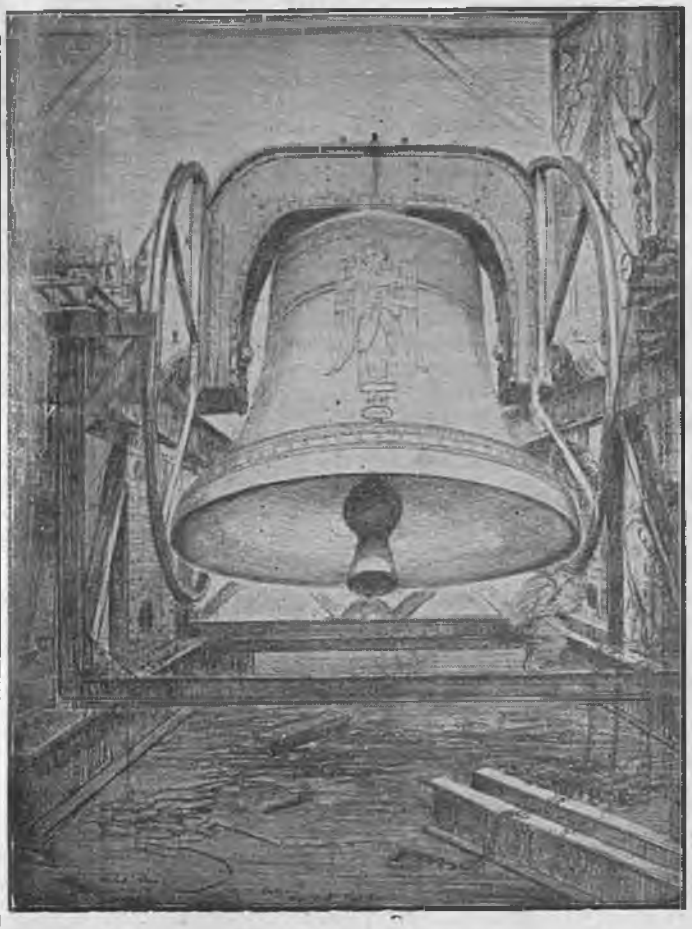

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A BIG PUSH.

The resolution passed at the meeting of the Central Council, urging affiliated societies to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' brings pointedly before the Exercise the very important fact that the support given to this paper is, in plain language, inadequate. For a long time past many of those most intimately in touch with ringing matters have known that the support given to this paper falls far short of what might reasonably be expected from a body whose numbers are as great as ringers are presumed to be. The importance of a journal, not only to the advancement of the art, but to its very existence, is recognised by all who give the subject a moment's thought, and the risk that lies behind an insufficient circulation is causing grave concern to those who most fully realise what the plight of the Exercise would be without its own special organ. Hence the resolution which came before the Central Council and which it is hoped the associations and guilds throughout the country will do their best to implement. This resolution, we may add, was placed on the agenda entirely unprompted by us and we appreciate it not least for that reason.

Circulation is, of course, the life-blood of a newspaper, and in cases where that paper's appeal, as in the case of 'The Ringing World,' is only to a limited section of the community, it is of vital importance that the whole of that section, if they would serve the best interests of the cause they profess to have at heart, should support their specialised journal. It is only by this means that they can get the best return for the contribution they make. It is no exaggeration to say that if the Exercise were suddenly left without a paper devoted to its interests, it would be dealt a staggering blow. Ringing stands where it does to-day largely by the service which has been rendered to it by successive journals, which have appeared—and, all but one, disappeared—in the last sixty years, and yet there has never been a time when those who have sought to serve the Exercise in this direction have been properly, one might even say remotely, compensated, for the thought and labour put into it and the responsibility which has been undertaken.

This state of things is hardly likely to go on indefinitely. There has been an increased activity among ringers in recent years which has made extraordinary demands on the space available in 'The Ringing World,' and we realise that often ringers have had to go unsatisfied in the publicity which they have sought for their doings. And yet with all this activity and the demands which it has made, there has been but a trivial increase

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in the support given to the paper as measured by net sales. As was pointed out by the Editor, in the statement which he made at Plymouth, there is only one way to meet this growing requirement for more space, and that is a larger circulation, sufficient to cover the cost of a larger paper. We have sufficient faith in the Exercise to believe that, if it sets its mind to the task, the increase asked for, namely, 3,500 copies per week, can be obtained. Such an increase would enable 'The Ringing World' to be permanently enlarged by four pages; it would provide space for much matter which now is reluctantly omitted and, what is more, the introduction of fresh features, which at present could only be included by the sacrifice of even more of the news. A great push is to be made to raise the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' Will all our readers put their shoulder to the wheel and get some non-subscriber to place a three months' trial order with his newsagent? This would be the quickest and most effectual means of providing the Exercise with a larger and better journal and making its future secure in the interests of the art of ringing.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE	*Treble*	*MISS PATRICIA HOLLOWAY	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	2	*HARRY G. FOXELL	8
RICHARD T. HIBBERT	3	JAMES BENNETT...	9
WILLIAM PYE	4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	10
STANLEY C. DAVIS ... *...	5	*EDWARD G. FOSTER	11
CHARLES POLLEN	6	HARRY W. SMITH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. PYE.

* First attempt for a peal on twelve bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	7
‡JACK TIPPER	2	ALBERT J. HUGHES	8
JOHN HOLMAN	3	†WILFRED MATTHEWS ...	9
*TOM WILDE	4	†WILFRED STEVENSON ...	10
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†HARRY NORGROVE	6	†FREDERICK SEAGER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on 12 bells. First peal in the method in the county. W. Matthews has now rung peals of Plain Bob on six to twelve bells. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevenson, and as a 22nd birthday compliment to Albert H. Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ...	*Treble*	EDGAR H. TINGEY	6
CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	7
†HENRY W. GAYTON	3	WILLIAM STAPLETON	8
MISS EVELYN STEEL ...	4	HARRY TYSOE	9
ALFRED KING	5	HERBERT J. SHARP ...	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First attempt for a peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES TINDALE ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY ELWICKE	6
JOHN W. WATERS	2	ALFRED E. B. OXLEY	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	3	GEORGE WHITE	8
*JACK REED	4	HARRY GIBSON	9
JOHN WALLER	5	RICHARD HANSELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. E. B. OXLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*THOMAS HILL	...*Treble*	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	6
JOHN C. ADAMS	2	*WALTER R. HUGHES... ...	7
†HARRY BOSWELL	3	*GILBERT HARDING	8
*GEORGE W. HUGHES ...	4	BERT HORTON	9
EDGAR T. SMITH	5	THOMAS J. ELTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by T. J. ELTON.

* First peal of Royal. † 100th peal on tower bells. First peal of Royal on the bells since they were recast.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

ALBERT WALKER... ...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	6
WILLIAM SHORT	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	7
WILLIAM SAUNDERS	3	GEORGE L. HEWITT	8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	4	WALTER LAGO	9
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	5	B. LESLIE JONES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* 850th peal. W. Saunders has now rung a peal on each of the ten bells since the trebles were added in 1925. Mr. Fussell rang his 100th peal in the same tower 41 years ago.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

HERBERT SHEMMING ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
HOBART E. SMITH	2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	8
HAROLD E. SYMONDS	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	5	FREDERICK J. TILLETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 25, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS F. KING ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ...	5
*CAPT. W. H. LINTRE, C.A.	2	CHARLES W. BELL	6
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ...	3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... ...	7
JESSE HALLETT	4	GILBERT H. HARDING...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT

* First peal of Major.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—As a birthday compliment to the churchwarden, Mr. J. Osborn, 720 Bob Doubles was rung after evensong on Sunday, April 24th: A. Forsyth (first 720) 1, F. Moore (first 720 'inside') 2, S. Richardson 3, A. Durham 4, J. E. Brown (conductor) 5, J. Forsyth (first 720) 6.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 14, 1932, 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 19½ cwt.

CHARLIE COOK	...*Treble*	CHARLES AYLWARD	5
ARTHUR WILES	2	ERNEST H. EVEREST	6
THOMAS SKINNER	3	HARRY SEAL	7
HAROLD HUNTLEY	4	LESLIE EVEREST	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. EVEREST.

Rung with the bells fully muffled with the exception of tenor open at back stroke, as a last token of respect to F. Longley, a member of the local band, who was interred in the churchyard the same day.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

HENRY C. ALFORD ...	...*Treble*	PERCY NEWTON	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
THOMAS J. FOWLER	4	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	...*Tenor*

Composed by J: E. BURTON. Conducted by G. MARTIN.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST G. GERRARD ...	...*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
CHARLES F. BAILEY	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
RONALD H. BULLEN	3	FREDERICK J. SMITH	7
ALFRED KEEBLE	4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ...	...*Tenor*

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

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb.

ALFRED H. PULLING...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
ALFRED J. WYATT	2	JOHN PUGSLEY	6
WILLIAM H. LLOYD	3	JAMES HUNT	7
*FRED DATE...	4	*WILLIAM MALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*NORMAN HEAPS	...*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	5
CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	2	WILLIAM HORAN	6
JAMES H. RIDING	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Surprise.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	...*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	ROBERT SWIFT	6
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ERNEST BRETT	...*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
KENNETH SNELLING	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	7
FREDERICK DIGBY	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS

This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate courses. First peal in four spliced methods by the association and in the county, and first 'spliced' peal as conductor.

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

*NORMAN H. SMITH	*Treble*	W. HAROLD JONES	5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL ...	2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	HARRY BOSWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* First peal on eight and first attempt for Bob Major. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. Fullwood (who is a Sunday service ringer at this church) and Miss Florence May Cox. An attempt was made at an earlier date to celebrate this event, but came to grief after two hours.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES RUSH	*Treble*	ALBERT LAWRENCE	5
GEORGE GRAY	2	SIDNEY CARTER	6
DANIEL DYE	3	JOHN WELCH	7
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ...	4	JOSEPH LADLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. LADLEY.

Rung on the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells, erected May, 1907.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL	*Treble*	HARRY WILDE	5
CLIFFORD ELLISON	2	SAM LONGBOTTOM	6
EDGAR WHITELEY	3	CECIL DRAKE	7
HAROLD PEARCE	4	WILLIAM AMBLER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINDS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	*HARRY HOVERD	6
*MRS. G. H. CROSS	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	4	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal in the method.

STAINES—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Cummings 1, G. Walmsley 2, P. Bell 3, W. C. Parker 4, Miss K. Bradford (conductor) 5, W. Jolley 6, G. Beeby 7, C. Jackson 8.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL	...*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
KEITH HART	2	ROBERT SWIFT	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	7
JOHN DEARLOVE	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

°WILFRED HALLIWELL	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HORAN	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	2	†HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	6
*CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	3	TITUS BARLOW	7
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	4	EDWARD JENKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURREY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM M. STONE ...	...*Treble*	*GEORGE W. STEERE	5
*WILLIAM T. BEESON... ...	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	7
*GEORGE GILBERT	4	ALFRED H. PULLING...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*HAROLD PENNACK	...*Treble*	PERCY GREEN	5
WILLIAM KEEBLE	2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ...	6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	3	GEORGE GREEN	7
WILLIAM LINCOLN	4	ARTHUR HEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. G. Green, who kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. THYNG	5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	2	WILLIAM H. TURTON	6
JOHN P. TARLTON	3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	7
NORMAN C. LEWIS	4	RICHARD F. REECE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

The peal (6,336) was composed on February 26th, 1882, and is now rung for the first time.

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EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

TOM COOPER	...*Treble*	*JOHN COAD	5
*LIONEL PARKIN	2	†GEORGE LEE	6
JAMES H. HAYWOOD	3	A. GEORGE W. MEASURES	7
LESLIE HAYWOOD	4	FRED WATKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 158). Conducted by F. WATKINSON
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	6
FRED HAWKES	3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	7
HAROLD F. MARTIN	4	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WATLINGTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 22¼ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ...	...*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
MISS K. E. FLETCHER ...	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	FRANK CORKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
This is believed to be the first peal of Surprise rung on the bells.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*FLORENCE K. HARTLE	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	5
STEPHEN H. HOARE	2	†EDWARD ASHBY	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	†FRANCIS KIRK	7
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	4	REGINALD S. NEWMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	...*Treble*	WILLIAM P. DEANE	5
*JACK TIPPER	2	WALTER LONGMAN	6
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	JOHN WORTH	7
THOMAS HURD	4	ERNEST BENNETT... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.
* First touch of Cambridge Major. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. Wilfred Stevenson, who is a Sunday service ringer at Christ Church, Macclesfield, and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

A 'FAMILY' 720.

On Whit Monday 720 changes of Bob Minor were rung on handbells by the following: Dennis A. S. Symonds 1, Maurice T. Symonds 2, Stedman H. Symonds (conductor) 3-4, Frederick G. Symonds 5-6. The first two ringers are grandsons and the latter two ringers sons of Mr. Arthur Symonds, the well-known Suffolk ringer and instructor, who is at present slowly recovering from a serious illness.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD ALEXANDER ...	...*Treble*	JESSE HALLETT	5
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ...	2	HORACE TAYLOR	6
THEODORE GRANT	3	*CHARLES W. BELL	7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... ...	4	JOSEPH W. BELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.
* 100th peal for the association. Rung for the centenary of St. Saviour's Church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

AMOS SMART	...*Treble*	CYRIL PRINDIVILLE	4
SYDNEY FOSKETT	2	NOEL WILES...	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	PEARL INSKIP	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, April 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, SEN.	...*Treble*	JACK BRAY	4
BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ...	2	*ERNEST BRITTAIN	5
*PERCY PEACOCK	3	†FRANK LORD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in three methods. † 50th peal.

COULSDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Fourteen 120's each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.) in G sharp.

RONALD H. DOVE ...	...*Treble*	*ROYDON DAVIES	3
*TONY PRICE	2	*DANIEL COOPER...	4
*CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells (cast by Hodgson in 1675).

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Duke of Norfolk, (3) College Exercise and Norbury, (4) Old Oxford, (5) Bocking and Willesden, (6) Wraghy, Neasden, and College Bob IV., and (7) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston.
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES	...*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	4
JACK TIPPER	2	*TOM WILDE	5
JAMES A. MILNER	3	JOHN WORTH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in 14 methods. First peal in 14 methods as conductor. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Milner, of Disley.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, 1,280 Bob Major: H. E. Taylor (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Latter 2, H. Cornes (first with a bob bell) 3, H. Markwell 4, W. Collison 5, D. Findley 6, S. Russell 7, A. Richardson (conductor) 8.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 14, 1932 in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6¾ cwt.

SYDNEY BAILESS	...*Treble*	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS... ...	4
WILLIAM NEWTON	2	FRANK BAILESS	5
JOHN H. BAILESS...	3	*GEORGE A. CHARLTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BAILESS.

* First peal. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the dedication of the three new bells.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

JOHN O. WELLER	...*Treble*	*HAROLD C. HYGATE	4
*RONALD A. TUFFIN	2	LEONARD A. TIDY	5
JAMES W. KNIGHTS	3	WALTER CLAYDON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Minor.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

CHARLES STANNARD ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE LILLEY	4
JAMES CHINERY	2	HORACE W. FOULGER ...	5
GEORGE W. ABLITT	3	WILLIAM STANNARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. STANNARD.

SUDBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 16 six-scores of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ALBERT WELSH ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN BAILEY	3
JOHN ALLEN	2	FREDERICK TOOLEY	4

W. REGINALD BUTCHER ...*Tenor*
Conducted by W. R. BUTCHER.

* First peal.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, May 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twelve 240's of Pitman's and nine of Morris'. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT ...*Treble*		THOMAS W. ROWLEY	4
JAMES P. HYETT	2	G. JAMES R. PRICE	5
THOMAS W. ROWLEY, JUN.	3	HAROLD H. W. KINSEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

Rung in honour of the Whitsun Festival, also as a 70th birthday compliment to the treble man.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CENTRAL BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM BANNER ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM JONES	4
HARRY FRANCE	2	WILLIAM HAWKINS	5
FRANK GIBBARD	3	ERNEST FRENCH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK GIBBARD.

First peal by all except ringer of 4th. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers except Mr. W. Jones, who kindly stood in at very short notice. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. This is also the first peal for the Central Bucks Branch of the Guild.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	*Treble*	ROGER W. DANIELS	4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ...	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
WALTER WHITE	3	HORACE M. DAY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William White, of Cotgrave, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on the above date. The ringers also wish to express their appreciation and thanks to Rev. Chaplain for the hospitality shown them after the peal.

BOZEAT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)
On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being five six-scores each of Manchester, Canterbury, Old Doubles, April Day, Bob Doubles, St. Dunstan's, Antelope, Grandsire, and two six-scores of London Singles. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

SIDNEY CORBY	...*Treble*	ALFRED J. ELLIOTT	3
HORACE TYLER	2	ALBERT MINNEY	4

JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ... ...*Tenor*
Conducted by J. J. PARTRIDGE.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, May 17, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ...	4
ALLEN E. GWYNNE	2	CHARLES L. SADLER	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ..	3	WALTER TAYLOR	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells and first by all the band except the conductor. Mr. Fussell has now rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, May 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*B. JOHN STUBBS... ...	...*Treble*	JACK D. BELL	4
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	5
CHARLES M. WHITNEY ...	3	WALTER COPPERWHEAT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER COPPERWHEAT.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. The average of this band is 19 years.

ABBEYDORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, May 19, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CISTERCIAN ABBEY OF ST MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALBERT E. WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	ALLEN E. GWYNNE	4
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	3	CHARLES L. SADLER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. This is the only Cistercian Abbey in England used as a parish church.

HANDBELL PEAL.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PERCY J. JOHNSON	1-2	JOHN AMBLER	5-6
WILLIAM BARTON...	3-4	GEORGE AMBLER	7-8

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. MAITLAND KELLY.

DEDICATION BY CANON COLERIDGE

The completion of the scheme for improvements in the chancel of Kelly Church, Devon, as a memorial to the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, formerly president of the Devon Guild, was signified by the dedication by Canon Coleridge at a service in the church on Wednesday, May 18th. The memorial consists of dark oak panelling covering the walls around the altar, and a pair of chastely designed riddell posts flanking the altar table. The top panels at the sides are carved with designs of the Devon Guild's device and acorn scrolls alternately, and with bells and pomegranates at the back, decorated in crimson and gold. An inscription on the north side centre panel reads: 'To the glory of God and in memory of Maitland Kelly, Priest, born August 21st, 1842, died June 15th, 1929, Rector of this parish, 1905 to 1912. This panelling was erected by relatives, parishioners, friends, and members of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers.'

The church was filled with a congregation that included parishioners, the local band of ringers, the president (Rev. E. S. Powell), general secretary (Mr. T. Laver), members of the South-West Branch of the Guild, and a party of twenty members of the Central Council who came by coach from Plymouth.

Previous to the service the visitors and local ringers were entertained to tea by Miss Kelly in Kelly House.

The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' followed by the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the lesson. Canon Coleridge then pronounced the dedicatory words: 'In the name of the Trinity we dedicate this panelling to the memory of Maitland Kelly, a faithful servant of God, whose example we all might follow.' The congregation then stood for a minute in silence.

Canon Coleridge prefaced his address with the sentence in the Book of Daniel, x. 11, 'A man greatly beloved,' which, he said, applied forcibly to Mr. Kelly, who was, and always will be, beloved by those who knew him. The preacher traced his career from his birth at Kelly, education and interest in bellringing at Oxford, curacy at Abingdon, where his good work was still remembered, his faithful ministry at Plympton St. Maurice, Salcombe and Ottery St. Mary, and in later years back to Kelly in retirement, though never idle, the counsellor and friend of all brother-ringers, neighbours and parishioners alike. It had been the speaker's privilege to stay with Mr. Kelly every summer for many years, and at every visit some incident or other would compel admiration of his upright and worthy character. The memorial they had dedicated that day was, he thought, quite the most appropriate memento that could have been devised, and right indeed that it should signify the deceased's great love for ringing and his devotion to the Guild.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch was held at Shipton-under-Wychwood on Saturday last, when members attended from all the towers in the deanery. The Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), and Mr. A. J. Wright were also present. The Master and secretary from the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association attended, and there were ringers from the Warwickshire Guild and the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

Service was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Freeman. The Rev. H. E. Worthington gave an interesting and inspiring address that was greatly appreciated. Tea was provided in the Beaconsfield Hall, 54 sitting down to an excellent spread.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, and the officers were elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. E. C. Freeman; secretary, Mr. J. Keyte; General Guild Committee representatives, Mr. A. Miles and Mr. Green. It was proposed to hold the autumn meeting at Enstone.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for conducting the service, also to the Rev. H. E. Worthington fer his excellent address. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Master, secretary and treasurer of the General Guild for coming to the meeting.

The Master replied, saying how pleased he always was to come to these meetings, and also to see such a good gathering. He made a special appeal to all present to do all they could to support 'The Ringing World' and see that every tower took as many copies as could well be afforded, as he did not know what ringing would be like without a ringing paper.

The treasurer spoke upon the Guild finances, and it was proposed to give a grant of one guinea from the branch funds to the Guild Restoration Fund.—Mr. R. T. Hibbert made a few very interesting remarks about ringers, and said how much he enjoyed listening to the Rev. H. E. Worthington.

A special vote, welcoming the ringers from visiting associations, was passed, and the hope expressed that they would come again to future meetings.

The ringing in the afternoon and evening included touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich Major.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.—At St. Giles' Parish Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: W. Jones 1, F. Mitchell 2, A. Lea, sen., 3, J. Capper 4, P. Cross 5, F. Evans 6, A. Lea, jun. (conductor) 7, T. Cathrall 8, W. T. Thomas 9, A. Hodges 10. First quarter for ringers of 2 and 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. T. R. Dennis, having found it necessary to relinquish office as secretary to the Society of Cambridge Youths on account of health and business, Mr. H. J. Hazell, 14, French's Road, Cambridge, has been appointed to succeed him. All communications should now be sent to him.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been entrusted with the restoration of the ring of eight bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Woolwich. The work includes the recasting of the tenor bell, tuning the others and rehanging the peal on ball bearings.

There are at least three places at which Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus have been rung by members of one association, in addition to the performances at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields by the Royal Cumberland Youths, mentioned last week.

St. Martin's Guild has rung peals of Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus at St. Martin's, Birmingham. The Lancashire Association has accomplished a similar performance at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, Major having been rung on both the front and the back eights. In addition, a peal of Cambridge Minor has been rung in the same tower.

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, peals in five different even-bell methods have been rung on eight, ten and twelve bells, viz., Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge; two odd-bell methods, Grandsire and Stedman, have been rung in Triples, Caters and Cinques; and there have also been peals of Superlative Surprise Major and Maximus.

One of the oldest members of the Surrey Association has passed away in the person of Mr. John Wyatt, of Ashtead. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The funeral took place on Monday.

The reports of a large number of peals are unavoidably held over.

THREE HALESOWEN RINGERS.

A CHURCH MEMORIAL.

There was a large attendance of bellringers from different parts of Worcestershire at a service at Halesowen Parish Church on Saturday, May 21st, when a tablet which has been placed near to the belfry to the memory of three old bellringers of the Halesowen band, viz., Messrs. G. N. Cockin, E. White and M. Hachett, was unveiled and dedicated. Mr. White had served as a ringer for 54 years and Mr. Cockin and Mr. Hachett for 53 years, and by a singular coincidence they all died within a period of twelve months of each other. The tablet bore the following inscription: 'This tablet is placed here by members of the church in grateful memory of George Newby Cockin, born April 18th, 1858, died August 28th, 1929, Sunday School teacher for 45 years, bellringer for 53 years; Elijah White, born May 7th, 1844, died February 2nd, 1930, chorister for 21 years, Sunday School teacher for 35 years, bellringer for 54 years; Matthew Hachett, born October 18th, 1855, died July 16th, 1930, bellringer for 53 years; who by their work and character served God and two generations of their fellow-men in this parish.'

The tablet was unveiled by Mrs. Cockin, the widow of one of the three men, and it was dedicated by the Rector (Canon H. C. A. Colvile), who was assisted in the service by the curate (the Rev. P. J. Martin). In the course of an address, Canon Colvile paid a tribute to the work of the three men, and said it was a singular thing that they should be such friends and associated in the belfry for so long a period, and then, within a few months, should pass on together. It was no common honour to have one's name on the church walls. The Church had been very jealous about allowing memorials to be put on its buildings, but he did not think there could be a more worthy recognition of the work of those men, who had served with diligence and skill for over 50 years the town in which they lived and God. He had calculated that these men, in the course of their work as bellringers, must have spent at least 10,000 hours in the belfry, which was quite an appreciable slice of the working hours of a man. Quite a considerable portion of their life had been given to the service of God and their fellow-men.

Subsequently a large number of the congregation paid a visit to the belfry, where Mrs. Frank Somers unlocked a library of books which has been provided for the ringers. Later, the ringers were provided with tea, after which touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and London Surprise Major were rung.

Those present included the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Webb) and the following ringers from other districts: Messrs. E. R. Eaton (Boldmere), H. Mason (Hagley), R. Matthews (Stourbridge), A. J. Skelding (secretary of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association), J. Jaggar (Oldbury), W. Cooper (Stourbridge), W. Short and B. Ashford (Clent), H. Withers (Northfield), W. Green and J. Price (Old Hill), J. Withers (Selly Oak), S. J. Hughes (Smethwick) and H. Price (Bromsgrove).

MUFFLED PEALS.

At Deal, Kent, on May 19th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Verrier 1, A. Long 2, J. Arthurs 3, S. Bamford, R.M., 4, W. Terry 5, L. Ladd (conductor) 6. Rung muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. G. Fenn, who was buried at Walmer on this day.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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RECORD SALES OF PUBLICATIONS.

The Hon. Librarian, in his report, said: There has not been much demand upon the contents of the library this last year, but the following works have been presented: A copy of Mr. J. A. Trollope's research work in connection with the history of the College Youths between 1755 and 1788; this has been typed by Mr. W. G. Wilson and is presented by the author. A copy of the History and Rule Book and the Service Book of the Ancient Society of College Youths, presented by the society. Twelve copies of the book, 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' by Sir Arthur Heywood and others, and a copy of the 'First Five Hundred Peals of the Oxford Guild,' presented by Mr. E. A. Young. By special request I have sold one of these copies, but I should like the Council to advise me what to do with the remainder.

This has been a wonderful year for the sale of publications; indeed, there has been nothing like it since I have been librarian. For many years, as the Council will recollect, we have not covered the cost of advertising. Last year, however, I did manage to show a balance to the good of £2 3s. 1d., but this year there is a balance of £42 9s. 5d., and that after paying the ordinary advertisement account of £9 2s., plus £3 for the special advertising of the Minor Methods. This, of course, is the result of placing a high-priced book on the market for which there was a great demand. I refer to the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' and as I have remarked before, one quick-selling book livens up the sales of others. Coming to the other publications, I think the result tends to show that the money spent by the Council in recent years has been well expended. I have not yet received all the returns from the 'on sale or return' agents, but so far the result is good, and their sales account for £10 18s. 11d., out of the £58 17s. 1d. realised by the sales generally. The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has responded to the suggestion made last year, and has purchased outright a complete stock of publications. Others have purchased more largely than before, and thus availed themselves of the discount allowance. I saw an opportunity of replenishing the stock of method sheets which was getting low, and bought a certain number of Grandsire and Stedman and Cambridge Surprise Major which the Rev. H. Drake had to dispose of.

The number of publications in stock is as follows: 1,133 Glossary, 40 Rules and Decisions, 226 Peal Collection Section 1, 428 Peal Collection Section 2, 619 Peal Collection Section 3, 165 Major and Cater Methods, 209 Doubles and Minor Methods, Corrigenda Leaflets (several hundreds), 155 Rules for a Local Company, 371 Cards on Care of Bells, 167 On the Preservation of Bells (limp), 5 On the Preservation of Bells (stiff), 135 Law on Church Bells, 335 Methods Sheets, 11 Report on Conference with S.P.A.B.

The Librarian's statement of accounts showed that £58 17s. 1d. had been received for 930 copies of publications, the principal sales having been 272 copies of the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' 219 method sheets, and 140 copies of 'Law Affecting Church Bells.' Advertising and incidental expenses amounted to £16 7s. 8d., leaving a balance transferred to general fund of £42 9s. 5d.

THE FATE OF OLD BOOKS.

Mr. J. A. Trollope asked if there was any machinery by which an eye could be kept on any old or valuable books relating to ringing which might perhaps eventually be secured for the Council's library. He had specially in mind what might ultimately become of the books which the Rev. W. Pearson had got. He possessed one or two books which were absolutely unique. No doubt Mr. Pearson had some intention as to how these books were to be disposed of eventually, but it was of great importance that these books should not be dispersed and lost. He wondered if it was possible to find out what was to become of them.

Mr. Young said he had spoken to Mr. Pearson on this matter in a tentative sort of way, and he thought Mr. Pearson had made up his mind that the books should eventually go to the University of Cambridge. It was possible, if that Council expressed an earnest hope that the books might come to their library, that it might have the desired consummation.

The President, replying to the first part of Mr. Trollope's question, said he did not think there was any machinery for the purpose, but he thought a good deal could be done by talking to individual ringers. He felt quite sure Mr. Pearson would make some arrangements by which his books would not be lost. They might not come to that Council, but they would go somewhere where they would be safe. He thought, also, that quite a lot could be done if members would keep a watch on booksellers' catalogues of old books. It was sometimes possible to pick up volumes in this way. With regard to what should be done with the few copies remaining of the book on 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' the Standing Committee recommended that the librarian be allowed to dispose of some of them, leaving three at least in the library, but that the books be sold only to accredited representatives of affiliated societies. These books were getting scarce, and they would be very costly to reprint at the present time, and it was important that they should get into places where they would be made use of. The committee proposed that the copies be sold at five shillings each.

The report was adopted, and the committee's suggestions agreed to.

THE BALANCE SHEET.

The accounts of the Council were presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. W. Fletcher). The balance from the last account was £47 14s. 9d., interest on investments £5, affiliation fees £28 5s., subscriptions from hon. members £2 7s. 6d., sale of publications (less expenses) £42 9s. 5d., total £125 16s. 8d. The expenditure included £35 15s. 2d. on the printing of publications, £10 10s. donation to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, gifts of books to Messrs. Fardon and Sharman (demonstrators of the Carter ringing machine) £2 6s., other expenses £15 13s. 7d.; balance carried forward £61 11s. 11d. The market value of the investments was £125 5s. 6d.

The accounts had been audited, on behalf of the Standing Committee, by Messrs. A. A. Hughes and W. A. Cave, who moved and seconded their adoption.

Replying to the Rev. E. S. Powell, the Hon. Treasurer said it was not necessary to sell out any stock to pay for the printing of the 'Doubles and Minor Collection.'—The accounts were adopted.

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young presented the report of the trustees of the Carter ringing machine as follows: On Saturday, February 20th last, Mr. E. A. Young and Mr. A. A. Hughes (trustees) attended the Victoria and Albert Science Museum, there being present also the two demonstrators, Messrs. Fardon and Sharman, and also an officer of the Museum. They found the machine and its appurtenances as previously reported to the Council. It was set to ring two or three plain courses, which, despite a few failures, it successfully brought round. We are of opinion, however, that the time cannot be far distant when the machine will require overhaul and repair, as it showed signs in different parts of a little wear. On May 2nd last, following an official request, the machine was demonstrated to an officer of H.M.O.W. by Mr. Fardon and Mr. Young. The visitor and his two friends inspected the machine and heard a course of Grandsire Cinques. The treasurer was asked to arrange payment of the demonstrators' fee for the annual inspection.

Mr. Hughes seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. C. T. Coles asked if there was any particular time when this machine was demonstrated. He was sure there were members who would like to see the machine. Having paid a recent visit to South Kensington Museum to see the machine he was disappointed in not being able to see it at work. It would be a good idea if a periodical demonstration could be arranged, say, on the occasion of some big ringers' gathering in London, like the College Youths' Dinner or some occasion like that.

The President thought they might leave Mr. Coles' suggestion to the trustees. He thought they would be willing to arrange a demonstration either on the afternoon before the College Youths' dinner, or every third year in connection with the Central Council meeting. If they advertised the demonstration, he thought a good many ringers would be prepared to avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing it.

Mr. Young said he thought it would be quite a good thing if a demonstration could be arranged in connection with the Council meeting in London.

The report was adopted.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES.

The Standing Committee's formal report said the various recommendations of the committee would come up on the respective items as they were reached in the agenda.

Rev. E. S. Powell asked the Standing Committee to deal with the constitution of the committees generally before the new Council met, and to make a report on the matter. He said his reason for doing so was that on various occasions it had seemed as if the constitution of the committees was rather haphazard. Some years ago, for instance, he did a bit of work for the Peals Collection Committee. Afterwards, at a meeting of the Council at which he was not present, he was elected a member of that committee. Since that time he had had no communication of any kind from the committee. He believed the president was a member of the Methods Committee, but he was afraid that since he (Mr. Powell) had been a member of that committee they had had little or no communication with regard to the business of that committee. He thought it would be a good thing if the constitution of the committees could be cleared up. Next year a new Council was to meet and new committees formed. They had a new secretary, and he would be a new broom and very anxious to sweep clean. He thought, therefore, it was a good opportunity for the Standing Committee to look into their own constitution and that of the other committees and see whether they were as representative of the Council as they might possibly be. He proposed, as a recommendation to the Standing Committee, that this be done so that things generally might be tidied up (applause).

Mr. J. Hunt seconded, remarking that it was nearly time some of the committees were looked into.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said it would be a real advantage if the Council would themselves appoint the conveners of the committees and not leave the members to appoint their own. From his own experience he had known a committee to go through a whole year without receiving any communication from the convener.

The President said he believed he was responsible for the motion some years ago that the committees should themselves elect a convener, and that the convener should present a report to the Coun-

cil. At that time there was no organisation among the committees at all. If that scheme had not succeeded it was due partly to the conveners, who, having been appointed conveners, had not convened (laughter), and partly to the committees themselves, who, if they found a convener did not convene, should chuck him out and elect another (laughter). The scheme was workable if the committees worked it, but in view of the fact that it had not been working he was sure the Standing Committee would be prepared to look into the whole question, and they would accept the recommendation. With regard to the personal point of the Methods Committee, some years ago, soon after the Major Methods were published, he resigned from the committee because he found he had not time to do any more work for it. At the same time he resigned the convenership of the Towers and Belfries Committee, while remaining a member of the committee, but the letter with his resignation from the Methods Committee seemed to have gone missing.

The Standing Committee's report was adopted, together with the Rev. E. S. Powell's recommendation.

FRESH MATERIAL FOR PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The brief report of the Peals Collection Committee was received from the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who wrote that he had received a lot of fresh material, mainly Royal and Maximus, and was going through it to pick out anything that was new.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher.

REV. H. LAW JAMES' LIFE WORK.

The next report considered by the Council was that of the Methods Committee, which was published in 'The Ringing World' on April 29th. Mr. Trollope said the most important thing that had happened during the past year was the loss they had sustained by the death of the Rev. Henry Law James. Canon Coleridge had already expressed what they all felt with regard to his death. He could not speak for the Methods Committee, and in his place, without making some reference to the work he did. He (Mr. Trollope) supposed the work on the Methods Committee was really the chief thing that Mr. James did for the Exercise, apart from his local work in the Lincoln Diocese. It was quite true to say that this work he did through the Methods Committee and for the Exercise, with regard to method construction, was practically finished. He had a certain message to deliver, and he had delivered it. It was not a final message, although perhaps he thought it was, but the position we were now in as an Exercise with regard to method ringing and the understanding of methods, compared with what it was 30 years ago, was due largely to Mr. Law James, and if they were to take the opinion of modern young men, who understood something about it, and compare it with that of the authorities at that time—Bulwer, Heywood and others—they could not help being struck with the enormous advance there had been right through the Exercise in the understanding of those mathematical laws which were the basis of their art. That the Exercise had taken such a large interest in them was due very largely to Mr. Law James.

Continuing, Mr. Trollope said the question of filling up the vacancy was the business of the Council, but the Council had always taken into consideration the wishes of the committee. What they suggested was that, as the committee expired at the end of this year, they should leave the question of filling the vacancy open until the London meeting, and meanwhile look out for a suitable man to take Mr. Law James' place. With the particular work they had in hand at the moment, he did not think they needed any further assistance this year. There were, added Mr. Trollope, two things the Council entrusted the committee with. One was the getting on with the publication of the book on methods of Triples, and the other the matter that arose out of the Rules and Decisions definitions, which was brought up at Lambeth and was referred to again last year. He asked to be allowed to deal with the first matter and to leave the second, which was dealt with in their report, to Mr. Powell. When he (Mr. Trollope) left Mr. Law James after the Liverpool meeting, it was arranged that Mr. James should get on with the methods and get out a draft. He sent Mr. James all the papers he had, and he heard nothing from him up to the time of his death. He then wrote to Mr. James' brother to ask how far Mr. Law James had proceeded with the work, and ultimately received the papers from Surfleet, but they were only the papers he had previously sent. He was afraid that Mr. James had been able to do nothing towards the work. He (Mr. Trollope) set to work to prepare the draft on the basis of what he had discussed with Mr. James, and he had nearly finished it. They were prepared to submit a proposal to the Council for the publication of this book. They proposed to take Stedman and Erin as the only two methods worth ringing without a treble hunt, and ten or eleven methods of pure Triples, and then put in about eight other methods which had a treble and six working bells, like New Bob. The explanations would be largely for the benefit of the more elementary people. For these they proposed to give the full course of certain of the methods and a selection of touches and peals. They proposed to give a big selection of touches of Stedman and Grandsire. They thought the book would come out at about fifty or sixty pages, and would thus be considerably cheaper than the book on Doubles and Minor methods. The report of the librarian was so encouraging that he thought they were justified in asking the Council for permission,

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ROTA OF MEETINGS TO BE PREPARED.

The society's annual visit to Guiseley took place on Saturday, May 28th. The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (Mr. W. H. Senior) being in the chair. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Birstall, Calverley, Drighlington, Edinburgh, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Leeds (Parish Church), Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell and Ripon. Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. J. Collinson and J. McGlenn, of the Guiseley company.

The number of towers now affiliated to the society had placed the committee in rather a difficult position with regard to the list of annual visits. This matter was explained to the members, and suggestions asked for. After discussion, it was agreed that a rota of towers be prepared by the committee, and that all towers should be visited in turn. The round of visits to all towers should be completed in just over two years.

The appeal by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for the proposed memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was read, and it was decided to send a donation of 10s. 6d. to this fund.

A letter with regard to the inclusion of a ten-bell tower in the society was referred to the committee with the suggestion that the secretary should approach this tower with regard to affiliation to the society.

The next meeting is to be held on June 25th, and will be a joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association (Western Division).

On the motion of the hon. secretary, the very best thanks of the society was accorded the Rector and churchwardens of Guiseley for the use of the bells, and to the Guiseley company for the other arrangements, and especially to Mr. F. W. Dixon for kindly arranging the tea.—Mr. C. Walsh replied on behalf of the local company.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

'WEIRD SPLICED STUFF.'

A meeting of the North and East District at Northaw, held on Saturday last in typical 1932 summer weather, was not very well attended, but lack of quantity was compensated for by quality, and consequently some encouraging work was done in this little village at the 'back o' beyond.'

A walk of two miles from Cuffley brought the vice-president and hon. secretary on the scene, to find the Master already on the spot. Subsequently the ringing went with a good swing, and with the help of a well-known Edmonton couple many methods were rung, including a good course of London Surprise Minor as a service touch.

The usual short service was taken by the Vicar, who also presided at tea. At the business meeting the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) gave a brief account of the proceedings at Plymouth on Whit Tuesday, especially calling attention to the resolution asking for greater support for 'The Ringing World.'

The handbells were brought into use, a course of Stedman Triples being rung, whilst a feature of the ringing on the tower bells was some weird spliced stuff, consisting of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. We strongly suspect the existence of some 'rows' in this touch; but if there was a row or two, the ringing was so good that it cannot be said to have been a 'row.'

Members are asked to note that it was decided to hold the next meeting at Stanmore either on June 25th or July 2nd.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FIRST MEETING AT LEIGH.

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Leigh on Saturday, and was attended by upwards of 30 members from 12 towers in the district. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. L. W. Sealy), who at the outset of his address extended a hearty welcome to the members on that, their first, visit to Leigh. After the service, an excellent tea was partaken of at the Brickmakers Arms. The cost of this was kindly defrayed by the local members. The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.

Eight new members were elected, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and presiding at the meeting; to Mr. H. Hitchcock, a member of the local band, for his services at the organ; and to the local members for making the arrangements and providing the tea. This was suitably replied to, and the members returned to the tower, where ringing in various methods from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor was carried on till a late hour.

The new treble bell which has recently been added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank was considered by all to be a perfect 'splice,' and the tower now contains a nice handy ring of six.

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when the work was finished, to get on with the publishing of it. He thought they might even publish the book so as to make a little profit on it. He felt perfectly sure that, as they were dealing largely with Stedman and Grandsire, it would be quite as useful as any book they had already issued. He moved that the Council authorise the publication of the book on Triples methods.

The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded.

(To be continued.)

THE WITCH'S CAULDRON.

QUAINT POSSESSION IN A SURREY TOWER.

Frensham, a little Surrey village, four miles from any railway station, attracted nearly fifty ringers on Saturday, when a meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held. The square and rather squat fifteenth-century tower of the church contains a ring of six bells, some of which came from the Reading Foundry. Three of them were cast by Ellis Knight in 1627, when they were a ring of five, and they bear the remains of the doggerel verse which was in those days sometimes spread over a peal of bells: 'I as second will ring'; 'I as third will sing'; 'I as tenor hym all round.' The intervening bell (at that time the fourth) was evidently recast in 1658, and its only inscription is the date. The old treble was recast in 1745 by Robert Catlin, and the present treble was added in 1897, when the bells were rehung in a new frame.

The bells are rung from the ground floor, and the tower contains one great object of interest to all visitors. It is the 'Witch's cauldron' of beaten copper, measuring 8ft. 8in. in circumference and 14in. in depth. It is traditionally said to have been the property of Mother Ludlam, who was reputed a witch, and lived in a cave in the sandstone in Moor Park, near by. The cauldron was loaned to a woman who failed to return it at the appointed time, and was refused by Mother Ludlam. Thereupon the cauldron pursued the borrower, and she took sanctuary in the church, the cauldron getting no further than the tower, where it still rests. More possibly the cauldron once belonged to Waverley Abbey, and was used by the Cistercian monks for cooking on the occasion of the village feasts.

Eleven towers were represented at the meeting, ringers being present from Aldershot, Ash, Frensham, Farnham, Farnborough and Seale (in the district), and visitors from Guildford (S. Nicolas'), Ottershaw, Reading (St. Laurence's), Overton and Binsted (Hants), Some useful practice was put in during the afternoon and evening, the methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise, the most encouraging feature of the gathering being the large proportion of young ringers present.

In the absence of the Rector (Rev. M. C. H. Collet), the Rev. B. C. Taylor, of Binsted, hon. secretary of the Alton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, conducted the service, and in his address, based on the objects of ringing guilds, spoke words of kindly counsel.

The choir, both men and boys, led the singing. Mr. T. A. Stroud, a member of the Guild and organist of Frensham, presided at the organ.

The Rev. B. C. Taylor presided at the tea and meeting which followed, when three new members belonging to Frensham tower were elected, and a report presented on behalf of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council dealing with the Plymouth meeting.—Mr. C. Hazelden emphasised the representatives' recommendation that members should do their best to extend the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'

A comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting so successful and enjoyable was proposed by Mr. Eldridge, and heartily accorded.

SHALFORD BELLS NEED A 'CLEAN SWEEP.'

Despite a drenching afternoon there was a highly successful meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Shalford on Saturday week, when nearly forty members attended. There was a full choir for the service (nearly all the ringers at Shalford are members of the choir), and the Vicar, the Rev. David Railton, gave a striking address on a refreshingly new line. The lesson was read by the leader of the local ringers, Mr. L. C. Hunter.

The Vicar presided at the subsequent tea and meeting, and was supported by Mr. H. L. Baldock, secretary of the Church Council, Mr. McKay Martin (organist), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. G. L. Grover (district secretary), Mr. W. Melville (District Ringing Master), and Mr. A. A. Hughes (London).

At the request of the Vicar, Major Hesse had examined the condition of the bells and frame, and he reported that the tower was solid masonry, and its strongest way was east and west. The top frame, which carried the treble and fifth, was mounted very high and was practically on the top of the tower. It was carried on the bottom frame, which was built up on two timber beams which run north and south, and round the ends of which the masonry looked to be loose. It was quite time that something was done with regard to the frame. The bells also were frightfully out of tune, and his view was that they should clear out the whole lot, recast the bells and rehang them in a steel frame, constructed to take eventually two trebles. He strongly urged the authorities not to patch up the old frame.

The Vicar thanked Major Hesse for his report, and said he hoped that at some time they would be able to have the work done, although at present they had some other rather costly schemes in front of them which would have first to be undertaken.

Mr. G. L. Grover presented a report on the Central Council meeting, in which he emphasised the importance to the Exercise of 'The Ringing World,' and the necessity of increasing its circulation. The

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SAFFRON WALDEN RINGER'S DEATH.

Saffron Walden has lost an old member of the company by the death of Mr. Arthur Francis James, who passed away at the age of 64 years, in the Freemasons' Nursing Home, Chelsea, after an illness of six months' duration. Deceased entered the nursing home a few weeks ago, and underwent an operation from which he apparently was making a good recovery, but he passed away in his sleep on Saturday week.

Born at Farnham, Surrey, Mr. James was the son of Mr. John James who set up a business as watchmaker and jeweller in Saffron Walden, to which the deceased eventually succeeded. He was educated at Saffron Walden School, and afterwards took a prominent part in local activities. He joined the Saffron Walden Ringing Society in 1888, and was a member up to the time of his death. He always took a great interest in the society, and altogether he rang 65 peals, one of which was the then record length of Superlative Surprise Major, the 8,800 rung at Loughborough in May, 1894, composed and conducted by a famous Saffron Walden man, Nathan J. Pitstow. Mr. James also rang in a 6,016 in the same method, and an 8,064 of Kent Treble Bob Major. His peals consisted of Kent Treble Bob Major 6, Royal 2, Grandsire Triples 1, Caters 3, Stedman Triples 12, Caters 4, Bob Major 1, Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 9 (conductor 1), Superlative Surprise Major 9, Cambridge Surprise Major 10 (conducted 1), New Cambridge Surprise Major 5, and London Surprise Major 2.

In his early days he joined the old 3rd V.B. (Cambs) Suffolk Regiment, and received rapid promotion. On reaching the rank of colour-sergeant he was one of the youngest volunteers of that rank. He was afterwards awarded the Long Service Medal. On the formation of the Territorial Army Mr. James transferred to the 1st/8th Essex Regiment and mobilised with that unit at the outbreak of the war. He was afterwards transferred to the 2nd/8th Essex Regiment, and promoted to R.Q.M.S. He continued to serve until he was discharged in 1916 on reaching the age limit. However, he was soon called upon to give his services. He was specially commissioned with the rank of captain and helped to raise and afterwards commanded 'B' Co., 2nd/3rd V.B. Essex Regiment until the end of hostilities.

Mr. James was also an accomplished musician, and was a member of the Orpheus Orchestra and a keen supporter of the Saffron Walden Amateur Operatic Society. He was also a Freemason, being Master of the Walden Lodge, 1280, in 1927, and had he lived he would have received still further honours in the craft. He was also a member of the Saffron Walden Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Mr. James was active in many other spheres. He was one of the oldest members of the Literary and Scientific Institution, and in his early days actively supported both cricket and football in the town, but later bowls claimed his attention.

The funeral at Saffron Walden on Wednesday of last week was attended by members of all the organisations with which Mr. James had been connected in his lifetime. The service at the cemetery church was conducted by the Rev. W.Bro. A. J. Gillson, assisted by the Rev. W.Bro. W. Rutherford. The lessons were read by W.Bro. F. J. Pitstow and W.Bro. L. S. Thorning. The committal rites were performed by the Rev. W.Bro. A. J. Gillson, and the brethren of the craft filed past the grave and placed on the coffin sprigs of acacia, in accordance with the Freemasons' custom.

The immediate mourners were Mr. H. James (brother), Messrs. E. A. and H. E. Pitstow (brothers-in-law), Messrs. A. E., F. J., H. and L. Pitstow (nephews).

Mrs. A. James, the widow, was unable to be present.

There were a large number of floral tributes, including one from the Saffron Walden Society of Change Ringers, who in the evening rang a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples in memory of the deceased.

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Guild's representatives trusted the members would do their utmost to support the paper. Another important matter which was decided upon by the Council was to print and issue a book of instructions on the proper way in which to handle a bell, with an explanation of the way to ring Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. The need for such a work had long been felt by both learners and instructors. 'A great deal of time, labour and brains are given free to the Exercise by people who produce the Council's publications,' concluded the report, 'and ringers should show their gratitude by purchasing these books. Each tower should aim to have a library of its own, and the Council's publications could be obtained by purchasing one volume at a time, each ringer subscribing at intervals a few pence towards it.'

The Master and Mr. Hazelden both urged the importance of increasing the support given to 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. Grover was thanked for the report.

Messrs. C. Girdler and R. C. Brooks (Shalford) were elected ringing members of the Guild, and the Rev. D. Railton an honorary member.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, to the organist and to Mr. Leslie C. Hunter for the arrangements made for the meeting.

Originally in Shalford tower there was a ring of five cast by the Eldridges, of Chertsey, but they were recast in 1789 by John Warner, and the tenor was again recast in 1866. Shalford is one of the places where the village stocks can be seen, close to the entrance to the churchyard.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

YOUNG AND OLD AT CLEVELAND ANNUAL MEETING.

Four of the members who attended the meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held at Middlesbrough, on Whit Monday, total amongst them 300 years in age, and a ringing service of 238 years. They represented the 'Old Brigade,' but there were many of the younger generation present, ready and eager to do their part to help the association on. Twenty-eight members and friends had gathered from Chester-le-Street, Skelton, Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Selby, Stockton, Thirsk, Ripon, Ormesby, West Hartlepool, Whitby, Northallerton, Kirby Wiske, and Sharow, and at the conclusion one heard at every turn the opinion expressed, 'Another good meeting.'

The bells of the Middlesbrough Parish Church were kept going merrily from an early hour till 12 o'clock when a service was conducted by the Vicar of Middlesbrough (Rev. Canon Lawson), the preacher being the Archdeacon of Cleveland. A full choir was in attendance, and the service proved most beautiful and inspiring.

Luncheon was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, and the annual business meeting followed. The president (Mr. J. C. Pollard, of Middlesbrough) presided, and welcomed the members to Middlesbrough. He also expressed the thanks of the meeting for the delightful service and for the ready permission granted for the use of the bells at Middlesbrough, as well as at Ormesby and Stockton.—In a characteristically humorous speech, the Vicar of Middlesbrough expressed his appreciation of the association's visit to Middlesbrough, and hoped that members would use the bells to their heart's content.

The secretary's report, showing amongst other things that 13 peals had been rung during the year for the association, was received with thanks, as was the treasurer's report and balance sheet.

The committee of the Sunday Service Ringing Scheme reported that Middlesbrough with 1,108 points had again won the first certificate, and Whitby with 471 points had gained the second certificate. They also mentioned points of interest as to the sheets submitted.

It was decided to purchase six copies each of Snowdon's 'Rope-sight' and 'Standard Methods' for sale to the members attending meetings, it being the opinion of the meeting that much good would be done thereby.

The report of last year's ringing competition was received, and several members stated how beneficial such an innovation had proved. It was decided that a similar contest should be held at Felixkirke in the autumn, the ringing to consist of raising, ringing 12 changes of Bob Minor, and lowering. This was specially arranged to help the less advanced bands.

Mr. J. Stott, of Thirsk, was elected president of the association in place of Mr. Pollard, who, at his own request, was not nominated for the position, and Mr. H. Taylor, of St. John's, Darlington, was appointed a vice-president to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Mr. Stott to the presidency. The other officers were all re-elected.

The meetings for the ensuing year were fixed for autumn, Felixkirke; Easter, Whitby; and the annual Whitsuntide meeting, Ripon (or Northallerton).

At the conclusion of the business, one of the visitors tendered his congratulations to the president and ex-president for the expeditious and businesslike manner in which the meeting had been conducted.

The members then returned to the various towers for further ringing, which was continued till a late hour, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

J. C. P.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 240 Stedman Triples, and 120 of Cambridge Minor by the following service ringers: Mr. and Mrs. G. Spice, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Spice, W. Spice, sen., W. Spice, jun., F. Boorman (first quarter-peal), W. Gorman, G. Kenward and R. Aylett.

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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH STANDARD IN RINGING COMPETITION.

The large company of bellringers who assembled at the tower of St. Catharine's Church, Baglan, Glam, on Saturday, May 14th, were, as on former competition days, favoured with delightful weather. There were ten bands of ringers who had entered for the event, the eighth annual contest, which consisted of raising the bells in peal, ringing 120 changes of any method, then falling the bells in peal. St. Catharine's Church is possessed of a fine peal of six, and their melodious tones were heard a long distance away from the church.

As on previous occasions, Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, carried out the duties of adjudicator in an admirable manner. He was accommodated in a room adjacent to the church. Ringing commenced at 11 a.m., and continued (with a break for lunch) until 4.30 p.m., when the last of the competing bands had completed their allotted task. The order of ringing, and the points obtained by the bands, out of a possible 240, were as follows:—

Cefn Coed	223
Talgarth	221
St. Mary's, Brecon	220
Llanelly, Breconshire	208
Neath	206
Cadoxton-juxta-Neath	231
Baglan	207
Gorseinon	220
Llanelly, Carmarthenshire	214
Aberavon	212

As, however, the first, fourth, sixth, eighth and ninth bands rang methods other than Doubles, they were entitled to a deduction of five points each from the totals shown above, and the final placings in the competition (in order of ringing shown above) were 3, 6, 7, 2, 4, 1, 10, 5, 8 and 9. Cadoxton were thus winners, and second and third places were taken by Llanelly, Breck and Cefn Coed. Certificates were awarded the first three teams, whilst Cadoxton also had the shield.

A company of 80 ringers sat down to an excellent cold luncheon at the Church Schools, whilst the number increased to approximately 100 for tea. The Rev. H. C. Morton (Vicar of Baglan) presided over both gatherings. After tea had been served, the Vicar extended the Guild a hearty welcome into the parish, and stated that he was very pleased to have the privilege of doing something to further the cause of change ringing. Although it was only in 1926 that the competition had previously taken place at Baglan, he would again be pleased to welcome the Guild on another occasion. He then called upon Mr. W. H. Fussell to deliver his adjudication.

Mr. Fussell stated that he was very pleased with the way the several bands had performed their tasks that day, and that the standard of ringing had shown an improvement on former competitions. It was a matter for congratulation that there were four different methods rung upon the bells, viz.: Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob, and this emphasised the fact that the ringers were keen on going ahead by ringing changes other than Grandsire Doubles. It was encouraging to note that the competition was so keen, and that three of the bands had lost no points in falling the bells in peal. The performances, taken as a whole, were highly satisfactory.

The Vicar afterwards presented the shield and certificate to the captain of Cadoxton team (Mr. J. E. Bloxham), and the certificates for second and third places to the captains of Llanelly, Breck and Cefn Coed teams (Messrs. S. T. Rackham and Isaac Reed).—These were suitably acknowledged.

The thanks of the ringers were heartily accorded the Vicar, who, with his churchwardens, Parochial Church Council, and lady helpers, had so magnificently entertained them to a free luncheon and tea.—This was proposed by the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies (Vicar of Llanelly, Breck) in a very humorous speech, and seconded by Mr. David J. Lewis, Cadoxton. Three hearty cheers were then accorded the Vicar and his workers.—The Rev. C. Morton, on behalf of himself and all who had assisted to make the gathering such a success, briefly responded.

The ringers' thanks to Mr. W. H. Fussell were proposed by Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild), who was supported by Mr. Charles Powell (hon. treasurer).—Mr. Fussell, in responding, stated that it had been a great pleasure to him to perform his duties, and that if he were spared he would be delighted to come another time if the Guild so desired.

CHEW STOKE RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Chew Stoke of Mr. William J. Balch, who passed away at the age of 53 years on May 12th. He was secretary and conductor, and, although he only rang Grandsire Doubles, was most regular in his attendance for service ringing. His illness was quite brief, for he was ringing on the Sunday before he died.

He was laid to rest on May 17th in the churchyard close by the tower he loved. Ringers from Chew Magna, Compton Martin, Pensford, Ubley, Clutton and Stanton rang the bells muffled in memory of a much-respected friend.

NOTICES.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 16th and 30th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th, 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.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH.—Service at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. The rings of 10 of the Parish Church and of the bell foundry tower will be available after the service. By kind permission of the Rev. Canon Briggs, the Rectory grounds will be open. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall.—D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

DEVON GUILD. — North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, June 4th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Bennington on June 4th, when the bells will be available as usual. Tea will be provided by the Rector in the Church Room. All ringing friends will be welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Great Chishill on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea on Vicarage lawn, price 1s. each; profits to start fund for new treble bell. Please look up Carter's Doubles and come and make the meeting a great success. Heydon bells available during evening.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Whiston (8 bells) on Saturday, June 4th. A welcome to all. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 4th, at St. George's, Southwark (Little Dorrit's Church). Bells available 3.30 to 8.30. Break for tea (in vicinity) and meeting 5.30 to 6.30. All friends welcome.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, June 4th. Service, co-operated with the Diocesan Guilds' Union, in the Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher: Archbishop of York. Tea at the Co-operative Café 4.45 (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.). Cathedral tower open 2 to 3. St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's 1.45 to 2.30. After the meeting the Cathedral and St. Botolph's bells will be available until 9 p.m. and St. Peter-at-Gowts until 7.30 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting will be held in London on Saturday, June 4th. St. Clement Danes' bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the A.B.C. Tea Rooms opposite, at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Alresford on Saturday, June 4th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30 in the Village Hall. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the usual charge for tea will be made. Bells of New Alresford and Bishop Sutton open at 2.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton and Bedford Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at Husborne Crawley, on Saturday, June 4th. The bells (8), recently augmented, will be ready at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Upwell (6 bells) on Saturday, June 4th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barter, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Swanage and Kingston on Saturday, June 4th. Ringing at Swanage from 3 p.m. Tea, Oriental Café, 4.45. Service 5.30. Address by Rector (the Rev. W. R. Parr). Ringing at Kingston from 6.30. Coach from Waverley 1.45.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

ALDENHAM, June 4th. — Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30, Village Club. Cheap tickets from all stations and coaches to Bushey or Radlett. Buses to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Millom on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. — W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, June 4th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Chirton and Marden bells also available for ringing during the evening. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Shenley (6 bells) to-morrow (Saturday), June 4th. Service 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street. Bletchley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chaceley to-morrow (Saturday), June 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—June meetings at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.: Sunday, June 5th, 10 a.m., service ringing; Mondays, 13th and 27th, practice, at 7.30 p.m. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.15.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The annual meeting will be held at Kelston, near Bath, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who wish for tea kindly notify me by June 8th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Nocton (6) Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Notification for tea by June 6th prompt to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beaminster on June 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Notification for tea to C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Harwich on June 11th. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea provided at the Hanover Dining Rooms at 5.15. All are welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify the district secretary, James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe, not later than June 8th?

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at Great Gaddesden on June 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 9th? This is important. — C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Anstey on Saturday, June 11th. The bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the School at 5 p.m. Notification for same to me by Thursday, June 9th. Business meeting following tea. All members and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, June 11th, the nature of business being despatched to each member by post. Bells of St. John's Parish Church (8) available from 3 o'clock and during the evening. St. Peter's (10) during evening only. Service in Parish Church at 5 p.m. Address by the President (the Bishop of Croydon). Tea (free of charge) and meeting following at Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. Please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, by June 8th, if you are coming to tea. It is the DUTY of every member to be present at this meeting. — Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Harrington, Mascot, Stebbing, not later than Thursday, the 9th? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Please notify me by Tuesday, June 7th. All are welcome. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne. The shield contest will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, July 9th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Entries (6s. per band) close on Saturday, June 25th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at the George Hotel (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 8th?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Divisional Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barkway bells (8) will be available on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at Wheatsheaf. Bus service from Royston and Hertford districts. Make up your mind *now* to come—and enjoy yourselves! —Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Heighington, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Dedication of peal board. Ringers requiring tea 1s. 3d. each. Please notify me June 8th. Caterer requires number to avoid excess supply. — J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.— The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. Ringers welcome. Come and have a good time at Bucklebury. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, near Reading, Berks, by Wednesday, June 8th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Great Crosby on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Please make a special effort to be present. Other details notified at the meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.15 p.m. Shepperton bells (6) available 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne Abbey (in conjunction with the Ilchester Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All welcome. Please notify E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11th, at Aston Abbotts. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Helmdon on Saturday, June 11th. Lunch (2/6) at 12.30 p.m. Service 2. Tea (6d) 4.30. Ringers from other branches or guilds are asked to notify the Secretary, Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester, if they will be present at the lunch.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15th, at Ickleton. 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, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. These bells go well to all methods. —F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Selly Oak Parish Church on Saturday, June 18th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Steer). Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than June 14th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and general meeting in Wade Street Schools at 5. Charge for tea, 9d. for those who have paid their subscriptions; to others 1s. 3d. Please let me know by Tuesday, 14th inst. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division and The Leeds and District Society. — A joint meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. R. Umpleby, 630, Leeds Road, Thackley, not later than June 22nd. Further particulars on circulars. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, H. Lofthouse, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. —The annual festival will be held at Oxford (D.V.) on Saturday, July 16th. Details of arrangements will be published later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

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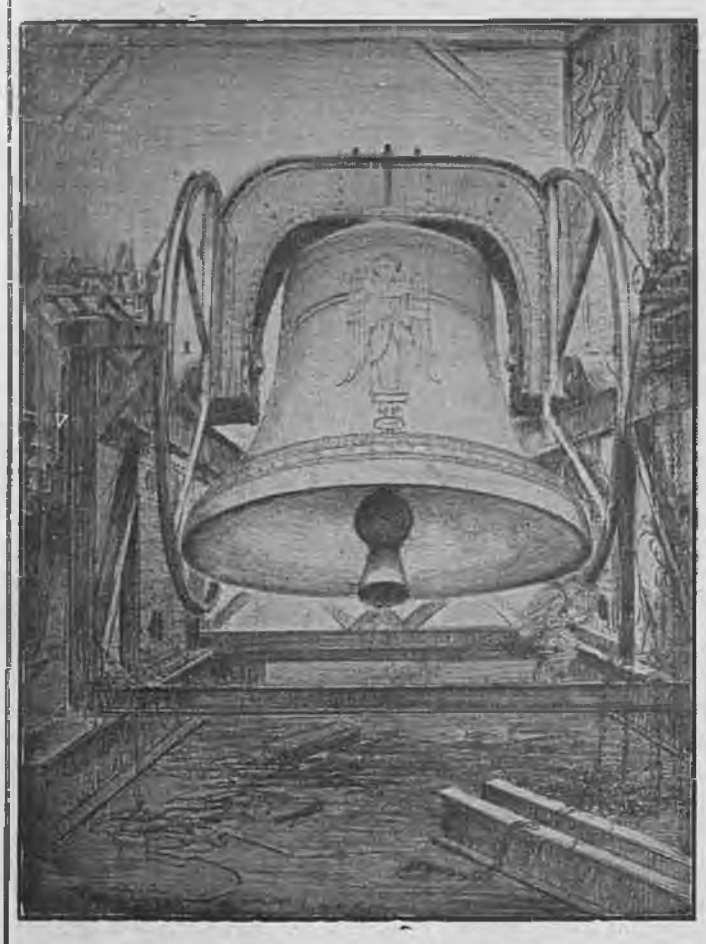

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GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FREDERICK TARGETT...	...*Treble*	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ...	5
*CHARLES LINTERN	2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ...	6
JOHN E. METCALFE	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE...	7
†ROBERT N. LOOK	4	†WALTER CRABBE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. G. L. COWARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 26. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
MAURICE SWINFIELD	2	JOHN CURTIS	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
T. ROLAND FLINT	4	JOSEPH W. COTTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. A birthday compliment to Miss F. E. Flint, daughter of the ringer of the fourth.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

*F. ROWLAND RIDGWELL	*Treble*	†FREDERICK RIDGWELL ...	5
HAROLD SKETCHLEY	2	ALFRED H. SIMMONDS ...	6
JOHN W. WARD	3	FREDERICK DENCH	7
ALFRED E. PITSTOW	4	WALTER PARISH... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal. † 50th peal. Rung fully muffled, after the funeral, to the memory of Mr. Arthur F. James, an old member of the local company.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DILLOW ...	...*Treble*	*ERNEST HILLYER	5
WILLIAM C. CLARKE... ...	2	HERBERT EDWARDS	6
EDWIN YATES	3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	7
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ...	4	†TOM TRASLER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday, also as a compliment to T. Tompkins on his 65th birthday.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Monday, May 30th, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Allen 1, T. K. Deacon 2, W. Thorpe 3, A. Ballard 4, J. H. Beale 5, H. Bird 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of treble, third and tenor.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Thursday, May 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN R. SANDOVER ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES G. GLASS	5
THOMAS LAVER	2	ARTHUR MITCHELL	6
*REGINALD B. ROBERTS ...	3	*EDGAR GLASS	7
WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE	4	*RICHARD WILMINGTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE.
* First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the Queen's birthday. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Heavitree.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, May 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JACK GIBBONS	...*Treble*	DAVID HINGLEY	5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL	2	HARRY BOSWELL	6
ARTHUR HINGLEY	3	BERT HORTON	7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	4	JOSEPH HINGLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERT HORTON.
Rung in honour of the 65th birthday of H.M. Queen Mary, also as a welcome to the newly-appointed curate of the parish, Rev. Winchester.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN LYDDIARD	...*Treble*	OSCAR GILBY	5
WILLIAM T. RAWLINGS ...	2	ISAAC EMERY	6
WILLIAM MARTIN	3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ...	7
*ALLISON PURDOM	4	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by R. BRETT-SMITH.
* First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell.

ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, May 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ENODER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb.

*MISS ELSIE ROBINSON	...*Treble*	HENRY WILLIAMS	5
MISS LUCY WILLOUGHBY...	2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ...	6
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS... ...	4	W. JERVIS HODGE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal. Arranged to coincide with the conductor's annual holiday in Cornwall, and rung within the octave of Corpus Christi.

PENTRE RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM CROSS	...*Treble*	HARRY PAGE...	5
*WILFRED PALMER	2	WILLIAM PAGE	6
GEORGE WINES	3	FREDERICK LASBURY	7
*JOSEPH LOVETT	4	TOM PAGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by TOM PAGE.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ...	...*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	6
JOHN G. NASH	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.
The band were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. W. J. Nevard at the conclusion of the peal.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS	*Treble*	CHARLES BAILEY	5
EDWIN R. GOATE	2	JAMES SPALDING	6
†MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE	3	ERNEST C. GARRARD	7
STANLEY COPLING	4	CHARLES F. SAYER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob with an 'inside' bell.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN MACHIN	...*Treble*	*THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...	5
ARTHUR H. PALMER	2	†AMOS V. T. NEALE	6
*JAMES OSBORN	3	‡ALBERT E. SCOTT	7
JOHN W. LAKE	4	*ARTHUR I. HOLMES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major. First peal of Major in the method as conductor, and the first peal in the method on the bells.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF WHITBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	FRED HAWKES	7
DENIS R. MORRIS	4	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
First peal in the method ever rung.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER	...*Treble*	FRANK CORKE	5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ...	2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	6
*WILFRED G. WILSON ...	3	ARTHUR HARDING	7
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS ...	4	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
* First peal in the method. Arranged especially for W. H. Hollier, who rang his previous peal on these bells over 25 years ago.

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ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SUPERLATIVE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ...	...*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	CECIL C. MAYNE...	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This peal contains 2,528 changes in each method. First peal of Spliced Surprise by all except the ringers of treble, 7th and tenor.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 23 cwt.

*MRS. A. EVANS	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM ROSSITER	5
ALFRED J. WYATT	2	S. GEORGE COLES	6
ALEXANDER EVANS	3	PERCY MERSON	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	*HERBERT BAULCH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY MERSON.

* First peal. Thanks are due to the ringers of 2, 4, 6 and 7, who are from Taunton; the rest belong to the local band. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR... ...	5
HARRY BALAAM	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
*ERNEST P. AUSTIN	3	†JOHN CHESTERMAN	7
MISS STELLA DAVIS	4	GEORGE GILBERT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH).
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	5
*MISS K. E. FLETCHER ...	2	PERCY NEWTON	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	FRED BIGGS	7
*MISS D. R. FLETCHER ...	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

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

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES ROSH	..*Treble*	WILLIAM PRATT	5
FRANK H. CRAWLEY	2	SAMUEL MCCLELLAND ...	6
ROBERT MCCLELLAND ...	3	JOHN SAVAGE	7
*JOHN MCKAY	4	JAMES MANN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL MCCLELLAND.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The peal was arranged for the ringer of 2nd who hails from Crewe. First peal, unassisted, by the Northern Branch. All the ringers, except 2nd, are members of the above church. Mr. Crawley was elected a member of the association before the peal.

WITLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
G. LINDOFF'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

GORDON WOOTTON ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5
MAURICE SMITHER	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
WILLIAM M. STONE	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	7
ALFRED H. PULLING	4	HARRY MULLARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ...	...*Treble*	HARRY OVERTON	5
HARRY F. HOLDING	2	†J. WILLIAM EDGE	6
*R. THOMAS HOLDING ...	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
*GEORGE PACKER	4	HARRY WOODWARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. V RODENHURST.

* First peal of Triples and first in the method. † First peal in the method away from tenor.

MONMOUTH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	...*Treble*	JOHN W. JONES	5
JOHN CLARK	2	ERNEST STITCH	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	7
ARTHUR HAWKINS	4	ALFRED W. HEATH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*L. BARKER	...*Treble*	*D. BRYAN	5
*J. MARRIOT	3	*A. WRIGHT	6
*C. WATSON...	4	E. H. MASTIN	7
*E. JOHNSON	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. H. MASTIN.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled, 6-8 covering, as a tribute of respect to the late J. S. Parrott, churchwarden and chorister for 35 years.

SEMLEY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	4
WILFRED P. LAMBERT ...	2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ...	5
HENRY J. SANGER	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells. Rung to commemorate the Jubilee of the Guild.

WYBUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores.

GEORGE ASTBURY ...	...*Treble*	ERIC B. ALLMAN	4
JOHN BRASSINGTON	2	ARTHUR ALLMAN	5
JOHN TIMMIS	3	*ALBERT TIMMIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

* First peal.

NAVENBY.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES	...*Treble*	*HARRY CARTER	4
*MOSES BILLINGS	2	JOHN WALDEN	5
H. LESLIE PASK	3	GEORGE W. CREASEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. W. CREASEY

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

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*BERT KINGS	...*Treble*	DENNIS A. RAXTER	4
VICTOR NEAL	2	WALTER H. RAXTER	5
MICHAEL MATTHEWS ...	3	JOHN NEAL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

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

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

HENRY WILLIAMS	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ...	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	REGINALD A. WATTS	5
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN	3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged for the conductor, on holiday in Cornwall.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE ATKINSON, SEN.	...*Treble*	HAROLD EASTOE	4
MISS L. M. MOBBS	2	MARTIN WALKER...	5
GEORGE L. HALL	3	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

Arranged for Miss Mobbs (Nottingham), who learnt to ring at this tower. It was her first peal in three methods.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JEFFREY TOSSELL ...	...*Treble*	*FREDERICK LASBURY... ...	4
ERNEST TOSSELL...	2	EDWARD J. AVERY	5
CHARLES FIELD	3	HAROLD E. BLACKER...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

* First peal on six, and proposed a member of the association.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 St. Clement's. Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT W. CROFTS ...	...*Treble*	SYDNEY J. HAW...	4
*J. CECIL FRANCIS	2	*R. FREDERICK CROFTS ...	5
*LESLIE R. FLETCHER ...	3	FRANK WARRINGTON...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. The ringer on the second is to be congratulated. He is only 14 years of age. The band wish to record their thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells.

KIRK-ELLA, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*DONALD L. S. KERMAN	...*Treble*	*MAURICE BAKER	4
ARTHUR H. FOX...	2	JOHN W. HOBSON	5
STANLEY WEBB...	3	*ROBERT MARSON ..	...*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY WEBB.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were hung by Taylor and Co. in 1883. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Canon Foord, M.A., for 53 years Vicar of Kirk-Ella, who died on May 11th.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*SIDNEY COPE	...*Treble*	W. DEMPSTER	4
A. BOWLER...	2	W. J. COPE...	5
A. BOWLER, SEN.	3	*A. SKELTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BOWLER, SEN.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Rev. Percival Howard, who has just completed 19 years as the much esteemed and very popular Vicar of St. Michael's.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 Single Oxford Bob, 720 St. Clement's Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST A. SHIPP... ...	...*Treble*	H. J. HAYNES	4
TOM GREENACRE	2	WILLIAM J. ELDRED	5
JOHN H. PITCHER	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. V. EBBERSON.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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.

HERBERT L. HARLOW...	...*Treble*	AMOS SMART...	4
REGINALD WEST	2	ERNEST FROSSEL	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	PEARL INSKIP	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY PERKS	...*Treble*	ALFRED NORMAN	4
*JOHN WALLIN	2	WILLIAM POSTON	5
FRANK PHILLIPS	3	THOMAS A. LEWIS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. All except the conductor are members of the local company of ringers.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WALTER BROWN	...*Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY	4
FRANK TURNER	2	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ...	5
JOHN WELCH	3	WILLIAM LAWRENCE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd; also a compliment to Mr. R. W. Smith, who has just been re-elected churchwarden for the fifth year. Mr. Smith's family have been churchwardens at this church for over one hundred years.

DEATH OF PONTEFRACT'S OLDEST RINGER.

LAST LINK WITH FORMER GENERATION.

Mr. John Carter, a fine old Pontefract character, died on Saturday, May 28th, at the age of 76 years. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Carter commenced his ringing career at All Saints' Church on the old ring of six bells, and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1883. Afterwards he joined the Parish Church ringers, among whom, for many years, he was a familiar and respected figure. Though age and failing health began to tell its tale, he was very reluctant to cease ringing, and did not do so until the end of last year. For some time it had been difficult for him to mount the steps to the belfry, much to the regret of his fellow-ringers.

During his long career Mr. Carter had seen All Saints' bells augmented from six to eight, and the Parish Church bells from eight to ten.

He was a most reliable ringer, and had rung 23 peals from Minor to Royal. He is the last of the Pontefract ringers who rang for Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887. His interest in ringing remained to the end, and he would sit with his house door open and listen to the bells of the two churches, and in the event of any bad striking the band concerned would know about it as they passed his house.

By trade, Mr. Carter was a market gardener. He could tell graphic stories of how, in his early years, he worked hard all day in his fields as a grower of liquorice and vegetables. After 'bedding' his horses, he would go to bed at eleven o'clock, and on three or four mornings each week he would be up ready to start for Leeds with his horses and waggons at 3.30 or 4. He rather bemoaned the fact that the present generation would not have this kind of work as it was too hard for them.

The bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled on the Monday evening, and prior to the funeral service in All Saints' Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Shipley, a muffled touch of Stedman Triples was rung. The Yorkshire Association was represented by Mr. F. Cryer, of Selby, who took part in Grandsire Triples at the graveside, together with Messrs. J. H. Lenton, H. Brown and H. Walters.

A HALF-PEAL.

At St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, on Sunday, April 24th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hanson 1, T. Willis 2, Reg Dobbins 3, R. Baird 4, A. W. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8. First half-peal for all.

RINGERS' FESTIVAL AT DUNMOW.

A ringing festival of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Dunmow on Saturday, May 28th, when upwards of 50 ringers, representing four counties and 18 parishes, were present. The bells were going from 3 p.m. in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major. Service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. E. N. Mellish, V.C., and Mr. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson. The service was greatly appreciated by all those present. A bountiful tea was provided at the Village Hall, where the ringers were joined by the Vicar and other church officials, and there was ample evidence on all sides of the true spirit and good fellowship of churchworkers. Mr. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dunmow ringers for their kind invitation, also to their wives who had assisted at the tea. They were an excellent band of ringers, and a valuable asset to the parish. As Master of the association, he was much indebted to Mr. Smith and the band for the good work they were doing and for the warm welcome they had extended to all.

The Rev. E. N. Mellish, replying on behalf of the local ringers, said how grateful he was for the kind things that had been said. They did their job well, and he considered it was partly due to the inspiration of Mr. Howard. They were lucky to have such a leader. They felt it a privilege to issue this invitation, which they hoped to repeat in other years.

A short programme of music was then carried out. Songs and a duet were contributed by Mrs. Sanders and Mr. Booth, and a violin solo by Master Chibbers Smith. There was also some handbell ringing. The tower was afterwards visited, and ringing continued until late in the evening.

DEATH OF A LINCOLNSHIRE RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Donington's oldest ringer—Mr. John Thomas Stafford, aged 72. Deceased had been a ringer for 32 years, and until the death of his wife some years ago was a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Up to the time of his illness he was always to be found in his place on Sundays and for practice.

The funeral took place at Donington Parish Church on Monday, May 30th, when four of his fellow-ringers acted as bearers, namely, Messrs. J. Pearson, P. Markham, G. Pearson and S. Woods, the Rev. G. Elson conducting the service. In the evening several touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to one who will be greatly missed by all in the Donington belfry.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Scottish Association is to be congratulated on scoring its first peal, which was rung at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, last Saturday, by a mixed company representing several towers. We hope this will be the forerunner of many others, for the stimulus of peals would help to keep alive the new enthusiasm created by the recent formation of the association.

It is unfortunate that just at this moment the association is losing its enthusiastic Master, Mr. Stephen H. Wood, whose work is shortly taking him to Nottingham. We hope Scotland will find an equally keen ringer to take his place, even if his knowledge of ringing is not so extensive as that of the departing Master.

Ireland, as well as Scotland, figures in the news, and the ringers of Holywood, Co. Down, deserve hearty congratulations for having rung, almost unaided, a peal of Grandsire Triples. They are far from any other centre of change ringing, and their performance is an achievement of real merit, due largely to their own keenness and perseverance.

The bells of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, are now being rehung in ball bearings and other new fittings, by Mears and Stainbank, at an estimated cost of £120.

The June issue of the 'Truro Diocesan Gazette' reports that a faculty has been granted for the rehanging of the ring of six, with two trebles to be added, at St. Mabyn. This will make Cornwall's thirtieth ring of eight, and all are in ringing order.

The numerous friends of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake will be sorry to hear that as the result of a motor-car collision on Friday last he is lying in King's Lynn Hospital in a very grave condition. All will join in wishing him a complete recovery.

The Wellington (New Zealand) War Memorial carillon, which was cast at the Croydon Foundry, was dedicated last week. The carillon was on exhibition for some time in Hyde Park, London, and prior to that at the North-East Coast Exhibition at Newcastle.

BELLS OF THE BICESTER DEANERY.

INTERESTING ADDITION TO ANTIQUARIAN RECORDS.

An interesting addition to bell 'histories' has just been produced by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, of Launton, who has written of the church bells in his own deanery of Bicester, Oxon, and in doing so has approached his subject more from the ringers' point of view than have the authors of similar books covering other areas. In addition to the antiquarian and historical details, Mr. Sharp has incorporated in his work records of peals and other ringing performances, and also the weights of the bells, so that his book is of especial interest to ringers. It is admirably produced, with the number of illustrations, and as twenty-nine parishes in the deanery contain between them good examples of the founders' art from the thirteenth century to the present time, the author had excellent material to work upon, and has not failed to make full use of the opportunity.

One of the oldest bells in the country is at Caversfield, in the Bicester Deanery. It is an early thirteenth-century bell, and after something like 700 years of service hangs in an oak frame with all its fittings, on the ground floor of the belfry. Its shape is very primitive, being extremely long-waisted and straight-sided. The bell is cracked, due to the clapper having worn a huge hollow in the sound bow and to the neglect of those in authority in having it quarter turned until it was too late. The bell was the gift of Hugh Gargate, who died some time before the year 1219. This and a number of other ancient bells of antiquarian interest are fully described.

The introduction to Mr. Sharpe's little volume provides some interesting notes on the early bell founders who operated in the district, and he supplements his work, not only by details of some of the ringing which has been done in the deanery, but also by notes on the uses and customs of bells, a valuable little article on the restoration of bells and their fittings, and other general information which goes to make the volume one of the most useful as well as interesting books of its kind.

It is published at 2s. (post free), and can be obtained from Mr. F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR.

A good many ringers have long looked forward to a peal on the bells of the R.C. Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, Cambridge. Recently the opportunity arrived—a solemn occasion—the first one for 28 years. The death of the Bishop of Northampton (Rev. Carey Elwes) made possible an attempt for a fully muffled peal of Double Norwich. A good band had been got together, the ringers being: Miss V. Shorter 1, T. R. Dennis 2, C. W. Cook 3, F. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington 5, F. Dench 6, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 7, J. W. Ward 8. There was excellent ringing for 2 hrs. 40 mins., when an intimation was received from Rev. Father Marshall that the bells must stop owing to illness near the church. This was a big disappointment, as it would have been the first peal of Major on the bells. Only one peal has ever been rung on this very fine ring, the tenor of which is 32 cwt. in C—a peal of Stedman Triples in 1904 conducted by the late Mr. F. Pitstow.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, speaking to the report of the Methods Committee, said at the London meeting, and subsequently at Liverpool, the committee were asked to report with regard to the Rules and Decisions governing methods. The question was put in rather an indefinite way, or possibly through his obtuseness he did not understand exactly what was required. At any rate, they had produced a report, which was printed in 'The Ringing World.' Since it was published their attention had been privately called to the fact that the definition of a plain lead, in particular, did not exactly cover the case of the Little and Alliance methods. He knew that when the question was first mentioned these methods were referred to but he must confess he thought they were only referred to as an illustration, but apparently what was really desired was that they should alter the definitions in some form or other to meet the case. The committee had considered the matter since it was brought to their notice, and what they proposed to the Council was not to alter the definitions themselves—those definitions were general statements of the principle of change ringing. If they would look on page 22 and following pages of 'Rules and Decisions' they would see there were several 'notes' given upon the definitions, and they thought the amendment might be made by an addition to the 'notes.' The definitions were of a more permanent character than the notes, and the less they altered them the better it would be. On page 24 there was a note which dealt with this very point. It said: 'Methods are formed from Principles in two ways. This is not to be taken as limiting method builders to the two particular plans here described, but as a statement of fact covering all existing methods,' which showed that the Methods Committee of those early days had the foresight to see that the methods then in existence were not likely to be the only methods that were ever going to be rung in the Exercise. What the committee were inclined to suggest was that to that last statement in the note there might be added something to meet present developments. The committee suggested the following preliminary form which members could consider and which could be finally adopted or turned down, as the case might be, at the next meeting in London.

> An illustration of this statement is to be found in the Little and Alliance methods, which have come into prominence of late years. In appearance their form places them outside the definition of Plain and Bob leads given above, but, properly speaking, they are in logical succession of such methods as Bob Major.
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> Thus a Little method is one which follows the rule, except in so far as this is qualified by the restriction of the Hunt to fewer places than the number of bells employed.
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> An Alliance method is one in which the Hunt has a composite path comprising portions of more than one principle.

The committee's reason for suggesting this procedure, added Mr. Powell, was that a year or two hence someone might bring out a method involving further differences, and that would mean once more altering the definitions, which were, or ought to be, of as permanent a character as possible. Apparent verbal differences between methods could be explained equally well or better by a note such as this. At any rate, the committee asked that it should be considered in this way, with a view to its adoption next year.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said, as the mover of the resolution referring the matter to the committee, he thought the suggestion of an additional note to the definitions would probably meet the case, and he supported the committee's recommendation that the matter should be considered in that form. With regard to the actual report of the committee, he asked the Council not to adopt it, but merely to receive it. While the report contained a good deal with which most of those present would probably agree, and was a very interesting review of the position as seen by the committee, it would, in his opinion, be a mistake for the Council to bind themselves to it as their accepted view, when, perhaps, in two or three years' time they might have good reason for changing their opinion on some of the statements made. He added that he was glad to see that a member of the committee, who at the Lambeth meeting had said 'the rule which said that a method should have as many plain leads in the plain course as there were working bells was a rule which was now breaking down in view of spliced ringing, which was producing a different plain course altogether,' had changed his mind. He, and he was sure other members of the Council as well, welcomed the statement of the committee that 'it is really an abuse of language to speak of plain courses when dealing with 5,000's, of which there are never more than two leads alike in succession, and in which the tenor never gets below sixth's place at a lead end' (hear, hear).

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the committee were quite prepared to accept the suggestion that the report should be received and not adopted, and that it should not be taken as binding on the Council. The position of the Methods Committee was, and always had been, that it was in advance of the opinion of the Exercise—that was its job. It was the committee's business to be further forward in all those things than the Council. He was not such a fool as to think that because he had changed his views—and he had changed his views—that everyone was going to change their views. He did not think for one moment that the older people especially were going to be as far forward in their views as the committee, and he was certain that there were very few in the Exercise who would be prepared to make that report their own exactly as it stood. The committee were therefore quite prepared that the report should be received and not adopted as binding the Council in any shape or form to any particular statement there made.

Rev. E. S. Powell said he would go even further and say the committee would regret it if the Council did bind itself in that way. There was a great deal in the point made by Mr. Goldsmith.

'PIFFLE'

Mr. J. Hunt said, with regard to the suggested publication of the book on Triples Methods, he wanted the Council to be careful and watch the publications of these two gentlemen (laughter). When the Council at Hereford authorised the publication of the book of Minor Methods the committee asked for authority to include Double Surprise Minor methods, and they were given that authority. At Chelmsford they asked for authority to include Morris' and Pitman's Doubles and Bankes James' Cambridge Minor, and they were given that authority. He (the speaker) went, fool like (laughter), and bought the book for 3s., and when he got the thing which these gentlemen published he found they had put in ten pages of the same kind of piffle (laughter). The Council was not in a position to accept the Morris or Pitman Doubles or the Bankes James Minor as true; they could not accept it, but they allowed the committee to put them in at the back of the book as an appendix. The rest of the ten pages the committee had no authority whatever to print.

Rev. E. S. Powell said no doubt they had enjoyed Mr. Hunt's statement, but on a point of order, was it possible to bring up this matter when the Council voted at Chelmsford that these things should be placed in the appendix of the book, with, he thought, a minority of three that they should not be put in?

Mr. C. T. Coles said he felt certain many members of the Council would not let Mr. Hunt's statement go by without a protest. The Council passed a resolution giving the committee authority to put in certain compositions, and Mr. Hunt said they went beyond their authority and put in a lot of piffle. He objected to the statement that it was piffle, when that Council was almost equally divided as to whether these compositions could be considered true. He believed if the question could be put to the vote that day the majority of the Council would be in favour of these compositions being considered true. The opinion of the Council rapidly changed, but whether they were piffle or not, the committee were given authority to publish them as an appendix. He did not think, therefore, that Mr. Hunt's remarks should be allowed to go without a protest.

The Rev. H. Drake, referring to the paragraph in the committee's report relating to peals in multiple methods, said it was not clear what the committee intended. He submitted that to call multiple Surprise methods 'compositions,' if not exactly inaccurate, was at any rate an unusual way of expressing it. The compositions further on were referred to as plain courses; in fact, the same thing was referred to in four different ways. He suggested that the paragraph should be re-written, but how it was to be done he was not quite sure, but he thought before they either accepted or adopted the report that paragraph should be re-written by the compilers.

The President: We are not proposing to adopt it, but to receive it.

The Rev. H. Drake: We want to know what it means.

Mr. Trollope: Composition covers everything. Any arrangement of changes put together, other than a plain course. That is what it means.

The Rev. H. Drake: Does it include a method?

Mr. Trollope: Yes, a method is a composition, obviously.

The report was then formally received, and Mr. Trollope asked the Council to authorise the committee to proceed with the printing of the book on Triples methods.

Rev. H. Drake seconded, and hoped it would be done as soon as possible, because, as Mr. Trollope had told them, it would be a help to some bands of beginners.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn suggested that the question of printing this book should be held over until they had discussed a later item on the agenda with regard to printing a book on the proper way to handle a bell.

This suggestion was agreed to.

A COLLECTION OF THE BEST COMPOSITIONS WANTED.

A report received from the convener of the Variations Committee (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson) regretted that he had been unable to take any steps in the matter. He was afraid the other two members of the committee had been waiting all the time to hear from him. He thought it would be best for the Council to accept his retirement from the committee and to appoint someone else, though he would gladly do anything to help, if he could, without being responsible.

The President said the Standing Committee had had the report under consideration, and proposed, in view of Mr. Richardson's resignation, to ask the committee to make Mr. H. W. Wilde convener of the committee. He thought Mr. Wilde was the person to whom the work should be entrusted.

Mr. G. R. Newton, out of whose motion last year the appointment of the committee arose, said that what he would like to see was a collection of the very best compositions in all methods that could be got together. He knew the Council had got collections of peals, but these collections did not contain all the best compositions. What they wanted was to find somebody who had got the time, ability and enthusiasm to get together such a collection. Conductors in these days usually went for their figures to the report of some association. He would like to see all the best compositions brought together into one volume. Some associations gave the references to all the compositions rung and where they could be obtained, but others did not do so. He would also like to see some arrangement by which the Exercise should know where the figures of every peal rung could be found. An instance of what the value of such a system as this would be was to be found in his own tower. Recently, when a peal at Sheffield was recalled as the 'first peal of Stedman Cinques in the North of England,' he challenged it. He was then told by a Sheffield ringer that Mr. Charles Hattersley had informed him that both the Liverpool peals were false. One was rung in 1828, the other in 1863. They were composed by two different men, and yet people years ago said the peals were false. Had they been so he did not think they would have had the records preserved, but they had no figures to prove it. He thought it would be a good thing to have a collection of the best compositions of all methods, irrespective of whether they were variations of original peals or not.

Mr. J. Parker did not agree that such a collection was necessary. Years ago, he said, the old ringers used to have to collect their own compositions. He had a book with 500 peals of Superlative and London Surprise, and if conductors of to-day would look through some of the old books they would find plenty of compositions to last them a lifetime.

The President said that this was a matter of a slightly different nature to the report before them, and he thought it might be referred to the Peals Collection Committee.

The reception of the Variations Committee's report was agreed to.

CHANGE IN ANALYSES COMMITTEE.

After the luncheon adjournment, Mrs. Fletcher moved, and Mr. Swinfield reconded, the adoption of the report of the Peals Analyses Committee's report, which, in a slightly abridged form, appeared in 'The Ringing World' of May 6th.

The President said the former names of the committee were Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. G. R. Pye and Mr. Fletcher. As Mr. Fletcher had been elected secretary of the Council, it was only fair to allow him to retire from the committee, and the Standing Committee recommended that Mr. G. L. Grover's name be added.

This was agreed to, and the report adopted.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn as convener presented a report on behalf of the Towers and Belfries Committee. The committee had not had occasion to meet, but individually they had matters of interest to report. He would say something about a piece of work which, though, perhaps, not unique, might be said to come under this heading. It was the hanging of bells in three tiers, each tier being independent. The conditions were an octagonal tower eight feet six inches in diameter, very much cut about to allow of two old timber frames which were considerably higher in the tower than they should have been, and were in a very bad condition; the tower could be observed from outside to rock as the bells were rung; the bells, a ring of six, tenor 11 cwt. The frames were now constructed of cast-iron sections mounted on steel girders. The girders were put in in consultation with an architect who had worked in conjunction with one or two bell founders in the last few years. He also advised as to the repairs to the damaged masonry. The girders span the tower each way alternately, and the bells are hung in pairs in this order commencing from the bottom: Four and five, tenor and treble, second and third. All the bells are swinging considerably lower in the tower than formerly. The ropes come down in a perfect circle, and the 'go' of the bells is excellent. The second and third are a little hard to hear, but this could be rectified by spouting. The tower is now steady.

Major Hesse said during the year he had been called in at Grayshott, Hants, where he advised that the old bells should be recast and five new bells added. This had been done, and the result was a good peal of eight. He surveyed the tower and satisfied the authorities, with the assistance of Mr. Lewis, that the tower was safe. He was shortly making inspections at Croydon, Shalford and Thursley.

Mr. E. A. Young said he had paid one or two visits to towers where he had been called in as an architect, but he could not say that any of the work this year had been with the Towers and Belfries Committee.

BELL HANGING PROBLEMS.

The President said he had made one or two interesting inspections, the most interesting, perhaps, being Boston Stump. As, possibly, a good many of them knew, there was a peal of eight bells hung in that tower. The point of contact of the frame with the tower was, he believed, 175ft. from the ground. Below that point the tower had four very large windows, and there was a vaulted roof, which projected into the ringing chamber. The bells were hung immediately above the ringing chamber, and were very noisy. In addition there was considerable movement of the tower. The tower was being repaired mainly from funds sent from Boston, in America, and the authorities were very worried as to what to do with the bells. He made an inspection, together with Mr. Law James, in October of last year. They measured the speed of movement of the tower, which, compared with most church towers, was very slow, as one would expect from its height. It took slightly over a second for a complete oscillation, whereas the average varied from about two-fifths to three-fifths of a second. There was therefore, in this case, no risk of the oscillation caused by change ringing getting in tune with the natural oscillation of the tower. So much was to the good. The existing frame was rather interesting in that the bells hung round the walls, one and two along one wall, three and four another, five and six another, and seven and eight another, and each pair of bells was roped on the same side, so that the forces of the individual bells did not add up, but cut each other out, when the bells were rung consecutively. After considering the whole question, he recommended, in order to relieve the tower, that the weight of the tenor should be reduced from 28 cwt. to about 20 cwt. The note of the present bell was not worth its weight, and a modern bell of about a ton would give a better result from a musical point of view. Then in order to make ringing easier he suggested that the floor of the present ringing chamber should be raised four feet, which would enable the ringers, more or less, to see each other. At present they could only see heads and hands above the vault. The present room was very stuffy and dark, and he suggested that the ceiling should be raised 8ft. to give 4ft. more head room. He also suggested that the bells should be raised 12ft. to allow for a 4ft. chamber between the bell frame and the ceiling of the ringing room, so that the sound could be somewhat deadened. It sounded rather paradoxical to suggest raising the bells 12ft. higher in the tower, when in such cases one wished as far as possible to lower them. They could not in this case be lowered, because of the vault, but he found that by reducing the weight of the tenor the actual bending moment on the tower would be reduced. The movement of the tower at the point of attachment of the bell frame, 175ft. from the ground, would be reduced by 22 per cent., in spite of raising the level of the bells, and the movement of the tower at the height of 310ft. would be reduced by 20 per cent. He had not heard definitely whether those suggestions had been adopted, but he understood that the bells were to be recast into a peal of ten, if not twelve, as he suggested, with a tenor of 20 cwt. Another tower which he had inspected was Brailes, in Warwickshire, where there was a heavy peal of six, with a tenor of about 31 or 32 cwt., hung very high from the ground. The tower was split in many directions; one of the buttresses was free from the tower for about 30ft., with a crack of ¾ of an inch between the buttress and the tower. It was not possible to measure the movement of the tower, but the top of the flagstaff was wagging at least 18 inches, or probably more, when the bells were rung. There were three things that might be done. At the present time the bells swung east and west, which was much the stiffest way of the tower, so that one could not improve matters very much by altering the direction in which they swung. The bells could be slightly tucked up in the headstocks, which would reduce the horizontal forces, and the ropes could be altered. He suggested that the fifth bell should be roped on the other side of the wheel to be on the same side as the tenor. The only other thing was to drop the bells in the tower. That was not very easy, because there was a clock room in the way, but they could be dropped about 15ft., and it would be possible by that means to reduce the movement of the tower at the point where the frame was attached by about 44 per cent., while at the level of the roof the movement would be reduced by 28 per cent. In this tower there was a good deal of movement of the frame as well as the tower, and he worked out one figure which might be of interest as being typical of a good many cases. The horizontal force due to the tenor swinging was slightly over three tons, and if they assumed that the movement of the frame and tower combined was one-quarter of an inch, and it was certainly all that, the energy lost in the first half of the revolution of the bell would be 73 foot-pounds. That, of course, had to be provided by the ringer. In other words, if he could only pull his sallie a foot (he ought to be able to pull it more) he had got to pull 73lbs. harder than he need do if the tower and frame were stiff. That extra work he did might, or might not, be given back to the bell in the second half of its revolution. If not, the ringer would have to provide another 73 foot-pounds. Or it might be given to another bell, for instance the fifth, and therefore the work put in by the tenor man might be fighting against that supplied by the ringer of the fifth. The latter might have to work equally hard to keep his bell up, because the tenor man was knocking it down. He quoted that to show the desirability of having the most rigid possible frame and, if possible, the most rigid tower. The President, in conclusion, referred to a visit he paid to a church in one of the suburbs of Copenhagen, where he inspected the carillon. It was very interesting, he said, to see the Danish idea of bells. These bells had been tuned by turning on the outside of the waist. Many of them had also been sharpened by turning off the lip. The Danes seemed to have a good deal to learn from this country with regard to the making and tuning of bells (applause).

(To be continued.)

YOUTH TO THE FORE.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES BY GIRLS AND BOYS.

Youth has been to the fore in recent performances in the belfry. Among the achievements there have been some of real distinction. Master Teddy Barnett (still only 13 years of age), who less than two months ago rang a peal of London Surprise, has now scored a peal of Bristol. It was rung for 'Grandad's' 70th birthday, and Edwin I. took part in the peal.

Another outstanding performance is that of a young lady, Miss G. Annie Crook, daughter of Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton. She only began ringing last August, but she has not only now rung her first peal, but actually conducted it. This peal, Grandsire Triples, in which her father and brother took part, was rung for the anniversary of her parents' wedding, and Mr. Crook, who is the enthusiastic secretary of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association, must be proud of his daughter, who is only sixteen years of age, and is still attending school. She is a regular Sunday service ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton.



Miss G. Annie Crook.

There are two very promising boys in the band at Handsworth, Sheffield, and last Saturday they rang in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Like young Edwin Barnett, John J. L. Gilbert is only 13 years of age (he will not be 14 until July 18th), but he has already rung ten peals, including Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and now Cambridge, on an 'inside' bell. He rang, we are told, 'like an old hand,' and finished keen and fresh. The other promising lad who took part was James Knowles, and it was his fifth peal since the beginning of this year.

A boy of 14, Cecil Francis has rung as his first peal an 'inside' bell to three Minor methods. It was certainly an excellent performance.

Although she has not yet rung a peal, Miss Phyllis Tillett, of Ipswich, is making her mark among juvenile ringers. It will be remembered that she rang the treble to 720 of Bob Minor at the age of 12 years, and since then has rung the treble to courses of both Major and Royal. She has just recently celebrated her 13th birthday, and last week rang the second to a course of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary-le-Tower. She had not previously rung a bell round to twelve, but she must inherit her ability, for she is the daughter of Mr. John F. Tillett, and granddaughter of Mr. Frederick J. Tillett, two well-known Ipswich ringers.

WHITBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR.

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First rung at Claines, Worcestershire, on May 28th, 1932.

IRISH ASSOCIATION.

LARGE ACCESSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held at Bray on Whit Monday. The noble ring of eight and the delightful surroundings induced some seventy-five to put in an appearance, the following places being represented: Dublin (four towers), Kilkenny, Arklow, and the local tower. The bells started at an early hour, and were made good use of during the day, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Erin being favoured.

Luncheon was provided in the Parochial Hall, immediately after which the business meeting was held.

The president, Mr. M. Hogan, P.C., occupied the chair, and reviewed the work of the past year, especially commending the Northern Branch on scoring their first peal, and hoping it was the forerunner of many more.

A suggestion of his that more hon. members should be secured was a happy thought, as three gentlemen gave their names afterwards for the hon. members' list.

He concluded his speech with reference to those who had departed during the year, especially Mr. T. Grant and Mr. J. W. Townley, and asked the members to stand in silence as a token of respect.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and the following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. W. H. Wilson; treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff.

Thirty-three new members were admitted, and Kilkenny selected for the next annual meeting.

The shield for Sunday service ringing was presented to the two winning teams, who had tied—St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and St. Saviour's, Arklow—both of whom had scored 100 per cent.

A vote of thanks to the retiring president, who had so worthily occupied the chair, and to Rev. Chancellor Scott, for the use of the bells and the Parochial Hall, concluded the business.

The Rev. Chancellor Scott then invited all the members to partake of tea in the Rectory adjoining the church. The response to this invitation showed how much it was appreciated.

The weather provided one of its best days, and this helped to make the meeting a great success.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A very enjoyable meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Wandsworth on Saturday, May 28th, when members and friends to the number of 40 attended from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Kingston, Merton, Putney, Reigate, Streatham, Tiverton (Devon), Twickenham and Wandsworth. The bells of the Parish Church and Holy Trinity, West Hill, were available during the afternoon, and good use was made of these two peals of eight in a variety of methods. A very enjoyable service was conducted by the curate in the Parish Church, and this was followed by tea in the Church Hall, at which 32 sat down.

The District Master (Mr. A. W. Clark) presided at the business meeting, at which five new ringing members, all of Croydon, were elected.

The general secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin) gave a brief and interesting account of the Central Council meeting held at Plymouth on Whit Tuesday, and the meeting thanked Mr. Kippin for his interesting report.

An interesting discussion arose out of the report with regard to increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'—Mr. H. Wills, Mr. W. G. Gray and several other members spoke on this subject, emphasising the great loss it would be to the Exercise if the paper ceased to be published, and a resolution was passed by the meeting asking tower secretaries in this district to urge all members in their bands to take in 'The Ringing World.'

The District Secretary reminded the members of the special general meeting to be held at Croydon on June 11th, and urged all to make a special effort to attend.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of the Parish Church and Holy Trinity for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to the organist and to Mr. and Miss Gray for making such excellent arrangements, terminated the meeting.

The tower of the Parish Church was again visited afterwards, and ringing took place, the methods practised ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major.

THE PEAL AT MONMOUTH.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Monmouth, on Saturday, May 28th, was arranged specially for Mr. E. Barnett, sen., of Crayford, Kent, who, together with his wife, a native of Monmouth, were on a visit to Monmouth. At one time Mr. Barnett lived at Monmouth and fostered change ringing there. It is 46 years since he rang his previous and only other peal on these bells. Opportunity is now taken to thank the Vicar of the parish and Archdeacon of Monmouth, the Rev. A. E. Monahan, M.A., for the use of the bells and for his kindness in altering the time of service to enable the peal to be rung, and also to thank Mr. Leonard Jones, the local leader, for having everything in readiness.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COMBINED BRANCH MEETING.

A combined meeting of the Bristol and Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Yate on Saturday, May 28th, by kind invitation of the Rector (Canon E. F. Smith), the weather being on good behaviour. The bells, a peal of six recently restored and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were set going at 3 p.m., and some very good practice was enjoyed, it being, for some, the first practice in change ringing. The usual service was conducted by the Rector, the singing being assisted by the organist, and the Rector giving a very interesting address. During the singing of the last hymn a collection was taken for the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial, and amounted to 11s. 10d.

After the service a move was made to the schoolroom, where tea had been prepared, about 80 members and friends sitting down. The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Master (Mr. J. Gould). Apologies for absence were received from Mr. W. H. Fussell, chairman of the Wotton Branch, and from the late Master, Rev. E. S. Saleby.

The branch secretaries read the minutes of their respective branch meetings, which were duly confirmed. These recorded a great contrast in the attendances at the respective meetings, there having been 70 present at the Bristol meeting at Henbury, and only eight present at the Wotton Branch meeting at Chipping Sodbury. Mention is made of this because it is not very encouraging for a new secretary to arrange a meeting and travel some 15 to 20 miles to find eight present.

Mr. George Griffin, of Westerleigh, was elected a member of the association, and the newly-formed band at Emmanuel Church, Guthrie Road, Clifton, Bristol, were elected as probationers: Rev. W. Bathurst Soole (Vicar), Messrs. W. Payne, A. Blackwell, T. Bennett, B. Jones, G. Hunt, T. Fishlock, S. H. Fishlock, W. Staynings, E. Stenner, and J. Chard.

With reference to the new band at Emmanuel, Mr. Guise, general secretary of the association (who was responsible for the formation of the band), said they were making very satisfactory progress and could all handle their ropes well considering the short time they had been practising. He thanked the following, who had rendered valuable assistance at practices: Mr. W. Knight, Mr. H. Burt, Mr. F. G. Leaker, Mr. W. H. Thomas, Mr. G. Pearce, Mr. W. H. Parker and Mr. C. Rawlings.

Reference was made to the appeal at the Central Council meeting at Plymouth to ensure a larger circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. Guise, who had promised to do what was possible in this direction for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, was promised the support of the Bristol Branch.

Collecting boxes for the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial Fund were distributed to tower secretaries.

Mr. W. H. Thomas (Bristol Branch chairman) thanked the Rector for inviting the Bristol Branch to Yate, for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service. He also especially thanked the ladies for waiting on the party at tea.—The motion was seconded by Mr. Cyril Johnston, who said he had taken advantage of that occasion to visit Yate, as he was unable to be present at the reopening in December last. He thanked the association for making him so welcome, saying he felt he was one of them. Continuing, he congratulated Yate on having their bells rehung, and the Rector for his knowledge of the history of his bells.—Canon Smith suitably responded, and assured the association of a welcome at any time.

This concluded the meeting, and further ringing continued until 9.30 p.m. All spent a very enjoyable time.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

PEAK DISTRICT MEETING AT TIDESWELL.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Tideswell on Saturday, May 28th, ringers turning up from Bakewell, Baslow, Darley Dale, Dore, Eyam, Great Longstone and Tideswell. The fine peal of bells were raised soon after 3 p.m., and were kept going at intervals till 7.30 p.m. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Fletcher Edwards) visited the belfry soon after the start of the ringing and welcomed those present.

The usual substantial tea was enjoyed, and was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam). The Secretary drew attention to the forthcoming general quarterly meeting at Darley Dale on July 2nd, and appealed to members of the district to give it their full support. It was therefore decided to combine the next monthly with this quarterly meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the ladies who so kindly prepared the tea, and the local company, was proposed by the secretary and seconded by the Rev. W. P. Wright.—The Vicar, in reply, extended his usual warm welcome to the district, and remarked that it was only during the week that he heard of the proposed visit. The news quite cheered him up—he felt that he had something to look forward to. The ringers, he said, always seemed a cheerful, happy lot, and they could come again next month if they cared to—a remark greeted with acclamation.—Mrs. Brierley also responded, on behalf of the ladies, and remarked that their only regret was that there was not a bigger gathering.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. H. HAIGH.

A meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Norton Cuckney, on Saturday, May 28th, when, considering the bad weather in the morning, there was a good attendance. Members were present from Edwinstowe, Bolsover, Barlborough, Shireoaks, Treeton, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Ordsall, Warsop, Worksop, West Retford, and a full local company. All members regretted that this meeting should fall on the same day as the Ladies' Guild meeting at North Collingham, as this tower is in the North Notts area.

Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and the bells were kept going in various methods. In the evening members enjoyed the pleasure of being able to ring anything from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Tea was partaken of in the Village Hall, and heartily enjoyed, and thanks were given to the ladies who had taken the trouble to provide such a feast.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. H. R. Peel, Vicar of Norton Cuckney, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson being prevented by other business from being present.

The Chairman drew the attention of the members to the cup contest, and said he hoped for a greater success than ever this year. He asked all bands to get their teams ready for the event, which was to take place on August 27th at Ordsall.

Charles Moore and Dennis Lenton, of Cuckney, were elected performing members of the association.

Everton was selected as the place of the next meeting, to be held on July 16th, when it is hoped that the attendance will be large.

The Hon. Secretary referred to the brass memorial tablet to be fixed in Ordsall belfry in memory of the late Mr. Herbert Haigh. The Secretary said he had made an appeal for donations towards the cost of this, but only to the affiliated towers. He now hoped all who were willing to give a small sum to this would do so in the near future. He also stated that any surplus money collected above the amount required for the tablet would go to the founding of an association library, in which the works and books of the late Mr. H. Haigh would be placed. All who desire to contribute to the memorial should therefore send their donations to Mr. R. W. Stockdale, c/o Mr. W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark, as early as possible, as it is desired to have the scheme completed by the date of the cup contest, August 27th. At present there is 19s. 6d. in hand.

Mr. A. Johnson proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, concluded the business. Another visit was made to and the Cuckney committee-man for the arrangements made for the meeting.—The Vicar replied to this, and said he always welcomed ringers to his village.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL MASKREY.

A LOSS TO DERBY.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Samuel Maskrey, of Derby, at the age of 72 years, the sad event occurring on Monday, May 30th, at the City Hospital, Derby, after a brief illness. Mr. Maskrey had been a familiar figure in the Derby district for over half a century, and was an original member of the Midland Counties Association, being one of the three foundation members who attended the jubilee of the association on Easter Monday.

Of a genial and unassuming disposition and a safe ringer, he will be greatly missed by the St. Andrew's ringers, as he had been a member of that company for about fifty years, most of his peals taking place at that church, the total number being 75, ranging from Grandsire to several Surprise methods.

The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's Church on Friday, June 5th. The Vicar, Rev. V. T. S. Jagg, officiated, and the organist was Mr. F. Isherwood Plummer, an honorary member of the M.C.A. Floral tributes were sent from St. Andrew's company, and a number of sympathising ringing friends assembled in the church and at the graveside.

On Sunday evening the members of St. Andrew's company rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WESTERN MEMBERS DISCUSS RE-DIVISION OF AREAS.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Walberton on Saturday, May 28th, when a fair number of friends and ringers attended from Angmering, Brighton, Chichester, Heene, Lyminster, Shoreham, and one member of the local band.

At the business meeting after tea, with Mr. H. Colley presiding, one new member, Mr. E. Horner, of Walberton, was elected.

A discussion arose respecting the cutting up of the divisions into four instead of three, and the meeting was of the opinion that the Western Division should still retain Shoreham and Steyning, also that Upper Beeding should be included in view of the small number of eight-bell towers left to the Western Division.

Votes of thanks to the chairman and the Vicar for granting the use of the bells concluded the business. Another visit was made to the belfry, and the bells kept busy to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Cambridge and Carlisle Surprise.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.
Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.
E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 16th and 30th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th, 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.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The annual meeting will be held at Kelston, near Bath, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Nocton (6) Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Harwich on June 11th. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea provided at the Hanover Dining Rooms at 5.15. All are welcome.—James R. Sparling, Dis. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at Great Gaddesden on June 11th. Bells at 3 p.m.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne. The shield contest will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, July 9th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Entries (6s. per band) close on Saturday, June 25th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Anstey on Saturday, June 11th. The bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the School at 5 p.m. Business meeting following tea. All members and friends welcome. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, June 11th, the nature of business being despatched to each member by post. Bells of St. John's Parish Church (8) available from 3 o'clock and during the evening. St. Peter's (10) during evening only. Service in Parish Church at 5 p.m. Address by the President (the Bishop of Croydon). Tea (free of charge) and meeting following at Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. It is the DUTY of every member to be present at this meeting.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at the George Hotel (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. — A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Divisional Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barkway bells (8) will be available on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at Wheatsheaf. Bus service from Royston and Hertford districts. Make up your mind *now* to come—and enjoy yourselves! —Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Lee, Hon. Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. Ringers welcome. Come and have a good time at Bucklebury.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Helmdon on Saturday, June 11th. Lunch (2/6) at 12.30 p.m. Service 2. Tea (6d.) 4.30. Ringers from other branches or guilds are asked to notify the Secretary, Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester, if they will be present at the lunch.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne Abbey (in conjunction with the Ilchester Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All welcome. Please notify E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Crosby on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Please make a special effort to be present. Other details notified at the meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.15 p.m. Shepperton bells (5) available 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. —Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11th, at Aston Abbotts. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15th, at Ickleton. 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, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. These bells go well to all methods. —F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Selly Oak Parish Church on Saturday, June 18th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Steer). Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than June 14th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and general meeting in Wade Street Schools at 5. Charge for tea, 9d. for those who have paid their subscriptions; to others 1s. 3d. Please let me know by Tuesday, 14th inst. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by June 15th, so that arrangements can be made. — 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 Wistaston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 15th inst.? — Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Will all members who intend to be present please notify Mr. G. Green, 3, Bell Street, Great Baddow, not later than June 16th?—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. A ringing meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, Manchester (8 bells), on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Mrs. Trotman's, Linden Cottage. Notifications for tea to me by Wednesday, 15th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at West Deeping (6 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 15th? All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough. —W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will take place at Knowle, near Birmingham, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge. Visitors will be welcomed. — D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Oxton (8 bells), on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 6 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards at Parish Hall, Storeton Road.—Harry Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

LAVENHAM. — All ringers welcomed to the 121st anniversary, June 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Old friends and new please note.—Stedman H. Symonds.

TAMWORTH PARISH CHURCH, STAFFS. — On Tuesday evening, June 21st, the Archdeacon of Stafford will dedicate the peal of eight bells restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division and The Leeds and District Society. — A joint meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. R. Umpleby, 630, Leeds Road, Thackley, not later than June 22nd. Further particulars on circulars. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, H. Lofthouse, Dis. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Wattisfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (5) available from 2 p.m. Also at Walsham-le-Willows (6), Ixworth (6), Bardwell (6), Hepworth (5). Tea in the schools at 4.30, free to all sending word by June 20th. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. J. C. Taylor, 51, Laverack Street, Handsworth, Sheffield, by the 21st for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). —The 309th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. Hot lunch, 3s. per head, at 1.15 p.m. Will all those requiring lunch please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 21st?—Leonard E. Pitstow, 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, June 25th. All Saints' bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 21st?—Miss H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham. Further particulars later. —L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at the Dolphin Inn at 5.15. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, June 22nd.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting Darley Dale, July 2nd. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.45 p.m. at Schools. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting at Church Inn. Application for tea (1s. 6d. per head) must be made to Mr. G. H. Paulson, Churchtown, Darley Dale, near Matlock, *not later* than June 30th to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. —The annual festival will be held at Oxford (D.V.) on Saturday, July 16th. Details of arrangements will be published later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

120 RINGERS AT PENZANCE BRANCH MEETING.

There was a splendid attendance at a Penzance Branch meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild, held at Gulval, on Saturday, May 28th, when one hundred and twenty ringers attended from St. Hilary, Ludgvan, Lelant, Phillack, Zennor, Crowan, Towednack, Tuckingmill, Truro Cathedral, Manaccan, Helston and Camborne, also the local band.

Gulval Church is prettily situated about one mile from Penzance, and possesses eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.), cast by Warner. This is one of the few towers in Cornwall where change ringing is regularly practised, and the ringing chamber is a model of what such a place should be. All the noteworthy performances, such as peals and quarter-peals, have been neatly recorded by Mr. Wm. Wood (churchwarden, tower secretary and district secretary).

Before the service, bands were allocated eight minutes each, owing to the large number present.

The service was conducted and the address given by the Rev. Arthur Cornish (priest-in-charge). After the service a bountiful tea was provided for all in the Langley Hall. A vote of thanks was proposed to all who had made the meeting such a success by the Rev. E. Ormerod (Manaccan). This was replied to by Mr. W. Wood.

Dr. J. Symons welcomed the visitors to Gulval, and referred to the great loss that the parish had sustained by the death of Canon T. F. Maddrell, and asked all present to stand in silence in his memory.

The Rev. A. Cornish added a few words of welcome.

A move was then made to the Vicarage garden, where a group photograph was taken. The bells were soon set going again, and ringing continued until late in the evening. It was pleasing to see the Vicars of Helston and Towednack present.

A LONG-FELT WANT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think the Central Council are to be congratulated on the decision they made at their recent meeting at Plymouth, to issue a pamphlet on the 'proper handling of a bell.' It will supply a long-felt want, and I suggest that it contains at least two illustrations of how to hold the rope—i.e., handstroke and backstroke positions. This would perhaps make things clearer than words.

The drawing up of this pamphlet is certainly in good hands. Among the many achievements of Mr. J. T. Dyke, the latest is to turn Wells Cathedral tenor (56¾ cwt.) to Cambridge Minor!—Yours, etc.

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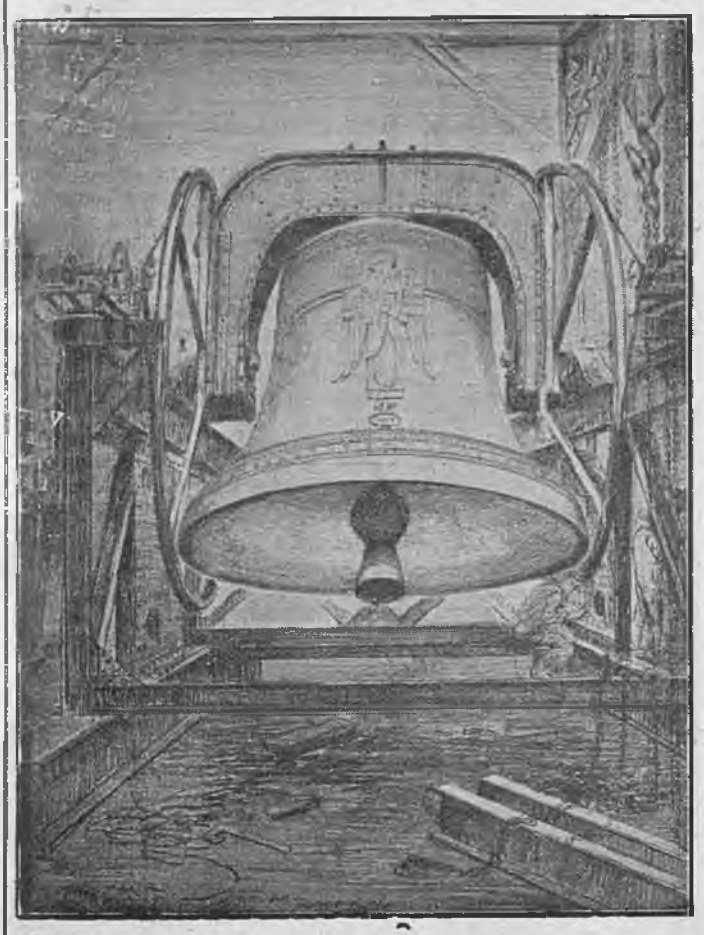

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STEDMAN'S BELLS.

The official report presented to the Central Council on the carrying out of the restoration of St. Benedict's bells, Cambridge, as a tercentenary memorial to Fabian Stedman, shows that a further sum of about £30 is needed to defray all the expenses incurred. The cost of the actual work of putting the tower into a state of repair, rehanging the bells and providing the memorial tablet was approximately £521 and there were, in addition, the incidental expenses of organisation and of the celebration itself. At present the receipts from all sources have amounted to about £507, and every penny of that has come from the Exercise. That is truly a wonderful result, but to carry the scheme to a triumphant conclusion, that other £30 is needed. Two or three associations have already made an additional grant to the fund; the deficit could quickly be wiped out if the rest of the associations would help in a similar way according to their means, while there are probably individual ringers who, not having already subscribed and knowing that this further sum is wanted, will even at this late hour be pleased to associate themselves with the scheme. It has been a great national effort, and ringers will, we hope, see to it that this comparatively small amount is now forthcoming.

The note of alarm with regard to the use of the bells which was first sounded at Derby by Mr. Denison Taylor is one which takes on an added seriousness when repeated by such a great authority in the Council meeting itself, and the warning which he uttered must receive the consideration which, coming from such a source, it merits. Mr. Taylor has expressed deep concern for the safety of the bells, if novices are allowed to ring them, and he urges that only experts — and by that we suppose he means experienced ringers—should use them. In the desire to have the bells regularly rung for the church services, encouragement was given to the formation of a young band at St. Benedict's, who have now learnt to handle the bells with a fair amount of competence, so that we hope whatever risk there was to the bells, due to the ringers' inexperience, has passed. Few people probably appreciated the danger of broken cannons, from bumping a stay against a slider, until Mr. Taylor pointed it out, but now that such a possibility has been made plain, those responsible for the safe keeping of the bells at St. Benedict's may, in future, be able to guard against the risk, by arranging that any new pupils should gain their first experience of bell handling in another tower, a matter about which there ought to be no real difficulty.

The bells of St. Benedict's Church will be looked upon by ringers henceforth as a national possession—as some-

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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

On Tuesday, June 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES	...Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD	7
HENRY H. FEARN	2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	3	ERNEST MANSELL	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	GEORGE H. YENDALL	10
GEORGE E. LARGE	5	JOHN NEAL	11
ALBERT H. WARD	6	ALBERT WALKER	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Arranged as a birthday peal for C. Howard Stanley, who was unable to take part owing to business.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	Treble	JOHN CURRY	6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	2	JOHN G. AMES	7
JOHN WALDEN	3	SYDNEY G. FLOWERS	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	ARTHUR J. FARR	9
H. LESLIE PASK	5	HORACE M. DAY	...Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Clarke, who was licensed to the living of Surfleet on Tuesday, June 7th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. PRITCHETT	Treble	*ROBERT GREEN	5
*AUBREY WILLIAMS	2	C. ELLIOTT WIGG	6
FREDERICK NEALE	3	HARRY HATFIELD	7
GEORGE HORWOOD	4	LEONARD CLIFTON	...Tenor

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

W. COX	...*Treble*	*W. LAMBELL	5
W. WEBB	2	A. WEBB	6
F. JAMES	3	J. SAWYER	7
H. WHITE	4	†E. SAWYER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. WEBB.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

BOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD S. SKETCHLEY	...*Treble*	JOHN MAWBY	5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW	2	JAMES WARD...	6
AMOS SMART...	3	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS... ...	7
WALTER PERKINS	4	FREDERICK DENCH ...	...*Tenor*

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Ringers of 1, 2, 7 and 8 hail from Saffron Walden, 3 from Wollaston, and 4, 5 and 6 from Irthlingborough.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, LAWRENCE AND ANN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	FRANK E. PERVIN	6
ALBERT W. BOND	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
EDWARD H. JOHNSON	4	WILLIAM H. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Canon Downing.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ...	5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS	2	REGINALD CHANCE	6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	4	*RICHARD INSTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*GEORGE RUSHTON ...	...*Treble*	‡EDWARD F. MAWBY	5
†PERCY RUSHTON	2	CHARLES OLLIER	6
*FREDERICK KNOTT	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
ARNOLD FEARNHEAD... ...	4	*JOSEPH REED	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. PAGE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method on 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal in the method. This is the first peal since 1901 at the above church by an entirely local band. Rung as a monthly peal for the association, also as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Knott, daughter of the ringer of the third.

REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE.

We are glad to be able to report that the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, who recently met with a serious motoring accident, is making good progress. His injuries consist of a lacerated hand and crushed chest. His car was smashed to fragments by a collision with a heavy motor lorry.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANBRIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD H. WRIGHT...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. MILLS	5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ...	2	SYDNEY E. ANDREW	6
ARTHUR J. FARR	3	HARRY NICHOLS	7
RICHARD SMITH	4	JOHN G. AMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, on attaining his 96th birthday.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ...	6
CHARLES DRAPER	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	FRANK TARLTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 2, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.' First peal in method by all the band and first in the method for the Guild.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
GEORGE R. PYE...	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by S. THOMAS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Bristol. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble man on attaining his seventieth birthday.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

PERCY AMOS	...*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	5
*JOHN H. BLUFF	2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ...	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE	7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal of Major. First peal on bells since restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Ringer of treble hails from Wellingborough, 2nd from All Saints', Stamford, 3rd, 6th and 7th from St. Margaret's, St. Saviour's, and St. John's, Leicester, 4th and tenor from Southwell Cathedral, and 5th from Hallerton.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, for evensong, on Sunday, June 5th, 1,008 Double Norwich Major (on back eight): P. Taylor 1, T. Chenery 2, C. Robinson 3, T. R. Dennis 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, A. G. Rivers 6, C. Smith 7, J. Queeney 8.

EDINBURGH.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS M. I. HOLLAND (Edinburgh) ...	...*Treble*	A. E. WREAKS (Paisley) ...	5
W. C. S. HEATHCOTE (Edinburgh) ...	2	H. MANN (Edinburgh) ...	6
S. H. WOOD (Glasgow) ...	3	W. H. PICKETT (Glasgow) ...	7
R. J. G. THOM (Paisley) ...	4	*W. F. M. STENHOUSE (Dundee) ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

* First peal. This is the first peal by the Scottish Association.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES WM. BAXENDALE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON ...	5
SAMUEL WARD	2	GEORGE AMBLER	6
J. CECIL BOOTH	3	J. ERNEST PROCTER	7
S. ROWLAND MYERS	4	JOHN AMBLER	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (60). Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the ringers, who are all members of the local company. First peal of Bristol in the county of York. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Ambler.

ASHBURTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES F. AUSTIN	5
AUBREY L. BENNETT	2	ARTHUR T. TRUMAN	6
ALFRED MONKLEY	3	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ...	7
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER...	4	HERBERT J. HOLE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar of Ashburton for kindly granting the necessary permission, and to the local captain (Mr. H. Warren) for having everything in readiness.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

CHARLES E. UDELL ...	...*Treble*	BERTIE W. ALDBRIDGE ...	5
ALFRED G. HILL	2	FREDERICK A. COLEY	6
*PERCY L. DEBBING	3	LIONEL J. CULLUM	7
THOMAS H. CULVER	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. COLEY.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung for the birthday anniversary of His Majesty the King, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*MISS FLORRIE A. JOHNSON *Treble*		RALPH HARRIS	5
JOHN HALL	2	JOSEPH O. JOHNSON	6
MRS. RALPH HARRIS... ...	3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ...	7
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ...	4	†JOSEPH NEWMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a wedding peal for Miss Rosalie Johnson, one of the local ringers and daughter of the conductor, who was married on that day at Hinton Church, to Mr. Hubert Corbett, of Elmley Castle.

KIRKHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES SHARPLES ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHARPLES	5
JOHN GARSIDE	2	*GEORGE MARIES...	6
WILLIAM RATCLIFFE	3	PETER CROOK, JDN.	7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 386). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells, which were cast by Rudhall over 200 years ago.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*GEORGE LEE	...*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
HARRY LEWIS	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
ROBERT SPERRING	3	SAM JONES, JUN.	7
JOHN HAYES	4	PERCY SWINDLEY... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the King's birthday and the birthday of the ringer of the fifth.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD *Treble*		MAURICE HODGSON	5
PERCY BYROM	2	HARRY MARSDEN...	6
*HARVEY LUMB	3	GEORGE W. HEWITT	7
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ...	4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. HARDY. Conducted by MAURICE HODGSON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the 70th birthday and golden wedding of the tenor ringer.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES KNOWLES... ...	...*Treble*	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	5
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	2	T. COLIN RYDER	6
MRS. T. C. RYDER	3	ARTHUR PASHLEY	7
FREDERICK CARDWELL ...	4	*FRED WATKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. The conductor's 100th peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON	...*Treble*	LEONARD PRYKE	5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	2	TONY PRICE	6
WILFRED JARVIS	3	FREDERICK A. POULSON ...	7
LAURENCE POULSON	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

The band greatly regretted that Mr. Arthur Symonds, who has taken part in all of the last 112 peals on these bells, was unable to stand in owing to illness, and wish him a speedy return to the tower. The 100th peal which Messrs. W. R. J. Poulson and S. H. Symonds have rung together.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Vesey 1, T. Sparrow 2, C. E. Faulkner 3, G. E. Cottis (conductor) 4, E. Moore 5, W. J. Brown (Ipswich) 6, C. Fenn 7, E. H. Lucas 8.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER	...Treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK	5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2	GEORGE DAWSON	6
*ALLEN LEVEY	3	†EDWARD D. SMITH	7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	4	†EDWARD J. ROCHESTER	...Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE	...Treble	GEORGE BENNETT	5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	2	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY	6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	3	GEORGE A. FLEMING	7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor, and first attempt. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

LYE, NEAR STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 3½ cwt.

REG CHANCE	...Treble	WILLIAM SHORT	5
THOMAS HEMMING	2	ROBERT MATTHEWS	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	WILLIAM GIBBS	7
JOHN BASS	4	HECTOR G. BIRD	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

NOLAN GOLDEN	...Treble	WILLIAM J. WASEY	5
JOHN A. GODFREY	2	TONY PRICE	6
HERBERT LASKY	3	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	7
*WALTER J. FORD	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	...Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Major.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT	...Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
*FREDERICK DIGBY	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
*JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
JOHN T. KENTISH	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	...Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal of New Cambridge.

MILES PLATTING.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS ELSIE LAKIN	...Treble	*RAYMOND JOHNSON	5
WILLIAM BERRY	2	NORMAN HEAPS	6
*WILFRED J. HOWARD	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
ARNOLD FEARNHEAD	4	THOMAS K. DRIVER	...Tenor

Conducted by W. BARRY.

* First peal in the method.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILFRED OSBORNE	...Treble	ARTHUR BAILEY	5
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE	2	PERCY DYKE	6
LEONARD T. OSBORNE	3	ALFRED JEFFERY	7
EDGAR HUMPHREY	4	HORACE OSBORNE	...Tenor

Composed by H. HEBBARD. Conducted by A. W. OSBORNE.

First peal in the method by all the band. Also the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung in the 'town' of Reading.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER	...Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	5
*SAMUEL TWITCHETT	2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	6
†MANSFIELD GINN	3	‡ALFRED G. G. THURLOW	7
PERCY WEBB	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on tower bells. Mr. Percy Webb's fiftieth peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S THREE-PART, No. 82. Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD	...Treble	CHARLES DRAPER	5
MAURICE SWINFIELD	2	T. ROWLAND FLINT	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
*NORMAN G. LEECH	4	JOHN CURTIS	...Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

* First peal of Stedman. This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. E. I. Stone, for many years captain of the St. Paul's band, who was interred the same day.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 9, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE	...Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
*MISS KITTY WILLERS	2	*ROY A. WOODWARD	6
CHARLES F. BAILEY	3	ERNEST S. BAILEY	7
*REGINALD C. KERSEY	4	JAMES G. ROMSEY	...Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Miss Willers, of Trumpington, Cambs.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*VICTOR NEAL	...Treble	*JOHN NEAL	4
*F. BERNARD MARTIN	2	WALTER H. RAXTER	5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	3	HAROLD F. MARTIN	...Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

DOULTING, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, May 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles in 45 mins.: F. D. Rickards 1, H. Willcox 2, J. Metcalfe 3, C. F. Veasey 4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5, E. Jenkins 6. Rung to mark the completion of 50 years' ringing in this tower by the ringer of the 2nd.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Double Court, two of Single Court, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM V. BENNETT	...*Treble*	ARTHUR RIGGALL	4
*THOMAS A. COOPER	2	HORACE M. DAY	5
WILLIAM NEAL	3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of George H. Wells, who was buried in this churchyard on May 21st. He had been a ringer in the Deeping district for 60 years.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

ARTHUR E. ELLIS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM F. LITTLETON ...	4
PHILIP POCKETT	2	ARTHUR H. HEAVEN	5
THOMAS BALDWYN	3	WILLIAM HOOPER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWYN.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM	...*Treble*	PERCY L. JOHNSON	4
*SHELFORD SPARROW	2	GEORGE W. ABLITT	5
KEITH W. WHITTLE	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	..*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

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

KEYMER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Beverley, York, Durham, Wells, London, Carlisle and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

KEITH HART...	...*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	4
JACK M. CRIPPS	2	NELSON ELLIOTT	5
ROBERT SWIFT	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods by all the band.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lancaster, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

HARRY CHAMBERS ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES W. CLARKE	4
AMOS SMART...	2	FRANCIS BALL	5
MISS EVELYN STEELE ...	3	WALTER PERKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

CLIFTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT L. HARLOW...	...*Treble*	*ARTHUR W. DILLEY	4
CLIFFORD PAGE	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ...	5
REGINALD WEST	3	HERBERT SHERMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal 'inside' in four methods. A birthday peal for the ringer of the 4th and H. Gayton, of Harrold.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

SURREY ASSOCIATION RULES.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR THEIR ALTERATION.

Under the rules of the Surrey Association no alteration to the rules can be made without a vote of one-sixth of the members of the association. When it was sought, at the annual meeting at Reigate, earlier in the year, to alter certain of the rules, it was found that there were insufficient members present to give constitutional effect to the proposal. As a result, a special general meeting of the association was held at Croydon on Saturday, when members turned up in sufficient strength to rectify the previous omission. Earlier in the afternoon the bells of the Parish Church were available, and there was ringing in a variety of methods on this heavy peal of eight

The Bishop of Croydon (Dr. Woods), who is president of the association, preached at the special service. He welcomed them to the church and, taking for his text the words, 'Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound, they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance,' said he did not think they could better that as a description of the general effect on people's ears and minds and hearts on listening to the ringing of the bells of our land. The Bishop spoke of the spiritual significance of ringing. They were, he said, perhaps inclined to take their art for granted and allow its wider significance to escape them. What did it mean to those who made the joyful sound? It meant a great deal of happy team work. it also involved the offering of their time, their labour and their skill, and of their sense of beauty. The sound of the bells often got deeper down into the people's hearts than the voice of the preacher, which could only be heard by those inside the church, so that ringers did really contribute to the mental and spiritual well-being of those who heard the joyful sound. No man in these materialistic days could afford to do without a reminder of the unseen God, and in listening to a peal of bells he received such a reminder. They could never know how often the sound of their work made entry into a man's soul; let them therefore bring their thanks to God for this thing in which they were engaged, and pray that He would accept the offering of those who, like themselves throughout the land, made this oblation, and weave it into His purpose.

After the service, the Bishop passed down to the west door of the church, where he shook hands with all the congregation as they passed out. Afterwards he looked in at the tea and gave a hearty and less formal welcome to the members. The Bishop was unable to stay for this part of the proceedings, but before he left, the Master (Mr. D. Kenneth Birt) thanked his lordship for his address and for his welcome of the association.

RULES ALTERED.

The Master presided over the business meeting, and explained why it had been called. He said at Reigate they were unable to pass certain recommendations of the committee, because insufficient members were present. The first resolution before the meeting was one to exclude non-resident compounding members from the right to vote or hold office in the association. Under the rules as they now stood they gave votes to non-resident life members, a thing which did not appertain in any other ringing association. There were several reasons why they should not have this right, one of which was that through removals they became scattered, and it was not found practicable to get into touch with many of them. Under their rules they needed a certain proportion of members to vote before an alteration to rules could be made, and the existence of votes among the non-resident members added to their difficulties in this direction. The committee, therefore, thought it better that they should fall into line with all the other associations and accord votes only to annual subscribing members of the association.

Replying to Mr. W. H. Hewett, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin) said that the present membership of the association needed 69 votes to carry a resolution by one-sixth of the membership.

Mr. Hewett expressed the opinion that it would be rather unfair to deprive non-resident members of the right to vote if they were sufficiently interested to attend a meeting.

The motion was carried by a practically unanimous vote.

The next recommendation of the committee was that the rule requiring a peal booking fee be deleted. This also was carried, and it was, further, decided to make it retrospective to January 1st last.

The Master made reference to the passing of Mr. John Wyatt, of Ashtead, one of the oldest members of the association, and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The Hon. Secretary brought forward the Central Council's recommendation that every effort should be made to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and urged the members to do their best to get more copies purchased by their friends.

A discussion followed, in the course of which the Editor of 'The Ringing World' explained the position, emphasing the fact that there was urgent need for a larger paper. It was obvious from the feeling expressed that in the Surrey area determined effort will be made to extend the circulation of the journal.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicars of the two churches where the bells were available for ringing, also to the steeplekeepers, Mr. Wills (St. Peter's) and Mr. Dan. Cooper (Parish Church) for their services, and especially to the last named for his work in connection with the general arrangements for the meeting.

Afterwards, ringing took place on the ten bells at St. Peter's Church as well as at the Parish Church.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO DEPARTING PRESIDENT.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, June 4th, at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, near Wolverhampton. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members, and touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon. The Guild's beautiful form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. James Boultbee), who gave a simple but helpful address.

The business meeting was held in the Church Army Hut, the chair being taken by the Vicar, who was supported by Mr. H. Mason (vice-president).

The chairman welcomed the Guild, and Mr. Mason briefly referred to the death of Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster, a life member of this Guild. The secretary was requested to send a letter of condolence to the family, and to show their sympathy the members stood in silence.

It was proposed that the arrangements for the next meeting be left with the secretary and Ringing Master. It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Blakenhall, subject to the consent of the Vicar, the arrangements to be left with the Ringing Master.

On the motion of Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. H. Price, the meeting ratified the action of the secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master in purchasing a clock as a parting gift from the members of this Guild to their president (the Rev. Canon A. H. Phelips), Vicar of Dudley, on his leaving Dudley to take up the Vicariate of Wimbledon, the gift being presented with every good wish for a successful ministry in his new parish. The clock was handed to Canon Phelips on the previous Monday evening by Mr. H. Sheppard and Mr. S. J. Hughes, on behalf of the Guild, the president thanking the members for their gift and wishing the Guild every success in the future.

The subject of increasing the sales of 'The Ringing World' was brought forward by Mr. S. J. Hughes, the Guild's representative on the Central Council, and discussed at some length, and it was left to members to do all they could in the matter.

At the close of the meeting, thanks were given to the Vicar for granting permission to hold the meeting at Blakenhall, for the use of the tower and bells, for conducting the service, for his address and for presiding at the meeting, also for the use of the Hut. Thanks were also accorded to the organist for the musical part of the service, and to Mr. Albert D. Collins for the part he played in making the necessary arrangements.—The Vicar briefly replied on behalf of those concerned.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT OLD ALRESFORD.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Old Alresford on Saturday afternoon, June 4th, when ringing took place on the bells of the Parish Church and also at the churches of New Alresford and Bishop's Sutton, by the kind permission respectively of the Rev. Canon Robertson and the Rev. Lindsay Browne. Members of the Guild were present from Old and New Alresford, Bishop's Sutton, Bishopstoke, Farnborough, Micheldever, North Stoneham, Owslebury, Overton, Portsmouth, Stockbridge, Twyford, Tichborne, Titchfield, Wonston and Winchester.

A service was held in the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Old Alresford, at which the office of the Guild was said by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Preston), and a short address was given by the Rev. Canon Braithwaite (chairman of the Guild). Mrs. Geoffrey Pain, of Pinglestone, Old Alresford, presided at the organ.

After the service about 46 members and friends sat down to tea at the Christy Memorial Hall, Old Alresford. Amongst those present were the Rev. Canon Braithwaite (who presided), the Rev. G. H. Preston, Mr. George Williams (Master of the Guild), Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. general secretary), Mr. George Noice (hon. district secretary), Mr. A. T. Greenwood (hon. secretary of the Portsmouth District), Mr. F. S. Bayley, Mr. Geoffrey Pain, Mrs. G. Williams, Mrs. R. S. Routh, Mrs. G. Pain, the Misses Braithwaite and Noice, etc.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. G. Pullinger (Bishopstoke) and Mr. S. B. Carey (Stockbridge).

Three new members of the Guild were elected, viz., Mr. A. Bulpitt (Old Alresford), Mr. R. J. Pritchard and Mr. F. Smart (Tichborne).

A vote of thanks was proposed and heartily accorded Canon Braithwaite for his presence and for his helpful address at the service.

Canon Braithwaite, in reply, said he was very glad to be able to be present, and spoke of the valuable work the Guild was doing in the service of the Church.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rector of the parish for making arrangements for the service, and for the visit of the members to Old Alresford.

The Rev. G. H. Preston replied by stating that he was very glad to welcome the Guild to the parish, as he believed that this was the first visit that had been paid by the Guild in that way during his incumbency, which had extended over 19 years. During his ministry in New Zealand, some 40 years ago, there was nothing, he stated, which he had missed more than the sound of the church bells of the Mother Country.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Many of our readers, especially those in North Lancashire, will be interested to hear that Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been entrusted with the order to add two new trebles to the peal at the ancient Priory Church of Cartmel. The present four bells also are to be rehung on ball bearings.

Mr. Arthur Symonds took part in 112 consecutive peals on the famous bells at Lavenham, Suffolk. The long sequence has now been broken, for, to the regret of all the band, illness prevented him from taking part in a peal of Treble Bob rung there on June 4th.

Mr. George H. Wells, ringer in the Deeping District of Lincolnshire for 60 years, has passed away at the age of 76 years. He rang his last touch (Cambridge Surprise Minor) on Easter Monday.

The Ven. Archdeacon of Cheltenham (Archdeacon Cornwall), a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has died at the age of 73 from septicæmia following a dog bite.

LADY READS LESSON AT RINGERS' SERVICE.

INNOVATION AT LADIES' GUILD MEETING.

For probably the first time at a ringers' service the lesson has been read by a lady. This departure took place at St. Clement Danes' Church, London, on Saturday week on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild. The Rector (Rev. W. Pennington Bickford) officiated, and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (general hon. secretary of the Guild) read the lesson.

The meeting was well attended, and ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., the methods rung including Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal. A touch of Grandsire Caters was rung for the service by a band composed entirely of ladies.

Tea was partaken of at the A.B.C. Tea Rooms nearby, after which the meeting was held at the Church Hall, Mrs. Deal presiding. One new member, Miss K. Bradford, was elected, and the officers were re-elected en bloc.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Beaconsfield, Bucks, about the third week in September.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for conducting the service, and to the preacher (who had just returned from Australia) for his excellent address, also to the organist and choir for their services.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower for further ringing. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Davies and their daughter Gwladys from Liverpool, and Miss H. F. Mills, of Aldershot.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES THOMAS REW.

NEARLY FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. James Thomas Rew, of Redbourne, Lincolnshire, who collapsed and died suddenly at his home on Wednesday, June 8th, at the age of 74.

The funeral took place on Saturday, June 11th, the service being conducted by the Vicar of Redbourne.

Mr. Rew was connected with change ringing for nearly 50 years, commencing his career at the Church of All Saints, Sheffield. He afterwards became attached to the Sheffield Cathedral company, and was an active member of that band until his retirement from work 13 years ago, when he left to take up residence in Redbourne, where he strove hard to stimulate interest in the art of ringing amongst the youths of the village.

He rang 11 peals for the Yorkshire Association, of which he was a non-resident life member. Although he did not indulge to a very great extent in peal ringing, he was nevertheless a staunch Sunday service ringer. His acts of generosity and his sociable disposition earned for him many friends, especially amongst the ringing fraternity, where he was respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

Mr. Rew expressed a desire to have the handbells rung over his grave in the event of his death, and this last mark of respect was successfully carried out by four of his ringing friends from the Sheffield Cathedral, who rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples as follows: Hezekiah Thorpe 1-2, John Thorpe 3-4, Sidney F. Palmer 5-6, Ernest A. Thorpe 7-8.

FIFTY-SEVEN PEALS RECORDED.

On Sunday, a peal board was unveiled at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, recording 57 peals rung on the bells. The board is the gift of the Sunday service ringers, and the work of one of their number. It is of neat and handsome appearance, and is a record to be proud of for a village band, as the local ringers have taken part in all the peals recorded.

The board was dedicated at a special service held for the dedication of churchyard improvements, and before the service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung by: R. Allsop 1, B. Allsop 2, W. Blagshaw 3, E. Blackwell 4, H. Taylor 5, A. C. Wright 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, E. Derbyshire 8. It was the first quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8. After the service, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, in which J. Taylor took part instead of A. C. Wright, and with H. Taylor conducting.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE BELLS OF A LONDON CHURCH.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the Middlesex Association had taken up the case of the bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London, one of the churches in the West End of London scheduled to be pulled down and moved to the suburbs, under a scheme to build 45 churches in the diocese. In a letter to 'The Times' the Bishop of London said that everything in St. Andrew's Church would be moved into the new church, but they felt pretty sure that, although they might move a peal of eight, with tenor of 24 cwt., to one of these new churches, it would be almost impossible to expect them to build a tower sufficiently strong to carry them for ringing. The Middlesex Association, therefore, passed a resolution and sent it to the Bishop of London asking that these bells, if the tower was not sufficiently strong to hold them, should neither be broken up nor dispersed, nor put into a tower which could not hold them, but given to some tower in the diocese which was sufficiently strong for the bells to hang in for ringing. They had had a reply from the Bishop's secretary stating that the matter had been put into the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, the authority dealing with the new church. He (Mr. Trollope) had the opportunity of speaking to the Bishop of Willesden on the subject. The Bishop was greatly interested in the new church, but he knew nothing about the bells and undoubtedly, if they had not taken the matter up, the bells would have been placed somewhere, and they would never have heard any more about them, because there would certainly not have been a tower built to carry them if hung for ringing. He mentioned this matter to suggest that the secretaries and authorities of different associations should keep their eyes on cases like this and, when necessary, bring them before the proper authorities where a church was scheduled to be pulled down and where the bells could be saved, especially in a case like this where the bells were of considerable historical interest in the evolution of tuning.

Mr. Young suggested that some resolution from that Council might strengthen the action taken by the Middlesex Association. He was glad to hear the Middlesex Association had taken steps to prevent this well-known ring from being scattered.

Mr. Trollope said he would be pleased to propose such a resolution, which, if passed, could be sent to the Bishop of London. Not only would it have a good effect on these particular bells, but would give the London Diocesan authorities some idea that there existed a body such as the Council was (hear, hear).

Mr. C. T. Coles (who is secretary of the Middlesex Association) said he would be pleased to place at the disposal of the secretary of the Council such correspondence as he had had on this matter.

Mr. Trollope's motion was seconded by Mr. Young and agreed to, it being left to the Towers and Belfries Committee to deal with the subject.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow inquired whether the Council could take any action on the faculty, but the President replied that the difficulty with regard to faculties was to get any status on which to object to them. A faculty concerned only the parish affected, and no official body outside could, he believed, take objection. It must be a parishioner, and it was very difficult from outside to get an objection raised to faculties.

Mr. Trollope said in this case the matter was definitely settled. The objectors had gone to the High Court about it, and all objections had been overruled. The church was closed and being pulled down.

On the motion of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse, the reports of the Towers and Belfries Committee were then adopted.

BISHOP OF EXETER'S ADVICE TO CLERGY.

At this point the Bishop of Exeter arrived to give a diocesan welcome to the Council and to address the members.

The President said they were greatly honoured by the visit of the Bishop. It was only right that the Council should be reminded that the Exercise lost a very promising ringer in the Bishop's son, who was killed during the war. He commenced ringing at Hatfield about four years before his death and proved a very apt pupil. He soon mastered his bell and quickly picked up the four standard methods; he was a very keen ringer and became a member of the Herts Association. Although he had no opportunity for peal ringing, he was always in his place for service ringing on Sundays, so that they felt, apart from the fact that they were meeting in the Diocese of Exeter, they had some connection with the Bishop through his son, and for both reasons they felt very much honoured by his presence there that day (applause).

The Lord Bishop, who was cordially received, assured the Council that they were proud in Devonshire to welcome the Council. They wished in every way that the great cause of bellringing should be advanced by their visit. There were, perhaps, some towers in the county where a little more might be learned about scientific ringing, but if there was not a very advanced knowledge of it there was great keenness for ringing in the county. From time to time they had their meetings, and he could assure them they were very well attended. He had occasionally been privileged to address the ringers of Devon, and when he saw the churches full of men, keen, stolid, earnest ringers, he felt that the cause of bellringing would never lose its popularity in that county (hear, hear). His son, who used to ring at Hatfield, never had the privilege of ringing a peal, although he had looked forward to doing so, but he was killed just before he reached manhood. In memory of his son he (the Bisop) presented two bells to Hatfield, so that the tower now had a peal of ten. Continuing, the Bishop said he hoped the message the Council would give them would be to increase scientific ringing in Devon. Unless men were advancing they would not go to the towers; they must always be learning something (hear, hear), and unless they could keep before them something they could learn, they would after a time get slack and not turn up. When he was at Hatfield he used to make it a practice to go to the tower and say a prayer before the ringing began on Sunday, and that was one of the things he wished the clergy would do universally. He felt sure if it were done it would encourage ringers to be punctual at their ringing; nothing was so disappointing to the rest as when one or two turned up late (hear, hear). If the clergy were there to welcome them, he felt it acted as a gentle stimulant to punctuality. The Bishop concluded by again welcoming the Council and wishing them joy in their visit to the most lovely county in England.

The President thanked his lordship for his welcome to that lovely county, which they all acknowledged was one of the most beautiful in the country. 'We each have,' added Mr. Lewis, 'one other which we like to think is best' (laughter). What the Bishop had said about attendance, continued the President, went very much to their hearts. He had spoken of things which they had all experienced, and he hoped that the message to the clergy would reach them, and that more ringers would have the happy experience of being welcomed to their towers when they went to ring for the services (applause).

The Bishop then left the meeting.

THE STEDMAN COMMEMORATION SCHEME.

The Council dealt next with the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration finances. The President said the committee was appointed at Liverpool to take charge of the scheme, which had already been considered, of restoring the bells of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge. A number of meetings of the committee had been held in London and one meeting was held in Cambridge, when the scheme was laid before the Vicar and churchwardens, who accepted the Council's offer to restore the bells. The work done consisted of, first, building a reinforced concrete corbel course round the tower, 12ft. below the old supporting beams, and grouting all existing cracks in the tower. Secondly, new oak beams were laid on the corbel course and bolted to it. The old frame was dismantled, the joints readjusted, the frame strengthened and replaced in the tower, but turned through a right angle from its old position, in order that the heavier bells might swing parallel to the stronger walls. The bells were rehung with complete new fittings and on ball bearings, but with old-style elm headstocks. The ropes were let down to the ground floor and rope guides fixed. A new stove pipe was fitted in connection with the heating apparatus and let into the wall to pass the level of the reconstructed bell frame. Eight windows in the upper story of the tower were filled in with concrete to strengthen the tower, and all the remaining openings were wired to keep out birds. The inside of the upper part of the tower was whitewashed, a chiming apparatus fixed to replace the existing clocking apparatus, which was a great danger to the bells. The committee arranged for the work in the tower to be done, with Mr. F. W. Troup as architect, by Mr. W. Sindall, of Cambridge. The contract for the bells was given to Messrs. Taylor and Co. The committee arranged for the opening on December 5th last year, when many of the Council were present. The President added that he need not go into the details of those proceedings: they had been fully described in the Press, but as a committee they felt they owed a great deal to the help that was given to them by the authorities concerned, by the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Benedict's, the architect, the bell founder and the builder, and also to Corpus Christi College for the great assistance they gave them on the opening day (applause). There was one other question he ought to refer to, and it was this: the cost had come out slightly greater than was expected. That was due mainly to the stove pipe which had been mentioned. The old stove pipe went up the tower through the bell frame and close to some other timber, and out through the roof. It was not properly protected, so that there was great danger of the tower being burnt down, and the committee thought it advisable, in order that the bells and tower should be rendered safe, to instal a new stove pipe. Then there was a further complication. When the frame was turned through a right angle, it was not possible to take the pipe through the frame, as had been formerly done, and, on the recommendation of Mr. Troup, the flue was taken into the thickness of the wall below the bell frame and came out again well above the frame. That work put up the charges for extras from the builders, which had a reflection in the financial statement.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, treasurer of the fund, then presented the financial statement. The receipts included: Subscriptions and donations, £487 19s. 4d.; interest on bank deposit, £4 16s. 9d.; sale of booklet and ash tray souvenirs, less costs of production, £9 5s. 4d.; total £502 1s. 5d.

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LOUGHBOROUGH RINGERS' CHAPEL.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL REVISITED.

The first anniversary of the dedication of the Pryce Taylor memorial at Loughborough Parish Church was observed on Saturday week, when a large number of ringers from a wide area took advantage of the opportunity to revisit the ringers' chapel, with its artistic screen and unique enrichments in bell metal, which was constituted at the foot of the famous tower, by the generous gifts of Mr. E. Denison Taylor (head of the Loughborough bell foundry) and Mrs. Pryce Taylor, the widow.

About 130 ringers were present from Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Huntingdonshire, Rutlandshire, Lincolnshire and the district around Loughborough. Beautiful weather prevailed, and was in striking contrast to the terrific thunderstorm which occurred on the occasion of the dedication of the memorial twelve months ago.

A fully choral service was conducted by the Rector of Loughborough, Rev. Canon Briggs, the members of the Taylor family present being Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mrs. Kathleen Pryce Taylor (widow), and Mrs. Backhouse (sister of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor).

A TREASURE IN THE CHURCH.

Canon Briggs, in a short address after welcoming the visitors, said that was a unique service, and it was fitting that it should be held in the parish church of the town which contained the most renowned bell foundry in the world. That was the first anniversary of the dedication of the Taylor Memorial. During the past twelve months there had been a large number of visitors to the church, and everybody had expressed admiration, both of the conception of the memorial and of the splendid way in which it had been carried out. No one would deny that for centuries to come it would be a treasure in the church as something entirely unique in the whole country. Not only did they value it for its own sake, but also because it was the memorial of one who was held in great affection in this parish, as everywhere, whose name they would not readily forget. And, partly, they valued it because it was a memorial to a firm which was held in high honour amongst them, a firm which had contained several members, now gone to their rest, who held a great place in the parish.

It was not only a memorial to them, but, by the generosity of Mr. Taylor, a memorial to those ringers who had taken their share in the ringing of those bells. He did not think he was betraying a secret when he said Mr. Taylor intended to put up, along with the names of his own family, the names of ringers who had served at that church. Every effort was being made to get all the names, as they did not wish to miss anybody, and they would be grateful if any omissions were pointed out.

The Rector then read out the following list, while the congregation stood in memory: John William Taylor, sen. (1827-1906), John William Taylor, jun. (1853-1919), Pryce Taylor (1891-1927), Amos Cresser, Charles Smith, Sam Smith, Joseph Hardy, W. Birkinshaw, Arthur R. Aldham, E. Wightman, W. A. Tyler, Ernest Abbott, Horace Abbott, William Thorley, F. Farrow, Joe Ward, Thos. Grundy, sen., Thomas Grundy, jun., Alf. Fewkes, Jas. Hood, Henry Bramley, George Cook, Wm. Fewkes, J. L. Wells, Arthur Matthews, James Cook and Harry Bradley.

The ringers were afterwards entertained at tea by Mr. E. Denison Taylor in the Fearon Hall.

Acknowledging the hospitality of their host, as characteristic of the Taylor family, Canon Briggs said the firm not only did their business on a commercial basis, but had the true artistic sense, which had been noticed by many distinguished people he had taken to the foundry.

A HALLOWED SPOT.

Mr. Denison Taylor, who was given a cordial reception, expressed his appreciation of the presence of so many ringers to do honour to the memory of his nephew, Pryce Taylor. It would be five years on the fifteenth of next month since he passed away, and his relatives still felt his loss acutely, and they were grateful that so many ringers should show their desire to keep his memory green.



MEN OF LONG SERVICE.

This group was photographed at Loughborough on the occasion of the Pryce Taylor Memorial gathering. Front row, left to right: Rev. Canon Briggs, Mrs. Pryce Taylor, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mrs. Backhouse (sister of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor), and Rev. F. W. Pratt. Second row: Edward Reader (Loughborough), R. H. Bartram (Melton Mowbray), three Midland lady ringers, and Richard F. Lane (Loughborough). At the back: E. Cartwright (Loughborough), C. Dickens (Beeston), A. Coppock (Nottingham), J. H. Swinfield (Burton-on-Trent), S. Cotton (Leicester), Harry Chapman (Keystone), J. Scott (Uppingham), William E. White (Cotgrave), P. Price (Beeston), James Hutchby (Loughborough), C. Harriman (Loughborough), James George (Birmingham), Albert Ward (Derby), and J. Booth (Kegworth). Each of the ringers (except the ladies) in the photograph have over forty years' ringing to their credit. [Photo: H. Woods, Loughborough.

It was on June 6th last year that the graceful screen, presented by his widow, was solemnly dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester, and it was the suggestion of their much esteemed Rector that they should meet every year on or near that date in token of their regard. Mrs. Pryce Taylor had again made a special journey from London to be present (applause).

The Rector's charming idea of a ringers' corner in their lovely old parish church was now completed, and—to quote from 'The Ringing World'—'Loughborough now possesses a noble memorial of 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 time to come' (applause).

The two bronze bas-reliefs, of his father and brother John, were in position, and a suggestion to record in bronze the names of past Loughborough ringers was under careful consideration. There was room also for another tablet to commemorate a new record peal—say 5,000 Superlative Surprise by a band of Loughborough lady ringers (laughter). But to beat the Appleton record would mean thirteen or fourteen hours' continuous ringing, and he did not think Loughborough people, especially those near the church, were yearning greatly to see a tablet erected to record that feat (laughter).

Mr. Taylor added that, by a coincidence, that day was the 13th anniversary of the passing of Pryce Taylor's father, his own brother John, who died on June 4th, 1919. At his suggestion, the company stood in silence, 'in memory of an excellent father and worthy son.' He expressed appreciation of the kindness of Canon Briggs in making the arrangements for the service, to the churchwardens for their presence, and to all those ladies who had so ungrudgingly given their services to provide such an excellent tea. Canon Briggs also added a few words, and, after commenting upon the generosity of the Taylor family to the parish church, said that it was intended to regard the anniversary each year as part of a ringers' week-end, and the offertories on the Sunday following the meeting were to be given to the ringers' fund.

The two churchwardens, Mr. F. G. Webber and Mr. W. W. Lax, spoke in appreciation of the part played in worship by bellringers.

On behalf of the ringers, Mr. William White (Cotgrave) and Mr. James George (Rugby) thanked Mr. Taylor for his hospitality, Mr. George mentioning that he had had the honour of ringing with Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., Mr. Denison and Mr. Pryce Taylor.

More ringing then followed at the parish church and on the light ring of ten bells at the Bell Foundry campanile. A privilege, which was greatly enjoyed by many of the visitors, was the opportunity of looking round the famous Bell Foundry. In one big shop four bell frames were in course of construction, one cast-iron frame being for the recast ring of ten bells for Solihull Parish Church, Warwickshire; another for a ring of eight bells for Harwell Church, Berkshire; a third for the ring of six bells at Menheniot Parish Church, Cornwall; whilst the fourth was a huge timber frame in English oak, made for eight bells, for the peal at the famous church at Widecombe-in-the-Moor, Devon. Other peals which were receiving attention at the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. included Debenham, Stagsden, Bridford, Alsager, Christchurch Priory, and Dodderhill. The 'Westminster' chimes resounded beautifully from a set of five bells which are to be exhibited at the Leicester Pageant later in the month and eventually to be shipped out to Egypt.

AN OXFORDSHIRE RING RESTORED.

OLD MARSTON BELLS REHUNG.

On Wednesday evening, June 8th, the bells of the Parish Church of St. Lawrence, Old Marston, near Oxford, were rededicated in the presence of a huge congregation which filled the delightful old church to the utmost. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and included a special choral programme, which was excellently rendered by the choir, to the accompaniment of the organ and a set of tubular bells.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild, preached an excellent sermon, dealing chiefly with the care and use of church bells. This address, in the opinion of those who heard it, would be well worth printing in pamphlet form for the guidance of incumbents and those responsible for the care and upkeep of our belfries.

At the conclusion of the service, an opening 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by: Richard White (Appleton) 1, R. A. Post (Headington) 2, Frederick Sharpe (conductor) (Launton) 3, S. Taylor (Oxford University Society) 4, W. F. Judge (Oxford) 5, after which the bells were open to visiting ringers, and the ringing was continued until a late hour.

The bells are a light ring of five, cast by Taylor, of Oxford, in 1823, and just rehung, with cast-iron headstocks and ball bearings in an oak frame by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton.

The frame is truly a joy to behold, especially in these days when perfectly seasoned English oak is hard to obtain, and one fervently hopes that the source of the supply of such fine timber may last for many years to come. The whole job embodies all the traditional master craftsmanship of the White family, and the 'go' of the bells was pronounced to be excellent by all.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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The payments had been: Messrs. Taylor and Co., amount of contract, £289; Mr. Sindall, builder, amount of contract, £132; Mr. F. W. Troup, architect's fees, £21 18s. 3d.; Birmingham Art Guild, tablet, £22 3s.; cost of faculty, £5 5s.; printing, postages, and incidentals, £12 7s. 2d.; leaving a balance of £19 8s.

There was, continued the treasurer, actually at that moment in the bank £24 4s., but there was the account owing to builders for extras of £50 13s. 6d., which meant they had to find £26 19s. 6d. more in order to settle the builder's account. Then there would be his expenses as treasurer, about £2 10s., and the committee's traveling expenses, of which he had not yet had a note, so that the Council would see that there was about £30 to find.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) said the Standing Committee at their meeting that morning recommended that the Council should advance the money necessary to pay the accounts outstanding.

The President then formally moved the adoption of the report and recommendation.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded.

THE CARE OF STEDMAN'S BELLS.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor said at the meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Derby at Easter he felt compelled to make some remarks about the use of Stedman's bells, and those remarks called forth a letter in 'The Ringing World.' He therefore felt he ought to put plainly before the Council what he thought about the whole matter. He maintained that Stedman's bells in the tower of St. Benedict's Church were no ordinary ring of bells; indeed, they were a priceless possession, and their first thought should be for the care of the bells, a watchful solicitude to guard against any risk of damage, and he did not consider that every care was being taken if novices were allowed to begin to learn their ringing there, and to bump the stays against the sliders. He did not know that any stays had been broken, but it might easily happen, with the ropes in the hands of beginners. He maintained that ringing at St. Benedict's should be by experts only, whether it be for Sunday services or for other purposes, and if no experts wished to ring these historic bells, it would be a pity, but it would be much wiser to leave the bells unrung ('No.'). Well, that was his opinion. He gathered that, in the main, it was novices who were now ringing the bells. Why should they not learn their ringing in another tower? When they had mastered the art, then they could ring for the Sunday service on Stedman's bells. In response to the call of a few leaders the whole Exercise had come forward nobly and achieved the restoration of the bells. The work had been done with, he must say, almost reverent care, and to think that beginners might bump the stays and twist the cannons off the bells was something he shuddered to think about (applause).

Mr. Walter Ayre proposed a vote of thanks to all those who did the actual work in connection with the preparation and carrying out of the scheme, including Mr. J. S. Goldsmith for what he did in the Press, the president and secretary of the Council, the hon. treasurer, and all the other members of the committee.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

The President said the committee appreciated that vote of thanks. It was entirely a pleasure to have anything to do with the whole job; it all went so smoothly, and no one enjoyed the afternoon at Cambridge and all that led up to it more than the committee did.

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked if the president could give the Council the committee's views on what Mr. Taylor had said.

The President: The committee have not considered it.

Major Hesse said there was a very great deal in what Mr. Taylor had said. He thought it was all wrong that youngsters should learn to handle a bell on bells such as these. Let them by all means ring them when they could handle a bell, but let them learn elsewhere. If the cannons were broken they could not replace them, but he would not go so far as to say the bells should not be rung at all.

Mr. Taylor: Never by novices.

Major Hesse: I think I agree there. It would be deplorable if the bells should not be rung, but I do think they should be rung by people who can handle bells.

The President: I am told the members of the young band are handling their bells very well indeed. I would like to ask Mr. Taylor if it would not be possible to put on soft wood stays?

Major Hesse asked how many stays had been broken, and was informed by a member in touch with those who had been training the youngsters at St. Bene't's that none had been broken so far.

Mr. Taylor said there was an inclination to put on strong wood stays, and if there was a strong stay the bell might bump and twist the cannons off.

Canon Coleridge asked if was a fact that Cambridge University men, when they broke a stay, had to pay a fine, and hang the stay in their room, like an oar as a trophy of the race (laughter).

The President: My reply to that is, in my time we did not break them (laughter). I have an oar, but not a stay (laughter and applause).

The report was then adopted, as was also the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

(To be continued.)

DEATH OF VETERAN BURTON RINGER.

ONE OF A FAMOUS BAND.

It is with deep regret that we record the death, at the age of 71 years, of Mr. Edward Isaac Stone, of Burton-on-Trent, who passed away, after an operation, at Burton Infirmary, on June 5th.

With the death of Mr. Stone, another link with one of the most famous bands of ringers in history is snapped. Fifty years ago the company at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, was the most progressive eight-bell band in the country. They were the real pioneers of Surprise ringing, for, while a few peals of Superlative, one true one of Cambridge and three of London, had been rung in the previous sixty years, it was the Burton men who first blazed the trail of modern Surprise practice. Having thoroughly mastered Double Norwich in 1882, they rang in 1884 the first peal of Superlative that had been scored for seven years, and the second since 1855. In 1887, when other bands began to take up the method, they turned their attention to Cambridge, and rang their first peal of it in February. The only previous true peal in the method had been rung at Benington in 1873. After Cambridge, came London, the peal being obtained in September, 1887, the fourth on record and the first since that at Benington in 1870. The peal of Superlative in 1884 has been described as 'truly epoch-making.' It ushered in, wrote the Rev. C. D. P. Davies in the history of Surprise ringing, 'another and very different era. It was the first ripple of a tide that from that day forth has never ceased to flow with steady and continuous stream. The company which inaugurated this happy state of affairs was that of St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, who for some years splendidly maintained the lead and took a prominent share in the full establishment of that age of enterprise and enthusiasm, in which we fortunately still find ourselves.'

Edwards Isaac Stone took part in all these early achievements, others with whom he was associated being William Wakley, Arthur Wakley, Harry Wakley, Joseph Griffin, John Jaggar, George Appleby, Thomas Holmes and John Austin. It was these peals and a number of others in the three old Surprise methods that gave the first real impetus to ringing in the highest methods, and the men mentioned above will always be looked upon as pioneers in this department who made history.

Mr. Stone had been a member of the Midland Counties Association since its formation, and after the death of Mr. Wm. Wakley he was made captain of St. Paul's Society, a position he filled with distinction for nearly 20 years, only giving up on account of ill-health. He had rung 222 peals for the Midland Counties Association.

In addition to his services to the church as a ringer, Mr. Stone had been a member of the choir from boyhood, and the funeral service at St. Paul's Church on Wednesday of last week was attended by the organist and choir as well as members of St. Paul's Society. The bells were rung muffled before the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by: J. H. Swinfield 1-2, J. Jaggar 3-4, M. Swinfield 5-6, J. George 7-8. Afterwards a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the tower bells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ENCOURAGING MEETING IN CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

In contrast to some recent meetings in the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the meeting at Esher, a six-bell tower, on Saturday week, was most encouraging, for during the afternoon and evening nearly 40 ringers were present, and some excellent practice was put in in elementary methods for the benefit of beginners. Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Dr. J. K. Floyer), who recalled his association many years ago with men so well known in the Exercise as the late Sir Arthur Heywood, Canon Cattley, of Worcester, and Capt. Acland Troyte, and spoke of the duties which devolved upon bellringers as churchworkers.

After tea, to which 32 sat down, the business meeting was presided over by the Rector, who, amid applause, was elected an hon. member of the Guild. The following were elected ringing members: Messrs. G. Bristowe, F. Bristowe, F. Philpott (Esher), W. Bowen (Weybridge), F. Gentile and W. Underwood (Ottershaw). Mr. Brooker and Mrs. Chaffey (Ottershaw) were elected hon. members.

Mr. A. H. Pulling gave a report on the proceedings at the Central Council meeting, and the general hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) made an appeal for a keener interest in the Guild in the Chertsey District. He was glad to say that there were appearances of this beginning, as shown by that excellent meeting, and the encouraging fact that the Guild had been asked to help in change ringing practices at Oatlands Church, where, hitherto, their organisation had not been welcomed. He announced that the Guild's Summer Festival was to be held in that district, at Weybridge, on July 9th, when the members were to be the guests of the Rector.

Mr. W. R. Melville proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Esher for his permission to hold the meeting, for the service and for his address, and to the local ringers for their assistance in the arrangements.—Dr. Floyer, in responding, remarked that they had just lost one of their oldest ringing members, Mr. Frederick Bowdler, who was laid to rest on the previous Saturday. He had been a ringer at Esher for about fifty years, and a muffled peal was rung in his memory.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAW JAMES COMMEMORATION DINNER SUGGESTED.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Lincoln on Saturday, June 4th, and proved very successful. Amongst the towers represented were Bardney, Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Blankney, Burton-on-Stather, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Haxey, Heckington, Lincoln (Cathedral and St. Peter-at-Gowts), Metheringham, Nettleham, Scotherne, Ulceby, Upton, Welton and Willingham. There were also present Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. J. Phillips (secretary of the Eastern Branch), and Mrs. East, Collingham. An apology of absence was received from Mr. G. Atkinson on behalf of the Thornton Curtis members.

The bells of the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's were available during the afternoon and evening.

The service, in co-operation with the Lincoln Diocesan Guilds' Union Festival, was held in the nave of the Cathedral. A large congregation assembled to take part in the very impressive service, at which the preacher was the Archbishop of York (Dr. Temple).

Subsequently eighty-nine members and friends sat down to tea at the Co-operative Cafe. Mr. F. F. Linley presided at the business meeting, and was supported by Canon H. T. Parry (president of the Grimsby District), Rev. R. Bond, Grayingham, Rev. W. L. Mann, Partney, and members of the committee.

The balance sheet and secretary's report for 1931 were adopted, and the whole of the officers re-elected, with thanks for their past services.

Mr. Charles Tye (Metheringham), Mr. W. J. Cleaver (Blankney) and Miss Adeline A. Stokes (Blankney) were elected members of the Guild.

The arrangements for the 1933 annual meeting at Gainsborough were left in the hands of the district secretary.

Mr. F. W. Stokes (Guild secretary) expressed a wish that conductors of peals would furnish him with a copy of the composition as early as possible, thus enabling the annual report to be printed earlier than in recent years, and giving it the opportunity of being in the hands of all the members by the Guild annual meeting.

After discussion it was agreed that all matter for insertion should be received by him not later than the last day of February.

Mr. Geo. Chester and Mr. R. Richardson made a very urgent appeal to the members to give their hearty support to 'The Ringing World.' Their statements were thoroughly endorsed by Canon Parry and Mr. Phillips, and it is hoped that their attempt to increase its circulation may not have been made in vain.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean and Chapter for the inspiring service. Mr. Linley made reference to the fact that this was the thirty-third year of his election as president of the Northern Branch. He gave an interesting outline of the former Diocese of Lincoln, and alluded to the bells of St. Peter-at-Arches, expressing the hope that at some future date their sound might once again go forth and be heard in the city.—In reply, the Rev. R. Bond spoke of both the church and the bells of St. Giles', Lincoln, being some day reconstructed.

Mr. C. McGuiness proposed that a recommendation be forwarded to the other branches respecting a commemorative dinner in honour of the Rev. H. Law James to be held annually as near the anniversary of his birthday (November 18th) as possible.—This was seconded by Canon Parry and agreed to by the members present.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean and Chapter and the incumbents of St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's for the use of the bells, to the caterers for the excellent tea provided, also to Mr. Geo. Chester and others who had helped to make the necessary arrangements.

This concluded the business and brought to a close a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TWO MORE TOWERS FOR WEST DORSET BRANCH.

A meeting of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Beaminster on Saturday, and was well attended, those present including the Dorchester branch secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings). It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Broadwindsor on Saturday, September 3rd. The Rev. C. C. Cox (chairman of the branch) said he was very pleased to say that he had two more towers to be elected to the Guild, namely, Chideock and Thorncombe. He regretted that the bells at Thorncombe were in a very bad state, but the ringers of both towers were very keen.

Mr. F. Bugler proposed that the sum of £2 2s. be granted to Thorncombe for the restoration of the bells, to be paid when the fund was opened.

The Rev. C. C. Cox emphasised the need of increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and asked all members present to do their utmost to encourage its sale. The paper was, he said, run by a very efficient ringer, and he would like to see the net sales increased.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Beaminster for the use of bells, etc., to Rev. Battersby for conducting the service and giving the address, also to the organist and to the ladies waiting at tea.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. These bells go well to all methods.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and general meeting in Wade Street Schools at 5. Charge for tea, 9d. for those who have paid their subscriptions; to others 1s. 3d.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. A ringing meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, Manchester (8 bells), on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LAVENHAM. — All ringers welcomed to the 121st anniversary, June 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Old friends and new please note.—Stedman H. Symonds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Mrs. Trotman's, Linden Cottage.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at West Deeping (6 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will take place at Knowle, near Birmingham, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge. Visitors will be welcomed. — D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Andover District. — Quarterly meeting at Woolton Hill, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also those of Highclere (8) and East Woodhay (5) Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown, Newbury.

TAMWORTH PARISH CHURCH, STAFFS. — On Tuesday evening, June 21st, the Archdeacon of Stafford will dedicate the peal of eight bells restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division and The Leeds and District Society. — A joint meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. R. Umpleby, 630, Leeds Road, Thackley, not later than June 22nd. Further particulars on circulars. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, H. Lofthouse, Dis. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Wattisfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (5) available from 2 p.m. Also at Walsham-le-Willows (6), Ixworth (6), Hepworth (5). (Not Bardwell). Tea in the schools at 4.30, free to all sending word by June 20th. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. J. C. Taylor, 51, Laverack Street, Handsworth, Sheffield, by the 21st for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 309th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. Hot lunch, 3s. per head, at 1.15 p.m. Will all those requiring lunch please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 21st?—Leonard E. Pitstow, 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting, Bigby bells (6), Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in School Room, at a moderate charge. Business meeting after tea. Numbers for tea to the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby Lincs, not later than Wednesday, June 22nd.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, June 25th. All Saints' bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 21st?—Miss H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at the Dolphin Inn at 5.15. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, June 22nd.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Good bus services from St. Albans, Luton and Welwyn. All welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Burnham on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea for those who send their names not later than June 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Red Lion at 5. Please let me have numbers for tea by next Wednesday. — A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Members admitted to garden fête in Rectory Close free of charge. Tea at moderate charge. All members and friends invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Privett, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Holy Trinity Church 4.30. Tea in the Vicarage by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Putt. Business meeting follows. Will those who wish to accept the invitation to tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 22nd.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton, Hants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting at Daventry on Saturday, June 25th.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. The summer meeting will be held at Checkendon on Sat., June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea. All members and friends are welcome. Please let me know by Wednesday, June 22nd, of your intention of being present.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec. 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. Subscriptions due.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Pucklechurch on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, 22nd inst. Bus No. 19a leaves Old Market Street every hour at five minutes past. Return fare 1s.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 22nd?—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The bells, having been restored and rehung in new iron frame by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Ipswich on Friday evening, July 1st, at 7 o'clock. A short touch will be rung by the local band during the ceremony and the bells will afterwards be available for visitors up to 9.30. It is proposed to hold a meeting of the Suffolk Guild on July 16th, details of which will appear later. — W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All ringers welcomed. Please advise me if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting Darley Dale, July 2nd. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.45 p.m. at Schools. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting at Church Inn. Application for tea (1s. 6d. per head) must be made to Mr. G. H. Paulson, Churchtown, Darley Dale, near Matlock, *not later* than June 30th to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (12), recently augmented by John Taylor and Co., will be available all day; also Milford-on-Sea (8). Meeting at 2.30 in the Church Hall. Service in the Priory at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the garden of the King's Arms Hotel (if wet in the Church Hall) at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, by June 29th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Worplesdon (instead of Chiddingfold) Saturday, July 2nd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send numbers for tea by June 25th to G. L. Grover, East Clandon, near Guildford.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Queensbury, near Halifax, on July 2nd. Draw 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea, 1s. 6d. each, send not later than June 27th to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 29th? All ringers welcome? — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church 4.15.

Preacher, the Vicar. Tea, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. each. Please notify Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, 4, Temperance Terrace, York Road, Market Weighton, by Thursday, June 30th. Details in circular.—Horace S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Knowle, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HOWDEN CHURCH, YORKS.—On Thursday, July 7th, at 2.30 p.m., His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York will dedicate the new ring of eight bells installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to replace the peal destroyed by fire in 1929. There will also be a service at 7.30 in the evening. Preacher, the Bishop of Durham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Summer Festival will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, July 9th. Further details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —Next meeting will be held at Barton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to those who notify me by the 6th ult.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Hale) after service. All ringers welcome. Please notify me as soon as possible. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, July 9th. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, July 9th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

GREAT NESS, near Shrewsbury. — The augmented ring of 6 (tenor recast and 3 new trebles added and re-hung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Friday, July 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea and refreshments provided at the Vicarage after the service, and those intending to be present are asked to notify the Rev. F. Brighton, The Vicarage, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, July 13th. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. —The annual festival will be held at Oxford (D.V.) on Saturday, July 16th. Details of arrangements will be published later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Shenley on Saturday, June 4th, and was well attended by members from Bletchley, Beachampton, Bradwell, Fenny Stratford, Hanslope, Loughton, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Newton Longville, Sympson, Stony Stratford, Weston Underwood, Whaddon, and the local tower, numbering about 70 in all. A short service was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Boys, Rector of Shenley, the Guild form of service being used. The address was given by the Rev. C. O. Hann (Vicar of Newton Longville).

Tea was provided on the Rectory lawn, and was followed by the business meeting.

The secretary, Mr. W. Sear, presented the statement of accounts, which showed a balance of £12 5s. in hand, as compared with £11 19s. last year. Including £10 invested in War Loan, the branch had funds in hand totalling £22 5s. In presenting his annual report, the secretary stated that the membership had been well maintained, and was this year 179, against 175 last year. Quarterly meetings had been well attended and good work done.

On the proposition of the chairman, the balance sheet and report were adopted.

The Rev. L. Mixon, Vicar of Newport Pagnell, was again re-elected chairman, and Mr. W. Sear was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The Master of the Guild, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, congratulated the North Bucks Branch on its strength, and made a strong appeal for support for 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) also spoke on business matters relating to the Guild, and both expressed their satisfaction at the way North Bucks was progressing. They congratulated those responsible for its success.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Shenley for making such splendid arrangements for the service, and to the caterers for providing such a well-served tea. This was responded to by the Rev. W. E. Boys.

The bells of both Shenley and Loughton were rung during the afternoon and evening to various methods.

BECKENHAM.—At St. George's Church, on Saturday, June 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Martin 1, P. Mock 2, W. Hollamby 3, H. Hawkes 4, G. Wickens 5, S. Humphrey (first in the method) 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Rawlings 8. Rung for the service at which a memorial window to the late Canon Arnott, Rector of this church for 34 years, was dedicated by Bishop Harmer.

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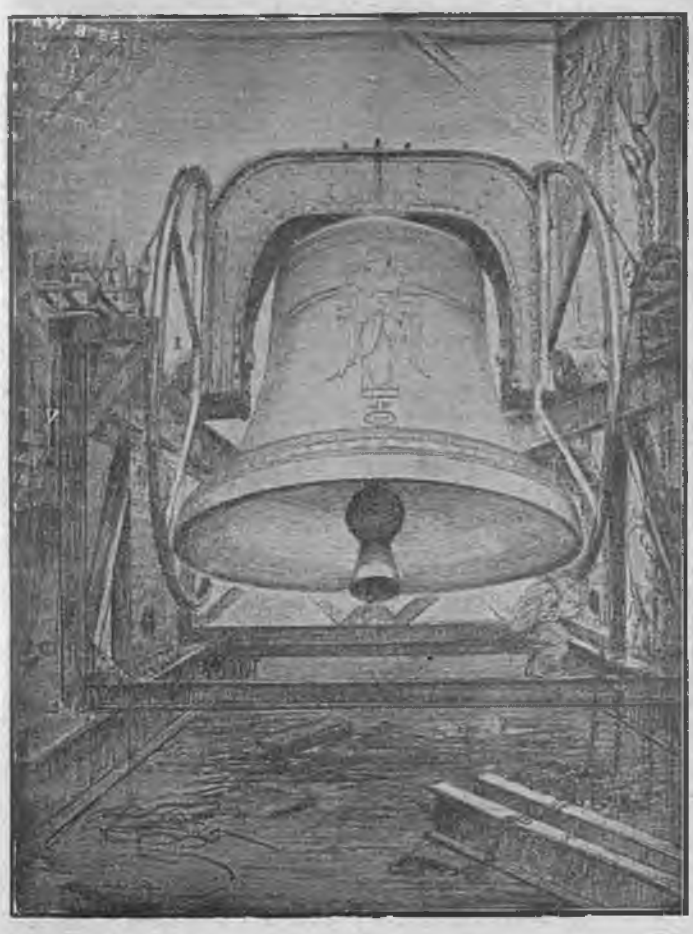

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COUNCIL'S PROPOSED NEW RULES.

The members of the Central Council are to have twelve months to think over the proposed alterations to their rules, which the special committee appointed at the Liverpool meeting have submitted for consideration. There is no need for hurry in a matter of this kind; when changes of constitution are involved it is better to 'make haste slowly.' In the alterations contemplated, however, the associations, as well as the members of the Council, are directly interested, and may feel that they have a right to voice their opinions. They have been given the opportunity of doing so in the interval before the London meeting. There are three main points in the proposed alterations in which the associations are directly concerned.

In the first place it is proposed that the tie between the Council and the associations shall be made definite by an act of affiliation. Hitherto any recognised ringing society of not less than 75 members has been entitled to elect members of the Council, and from that point, except for paying the annual contribution, the association's connection with the Council ceased—the Council is a thing apart. The amended rules seek to make the Council the central organisation of the associations—an organisation of which the associations are themselves an integral part. It is an important and, in our opinion, valuable step forward in drawing closer together the community of interests which exists among the fifty important ringing societies. If this principle of definite association in a central organisation is recognised, it is a natural corollary that the societies, in return, should undertake to abide by the decisions of the Council in matters relating to the general practice of the art of ringing, which it is the object of the Council and individual associations to foster. Most of the associations have already pledged themselves to accept the Council's decisions, but under the amended rules such acceptance would be a sine quâ non of affiliation.

Another matter in which the associations are directly affected by the proposed changes is the question of representation. Each society is entitled to elect representatives in a certain proportion according to membership, but on what basis the membership is to be calculated—whether it should include non-resident life members or only annual subscribing members—is not specified. The suggested new rules exclude from the calculation of the basis of representation non-resident life members who, of course, are represented through the association in whose area they live. As only territorial societies will come under this provision, societies of a national character like the College Youths and the Ladies' Guild will not be

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affected, and while none of the societies at present qualified are likely to lose their entire right to representation, the proposed change may serve to equalise the balance of representation of the larger associations, who are limited to a maximum of four members, by slightly reducing the representation of some of the smaller bodies. Up to the present, also, an association contributes to the Council's funds only in proportion to the number of representatives it elects, so that if a society entitled to four members decides to elect only one, it pays only one fee, although it derives all the advantages of a society which pays for four members. It is on this point that associations who do not elect the full quota of representation will be affected financially. Under the new rules, if they are adopted, they will be required to subscribe the affiliation fee for the full number of members they are entitled to elect. Here, then, are the chief points in the proposed alterations of the Council's rules which affect the associations throughout the country, and on these matters their representatives may like to know the feeling of their members.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

MRS. E. K. FLETCHER	*Treble*	RALPH COLES	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	8
MRS. R. F. DEAL	3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	9
CHARLES T. COLES	4	EDWARD R. COLES	10
WALTER F. JUDGE	5	EDWARD D. SMITH	11
*GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	6	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Cinques.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	*Treble*	FREDERICK BIGGS	7
FRED HAYES	2	FRANK WEST	8
RALPH COLES	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	9
RICHARD A. POST	4	P.S CECIL A. SMITH	10
FRANK BORRHAM	5	F. DONALD BORRHAM	11
ROLAND BIGGS	6	*EDWARD CROXFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

* First peal. Messrs. Post and Judge are from Oxford, the remainder are resident Bucks men.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

BERTIE O. SODEN	*Treble*	HARRY MARLOW	6
TOM LAW	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	7
*ARTHUR ROBINSON	3	ARTHUR H. TAYLOR	8
TOM TEBBUTT	4	JOHN J. TAYLOR	9
JOSEPH C. DEAN	5	HARRY WILKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by A. H. TAYLOR.

* First peal on ten. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung in honour of the Children's Festival, also as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWYN ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS WITTS	6
THOMAS PRICE	2	HARRY NEWMAN	7
TRAVERS PRICHARD	3	GEORGE ORCHARD	8
ALBERT WRIGHT	4	ERNEST DAVIES	9
CÆSAR DAVIES	5	LESLIE BARRY	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

*STANLEY G. MOSS ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD E. SYMONDS	6
HARRY R. ROPER	2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	7
JOHN W. WARD	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	8
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	4	FREDERICK J. TILLETT ...	9
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ...	5	ERNEST FITCH	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*RONALD H. DOVE ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES A. HUGHES	6
†CHARLES T. COLES	2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN	7
ERNEST W. PYE	3	FRED C. MAYNARD	8
GEORGE R. PYE...	4	WILLIAM PYE	9
‡GEORGE B. COLLINS	5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN.	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 750th peal. ‡ First peal on tower bells and in the method. Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to the conductor (June 5th).

REIGATE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

WALTER CLAYDON ...	...*Treble*	BERNARD H. WELLS	6
RICHARD V. FULLER	2	HAROLD C. HYGATE	7
FRANK JEAL	3	HUGH R. THORPE	8
JAMES H. JUDD	4	GEORGE F. HOAD	9
RONALD A. TUFFIN	5	HENRY A. HOAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY Conducted by G. F. HOAD.
First peal of Stedman Caters by eight of the band. First peal in the method by a resident band since the formation of the Southern District.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS NEWMAN	6
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS	2	ALFRED PYE...	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	3	GEORGE RADLEY	8
JOHN POTTER	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	9
LEONARD BAYBUTT	5	WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells, also by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 8th.

BECKENHAM.—On Saturday, June 18th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. Smith (conductor) 1, P. Meek (first in the method) 2, W. Hollamby 3, H. Hawkes 4, W. Martin 5, S. Humphrey (first in the method) 6, G. Wickens 7, W. Rawlings 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT FULCHER	5
SALEM GOODSWEN	2	GEORGE GOWER	6
CYRIL BARBER	3	CHARLES LOOME	7
WILLIAM FLATT	4	ERNEST WHITING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by E. WHITING.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*HAROLD QUANTRILL ..	...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. BASON	5
GEORGE HOWCHIN	2	ALBERT G. WARNES	6
*CHARLES H. MOORE	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
GEORGE MAYERS	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, June 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 34¾ cwt.

*JOHN W. J. COTTAM ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ...	2	ALBERT NASH	6
†TOM BROTHWELL	3	ERNEST WAGSTAFFE	7
CHARLES POULTENEY ...	4	T. COLIN RYDER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. NASH.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FRANK BUCKLAND ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ...	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	*EDGAR G. SWIFT	6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ...	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
*CHARLES H. PULLEN ...	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
GEORGE HOWLETT	2	CECIL BARRETT	6
WILLIAM FLATT	3	RUSSELL RICHES...	7
CHARLES LOOME	4	ERNEST WHITING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. PALMER	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	NORMAN C. LEWIS	6
WILLIAM H. WAIN	3	WILLIAM SWAIN	7
JOHN P. TARLTON	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
First peal of Oxford on the bells.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 24⅓ cwt.

JOHN ISON ... ...*Treble*		PERCY A. ALDHAM 5	
*JOSEPH B. FENTON 2		FRED COTTON 6	
ALFRED BALLARD 3		JOSEPH A. FENTON 7	
ERNEST W. TIPLER 4		THOMAS PITTHAM ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

* First peal of Stedman.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF IRTHLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CLIFTON NEWMAN ... ...*Treble*		HARRY CHAMBERS 5	
FREDERICK PALMER 2		ARTHUR BIGLEY 6	
JAMES T. WARD 3		ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7	
JOHN J. MAWBY 4		WALTER PERKINS ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

The first peal ever rung in the method. All the band are Irthlingborough men, and are regular Sunday service ringers. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. Lidster, B.A., who has now become Vicar of Aylestone, Leicestershire.

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

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

RICHARD C. INGRAM ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM J. MEERS 5	
JONATHAN PRESTON 2		FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6	
*WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 3		GEORGE F. SWANN 7	
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4		WILLIAM DAVIES ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung on the Feast of St. Barnabas, the patron saint of the church.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM PILLAR ... ...*Treble*		*SIDNEY BREEZE 5	
*FREDERICK ROBSON 2		ERNEST BURNETT 6	
THOMAS STEPHENSON ... 3		JOSEPH W. PARKER 7	
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4		ROBERT L. PATTERSON ...*Tenor*	

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER

* First peal in the method. Supposed to be first peal of Double Norwich in West Hartlepool. Ringers of 3rd, 4th, 7th and tenor hail from Sunderland, 6th from Kirkby Stephen, the rest belong to St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. MELLOR ... ...*Treble*		F. DUNKERLEY 5	
F. LAWTON 2		I. KAY 6	
T. COCKING 3		H. PLATT 7	
H. MELLOR 4		C. E. PLATT ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by H. PLATT.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung for the diamond jubilee of the church and as a compliment to the tenor ringer to celebrate his silver wedding.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... ...*Treble*		*ERIC G. BENNETT 5	
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 2		LESLIE G. BRETT 6	
GEORGE PRYKE 3		T. WILLIAM LAST 7	
GEORGE BENNETT 4		LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...*Tenor*	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN

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

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, June 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE F. HOAD ... ...*Treble*		ALFRED J. BULL 5	
*RICHARD FULLER 2		ARTHUR WILLETT 6	
ALFRED GEAR 3		WALTER CLAYDON 7	
JOHN FOSTER 4		CHARLES ALDWORTH ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB FIVE-PART, No. 75.

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... ...*Treble*		CHARLES DRAPER 5	
MAURICE SWINFIELD 2		JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6	
JOSEPH BAILEY 3		JAMES GEORGE 7	
CHARLES DICKEN 4		EDWARD C. GOBEY ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDONTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE ... ...*Treble*		TONY PRICE 5	
HERBERT J. SKELT 2		ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 6	
JOHN F. GALVER 3		DANIEL COOPER 7	
EDWARD G. TALBOT 4		CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal rung in the method and accomplished at first attempt.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD T. BAILEY ... ...*Treble*		ERNEST STITCH 5	
CHARLES H. PERRY 2		ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6	
BENJAMIN J. TOBY 3		JOHN DARCH 7	
GLYN I. LEWIS 4		EDWIN M. SMITH ... ...*Tenor*	

Transposed and Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. S. H. Stockwood, who was buried in the churchyard the previous day. He was a great friend of the ringers, and churchwarden at this church for 37 years.

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FELKIRK, YORKS.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, June 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of each of the following fourth's place Delight methods, viz.: Humber, Braintree, Merton, Charlwood, St. Albans and Neasden. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Lorna Boyd, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyd, Hodroyd House, Felkirk, and Mr. George W. H. Gardner, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. G. P. Gardner, of Knock, Belfast, who were married just previous to the peal. Mr. W. Boyd has been lay reader at this church for a good many years, and Mrs. Boyd secretary to the Mothers' Union.

BURCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, four callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*JOHN BATH ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST TOSSELL 4
CÆSAR DAVIES 2	JEFFERY TOSSELL 5
EDWARD J. AVERY 3	*EDWARD J. CROCKER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Doubles by all except conductor. First peal of Bob Doubles as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Minor. The tenor ringer, who was proposed a member before starting, took part at a minute's notice.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

*CHARLES SHEMMING ... ...*Treble*	VICTOR E. WALTERS 4
†WALTER LAYZELL 2	HERBERT SHEMMING 5
WILLIAM PRIME... 3	FREDERICK J. LONG ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. J. LONG.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are members of the Sunday service band.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

HAROLD ASTBURY ... ...*Treble*	JOHN BRASSINGTON 4
BRYAN FERNYHOUGH 2	ERIC B. ALLMAN 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... ... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6

*ROBERT MOSELEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

* First peal. Rung for the King's birthday after meeting short for Triples.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS ... ...*Treble*	JOHN BASS 4
NORMAN LEACH 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
HARRY PRICE 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob Minor by Norman Leach, who had not previously rung a 720 in a Treble Bob method.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 5, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE HULME ... ...*Treble*	FRANK EDWARDS 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL 5
HENRY CARNWELL 3	EDWIN WOOD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. CARNWELL.

Arranged for Burley P. Morris, who hails from Kettering, Northants.

BROUGHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire.

ARTHUR WARREN ... ...*Treble*	SIDNEY ROWNEY 3
FREDERICK RANDALL 2	CECIL SARGENT 4

ALBERT STAPLETON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT STAPLETON.

BLEDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

ARTHUR LARGE ... ...*Treble*	CLARENCE R. STEED 4
WALTER LARGE 2	HORACE LL. TERRY 5
WILLIAM COLEMAN 3	FREDERICK G. KINCHIN ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE LL. TERRY.

First peal on the bells after being augmented and restored by Messrs. Bond, of Burford, the 'go' of the bells being perfect. Rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. Walter Large.

WALTHAM.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

*JACK TOMLINSON ... ...*Treble*	TOM HALL 4
GEORGE ATKINSON 2	MARTIN WALKER... 5
CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... 3	P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY ...*Tenor*

Conducted by P.C. A. PASHLEY.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Budd, of Grimsby.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.)

JOHN J. JUTSON ... ...*Treble*	FRANK ROWLINSON 4
*ROGER D. J. SMITH 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5
*CHARLES WOODS 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal in three methods. Rung to oblige R. D. J. Smith, who belongs to Yardley Hastings, and also in honour of the fortieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jutson.

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*W. EASON	...*Treble*	F. H. NEWMAN	... 4
J. W. PICKETT	... 2	J. OLDFIELD	... 5
W. SLATER	... 3	W. SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First peal. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells. The ringer of the 4th is from St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, the remainder are ringers at St. Mary's, Whittlesey.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GEDLING, NOTTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT ST. GILDA'S,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor size 12 in F.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
*CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	3-4	*HAROLD WALKER	7-8

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,
A PEAL OF SPLICED GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB AND BOB ROYAL, 5060 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
*CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	3-4	*HAROLD MARCON	7-8
		*HAROLD WALKER	9-10

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First spliced peal 'in hand.' Every course rung P.P.G.P.P.

GLASGOW.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT 66, HILLHEAD STREET.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

ROBERT M. PRESTON	1-2	HENRY F. SARGENT	5-6
STEPHEN H. WOOD	3-4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.
First peal on handbells and first of Major by the association.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

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ROUND THE COUNTRY.

RINGERS' OUTINGS IN MANY COUNTIES.

The Great Tey ringers had an extensive round of ringing on the occasion of their annual outing, which took place on June 1st. They visited Braintree, Bocking, Sible Hedingham, Sudbury, Long Melford, Lavenham and Hadleigh, and had the pleasure of meeting many local ringers and ringing on some fine peals of bells. Their tour lasted from 8.30 a.m. to 11.15 p.m., and they spent a very enjoyable time. The ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells and the steeplekeepers who had everything in readiness for them, which added greatly to the pleasure of the outing.

A party of twenty-six accompanied the Bishop's Stortford company on their outing, when they visited Oxford, calling on the way out to ring at Long Crendon and Thames. At Oxford they rang at St. Giles', and after lunch some visited the colleges, while others enjoyed boating on the river. The return journey was made over the Chiltern Hills, but Rickmansworth was reached too late for an anticipated pull on the bells.

Banbury, Adderbury, Oxford (All Saints'), Reading (St. Mary's), and Caversham were included in the tour of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby, on the occasion of their annual outing. The return journey was made via Henley, and it was past midnight before the party reached home. The methods rung during the day included Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

Cirencester ringers made a long excursion for their annual outing, and left home at 6.30 a.m. Their first stop was at Whitchurch, Hants, where they rang touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob. They then went on to Winchester, where they were met by Mr. Wilfred Andrews (an old Cirencester ringer), who had obtained permission for the visitors to ring on the Cathedral bells, a privilege which was much appreciated. Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters were rung. The party then went on to Southsea, which was reached at 2 p.m. Here they separated, but met again at St. Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, for further ringing before returning to Winchester for dinner, at which they were joined by Mr. Andrews. Thanks are extended to Mr. Andrews (Winchester), Mr. Clark (Whitchurch) and Mr. Burnett (Portsmouth) for their kindly arrangements and for meeting the visitors.

Derbyshire was the objective of the Gainsborough Parish Church ringers on their 12th annual outing. They rang at Bakewell and afterwards at Matlock, and then spent two enjoyable hours at Matlock Bath. Going on to Derby they had some excellent ringing at St. Andrew's Church, and after tea some of the more energetic members of the party climbed the 190 steps to the top of the Cathedral tower, from which a fine view of the city was obtained. Calling at Mansfield, where more ringing was indulged in, the party reached home about 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable and successful outing.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S TWELVE-BELL TOWERS.

The outing of the St. Laurence's Society, Reading, proved the finest the band had had. A start was made at 7.35 a.m., and Cirencester reached a little after the scheduled time, 9.35 a.m., which was a good performance on the part of the driver of the coach, the route having to be changed through encountering floods and landslips a few miles past Wantage, so that, instead of going through Faringdon and Fairford, a detour was made via Swindon. The first ringing of the day took place on the 12 bells of St. John-the-Baptist's, Cirencester, where R.T.H. was pleased with the way his band handled the bells and rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques. After a very brief stay, a move was made to St. Mary's, Cheltenham, where the bells were again rung to Grandsire and Stedman Cinques. Here R.T.H. was so pleased with his band that he left them in the hands of the deputy while he and 'Young Bill' went to pay a visit to a very old friend, Mr. W. T. Pates, who was later found telling some of the party of the wonderful way he played marbles at Appleton while on a visit there some years ago.

Lunch was much enjoyed at the Bell Hotel, Tewkesbury. The Abbey was then visited, and all the band viewed this fine old building inside and out, and took part in some good ringing on the bells. Here a very notable event happened. 'Old Tom' found a bell which he had difficulty in ringing, and 'Young Bill,' who had been there before, was given the great pleasure of showing his father that he could ring it.

Next followed the treat of the day. A move was made to Painswick, where the party made the acquaintance of Mr. Elton and members of his Walsall band, also on a visit, and Mr. Albert Wright, of long-peal fame. Surely, there are no bells like Painswick bells to hear, and to ring them was the greatest privilege of the day. Tea at the Golden Hart was followed by a move to Stroud, where again the ringing was much enjoyed. One of the band usually found on the 7th, 9th or tenor tried to hide himself on the treble, but there was no deceiving Tom, who found him right enough. At Fairford, which was next visited, the unusual position of the ringers and the long draft of rope was a peculiar experience for most of the party, but this was satisfactorily overcome, and for the first time during the day a departure was made from Stedman and Grandsire, and a good touch of Double Norwich rung. Reading was reached about 10.30 p.m., after a very fine outing and a journey of 183 miles. The privilege of ringing at

such places as Cirencester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Painswick, Stroud and Fairford all in one day is a thing that does not come to all ringers, and thanks are due to all who took part in making the arrangements and carrying them out so successfully. Opportunity is also taken here of thanking the clergy for permission to ring, and to all steeplekeepers for having the bells in readiness at each of the towers visited.

AN EXCURSION TO CAMBRIDGE.

'A southerly wind and a cloudy sky proclaim it a hunting morning,' were typical weather conditions which greeted the members and friends of the Wycombe belfry on Whit Monday, who, 'to sleep in a downy bed scorning,' were early astir for their annual 'hunt' to fresh woods and pastures new. This year the objective was Cambridge. The party were accompanied by the Vicar (Rev. W. L. P. Float), Rev. F. B. Mason (St. Anne's, Wycombe Marsh), Rev. F. Stuart (St. Andrew's), and Rev. G. S. Auty (Congregational minister). Captain J. H. R. Freeborn joined the party en route. There was one regret—Mr. J. W. Wilkins was unable to take part, being still in hospital with a fractured shoulder, the result of his recent accident, though he is progressing favourably, and sent his hearty greetings for a good time.

Comfortably esconced in the latest luxury coach of the Thames Valley Co., the party started off, happy as a pack of schoolboys, Hitchin to be the first stop. On the way they passed through old-world villages, and beautiful scenery, the hedgerows and lanes flushed with their fresh and luscious greens, by stately trees and woods, densely carpeted with gorgeous bluebells, truly a refreshing and heartening tonic to town-dwellers. At times they had to slow down, for they came upon fetes and carnivals in preparation, some of the tableaux being exceptionally good. The All Nations scene, the Boy Scouts, and the representation of the seaside, with its sand castles and bevy of buxom bathing 'belles,' all added to the enjoyment of the trip. At Hitchin they were kindly met by Mr. T. R. Scott and his fellow-ringers. With a few touches and a look round the beautiful church, an hour was soon gone, and the journey was resumed. At 12.15 the party reached the Church of Our Lady, at Cambridge, and were met by Mr. T. R. Dennis, who had most kindly arranged for the visitors to be able to ring at all the churches they had selected in the town. After half an hour or so of ringing, the party had a short trip round the 'backs' of the colleges, then to the 12-bell tower of Great St. Mary's, afterwards going to St. Bene't's. At three o'clock all met for a tour of the colleges, King's Chapel, etc., under the charge of their Vicar, who proved a most instructive and interesting guide. The Dean also joined the tourists, showing them the old library, with its wonderful hand prints, written 300 years B.C., the College Hall, and the history of its foundress. All this was very enjoyable. After the 'camera fiend' had had his way, they adjourned to the Dorothy Cafe, where, through the generosity of the Vicar, the party were regaled with 'high tea,' the thanks of the participants being suitably voiced by Captain Freeborn and the Rev. F. Stuart.

At six o'clock a move was made for Hatfield, which was reached at 7.30. Mr. Shepherd was waiting with another friend who had recently taken part in a peal of Cambridge Maximus rung at Wycombe. One or two touches sufficed, some of the members not being greatly enamoured with the length and stiffness of the ropes; in fact, a box and a couple of hassocks were requisitioned to enable the 9th to be reached. It is a lovely old church though, and was greatly admired. At nine o'clock the homeward journey was resumed, and 'chairopolis' was safely reached at 10.40. The ringers had spent a very pleasant day; new friendships had been formed, the splendid freemasonry of ringers being in evidence at every place at which they called, and the party sincerely thank all the kind friends at the various towers for their valued assistance.

G. T.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND ST. ANDREW'S BELLS.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, June 4th. Almost immediately after the advertised time the bells (an eight by Rudhall, of Gloucester, of about 14 cwt.) were swinging to Stedman Triples under the direction of the Master (Mr. H. Mance). Subsequently touches in various methods were attempted and rung till 5.30, when a halt was called and the company took tea at a near-by Lyons Restaurant.

Afterwards the business was transacted in the belfry, a new member being made, and the usual routine carried out without much discussion.

The Secretary reported the despatch of a supporting letter to the Middlesex Association's resolution with reference to the help of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London, and the receipt of an acknowledgment.

Ringing was resumed and further touches rung in Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise. A change was also introduced by the performance of touches of Erin Triples and Duffield Major, many members ringing their first in one or other of these methods. The bells were lowered at 8.30, bringing to a close a very enjoyable gathering.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Scottish Association has lost its first member by death, Mr. William Bremner, captain of the St. John's Church band, Alloa, having passed away on June 15th, after a short illness. Although not a change ringer himself, Mr. Bremner had encouraged his band to take up the art.

The first peals in two fresh Surprise methods are recorded this week. Irthlingborough Surprise has been rung by the Irthlingborough company at their own tower, and Londonthorpe at Beddington, Surrey, by the Surrey Association.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who is suffering from the effects of a serious motoring accident, continues to make favourable progress.

RIPON CATHEDRAL BELLS.

We understand that the order has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, for the recasting and rehanging in a new framework of the ring of ten bells at Ripon Cathedral, and the work is to be put in hand forthwith.

BELLS IN THREE TIERS.

The hanging of the two new additional bells at the Parish Church of Niton, Isle of Wight, which have been presented by a resident, has now been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank under the supervision of Mr. J. Thomas. On Thursday, June 16th, the first six-scores of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung by the following: Dr. J. Bruce Williamson, J. Thomas, W. Upton, W. Scott and H. Barton. Both the hanging and tuning gave great satisfaction although, owing to the size of the tower, the bells had to be hung in three tiers. It is hoped that the villagers will make progress and ultimately become affiliated with the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

COUNCIL TOPICS.

THE APPENDIX TO THE MINOR METHODS COLLECTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is a great pity when honest men make unsubstantiated charges of bad faith. Had Mr. Hunt taken the trouble at Chelmsford to inquire what the compositions were that it was proposed to include in the Doubles and Minor Collection he would certainly not have said at Plymouth, as reported by you, that 'the rest of the ten pages the committee had no authority to publish.'

I am perfectly sure that he will take my word for it that no single one of these compositions was added to the collection subsequent to the Chelmsford meeting. Indeed I imagine that he is the only member of the Council present at Chelmsford who carried away such a fantastic misconception.

The only effect of the resolution to put them in an appendix was to increase the cost to the Council, owing to the consequent necessity of repeating the same compositions in different parts of the book.

I do not propose to discuss his view that they are 'piffle.' This is purely a matter of opinion, and I can well leave him to the tender mercies of members of a band that have rung as many as 12 Surprise Major methods in a 5,000, and who have been content to ring and to conduct some or other of them in what they regard as peals.

Further argument at this moment on that particular point will hardly carry us much further. The compositions are available for those who care to try them, and it will be interesting to see in the future whether the experience of the past be repeated, viz., that those who have rung them find them exceedingly valuable for peal ringing, while the attack on them is almost wholly confined to those who know nothing of them except on paper.—Yours, etc.,

The Rectory, Clyst St. George, Exeter. E. S. POWELL.

ACOUSTICS.

Dear Sir,—After reading your excellent article upon the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee, there is one very important and vital question which I venture to suggest the committee might very well concentrate its energies upon, namely, 'the creation of sound-proof devices to protect the public and ringers alike from noisy bells.'

It would be interesting to know the number of good peals, hung at various churches within the last 30 years, where bell founders have left the bells a public nuisance and noisy inside the ringing chamber, because of the omission of proper safeguards to protect the public and ringers from their noise.

Only this week we have had a reminder of this—a typical instance of a splendid peal (at the Roman Catholic Church, Cambridge), the finest in East Anglia, which is useless to ringers as regards peal attempts on account of the awful din created outside when the bells are rung. Many of the public remarked to me after the recent muffled peal attempt there, that the bells had never sounded so nice. I well remember the hostility created by the peal in 1904, and the subsequent restrictions placed on the ringing, and was little surprised when we were bidden by the Rector to cease.

In these days of scientific research, and a nervy public, no new peal or rehanging should be considered complete unless the sound of the bells has been made pleasing to the public ear, and the ringers can ring in comfort, otherwise it is money thrown away.

Cambridge. T. R. DENNIS.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE PRESS AND BELLRINGING.

The report of the Literature and Press Committee, read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, was as follows: The past twelve months have produced a number of interesting references to bells and ringing in the public Press, and it is gratifying to note a marked advance in accuracy and correct information. The Devonshire 'Express and Echo' last June gave a very good account of the 'coming-of-age' of Truro Cathedral bells, and the removal of the ten bells of Yeovil for renovation was the occasion of a long and erudite article in the 'Western Gazette.' In the following October the 'Times,' which published a brief report of the Central Council's meeting at Liverpool, gave prominence to an account of the band of ringers at Marnhull, Dorset, who had rung together for 35 years, and displayed photographs of the ringers both in the belfry and outside the church. The October number of a learned periodical, entitled 'Music and Letters,' contained a review of Morris' 'History of Change Ringing,' written at the editor's request by a member of this committee.

When the Stedman Tercentenary celebration took place at Cambridge, the Press rose nobly to the occasion. Preliminary paragraphs had already appeared, notably a well-informed statement in the 'Guardian' and the 'Times,' and various newspapers duly recorded the events of Saturday, December 5th. The Cambridge journals gave a full account of the proceedings, with a number of illustrations, and Canon Coleridge's memorable sermon was reported at considerable length. The following week the 'Daily Express' published an admirable article on 'The Art of Ringing,' illustrated by a picture of bells hung in a frame.

The failure of the Hatfield ringers to welcome the new year with the music of the bells evoked a strong protest in the 'Hertfordshire Mercury,' emphasising the general disappointment thus caused, and deploring the omission of an observance established by ancient custom. The concluding sentence gave expression to public sentiment in the words, 'May the bells long continue to ring out, as each new year is ushered in, full of hope.'

This was followed a few weeks later by an article in the 'Birmingham Evening Despatch,' headed 'Bellringing a Dying Hobby.' The reference was to some remarks made by a speaker at a ringers' gathering in Gloucester.

The great gathering of some 3,000 ringers at Croydon in April naturally attracted the attention of the Press at large. Both daily and weekly newspapers published accounts of the proceedings, and took occasion to give interesting information on the subject of bell founding. In one such account was to be found a sample of those imaginative touches, which a few years ago were still a common incident, whenever the lay Press attempted to deal with matters campanological. One journal gave its readers to understand that a well-known member of this Council had transferred his residence to the county of Drake and Frobisher by stating that 'Mr. James George, despite his 78 years, still rings the 26 cwt. tenor at Paignton.'

Lady ringers have recently appeared in a new light when the daily papers reported that in an eastern county women had tolled the church bells in the early morning to give the alarm on the arrival of agents with intent to distrain on the property of farmers in default with their tithe. The Council's pamphlet on 'The Law relating to Church Bells' does not, so far as we are aware, furnish any legal authority for the revival of the tocsin in this form. In any case, as the Central Council certainly includes titheowners, and may include tithepayers, we refrain from controversy on this interesting point.

The 'Salisbury Diocesan Gazette' deserves a good mark for calling attention to new matter contributed by Mr. Walters to 'Church Bells of Dorset.'

Those two indefatigable writers, E. Morris and J. R. Nichols, have again shown praiseworthy ingenuity in finding opportunities for enlightening the uninitiated. Mr. Nichols has completed a series of 20 articles in 'The Accessory,' under the title, 'A Short History of Bells,' while one issue of the 'L.M.S. Railway Magazine' contained a contribution from his pen entitled, 'With the Bellringers at Christmas.' 'Bells of Christmastide' appeared in 'The Line,' and 'Bell Founding at Burford' in 'Rural Industries.'

A series of articles in 'The Sign' last year, under the heading, 'People who Count in Church Work,' appropriately concluded in the December number with 'The Bellringers,' admirably written by Mr. Morris, and illustrated by most interesting and instructive pictures. This was an especially valuable piece of work, as 'The Sign' is used as an inset to very many parish magazines. 'Dickens and the Bellringers' has appeared in the magazine, 'Great Thoughts,' while a series of articles on bells and ringing by Mr. Morris is at present running in a trade journal named 'The Arc,' and another has been completed in the Northants County Magazine. Messrs. Morris and Nichols collaborated in an article on 'Change Ringing' in the 'Sunday Companion,' and even such a prosaic publication as 'The Bazaar and Mart' has 'featured' the joint authors in a treatise on those interesting relics of a bygone age, which is not infrequently recalled to memory in words of advice addressed to congregations of ringers, namely, 'Ringers' jugs and pitchers.' The quarterly magazine, 'Leicestershire,' has also published two articles on bells by Dr. Malcolm Dyson.

The committee venture at this point to append a brief moral to their tale. As public attention is being called to bells and ringing in so many and various quarters, it becomes all the more essential that change ringers should endeavour to let the public hear nothing but the best striking, especially on Sundays and occasions of rejoicing.

Mr. Selfridge's generous offer to pay for the restoration of Bow bells has brought that famous peal into the columns of the Press, and it is to be anticipated that within a short time the newspapers will record the reopening ceremony, and the bells will again be broadcast.

Bellringing has been transmitted over the ether at fairly frequent intervals during the past twelve months, and a very impressive broadcast of Westminster Abbey bells was given at midnight on New Year's Eve. In this connection the committee suggest that the Council should express to the B.B.C. their appreciation of this broadcast, and should at the same time ask them (a) whenever church bells are to be broadcast to advertise the fact in 'World Radio' as well as in 'Radio Times,' and (b) to make a special feature of a broadcast of some well-known peal of bells on the festivals of Christmas and Easter and on the King's birthday.

THE BEGINNINGS OF A BELFRY LIBRARY.

At the last meeting of the Council the committee was asked to prepare a list of books on ringing which might form the nucleus of a Belfry Library, showing particularly how the first £1 might be spent. Their report on this subject, under the heading of 'Catalogue of Publications for a Belfry Library,' was as follows:—

Most of the books and leaflets available for the use of ringers are advertised in 'The Ringing World.' The committee suggest the following selection as the first instalment of a belfry library:—

	£	s.	d.
'Ropesight' (Snowdon)		1	10
'Change Ringing' (C. A. W. Troyte), published by H. S. Elland, 256, High Street, Exeter		3	10
'Grandsire Doubles and Triples'			6½
'Bob Minor and Major'			6½
Both by I. Roe and M. Broome. (Byways, Hurst, Berks) The above-named works are of the greatest value for the instruction of beginners.)			
'Standard Methods' (Snowdon). Indispensable to all ringers		2	10
Central Council publications:			
'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods'		3	0
'Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods'		1	9
'Glossary of Technical Terms'			8
'Handbook on the Preservation of Bells' (stiff covers)		1	0
Card of Instructions on the Care and Use of Bells, to hang in belfry			1½
'Surprise Methods' (Rev. C. D. P. Davies)		2	10
'Method Splicing' ('Ringing World' Office, Woking) ...		1	3
	£1	0	2½

The works by Snowdon and Davies may be obtained from Mrs. Laura Snowdon, Cartmel, Lancashire.

All Central Council publications from Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C., M.A., Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

The handbook on 'Preservation of Bells' is of the highest value. 'Grandsire' (Snowdon, 2s. 10d.), 'Stedman' (Davies, 2s. 10d.), and 'Treble Bob' (Snowdon, 1s. 10d.), will be found most useful for advanced study. Then should follow the Central Council's Collection of Peals, sections 1, 2, 3, as required, with Corrigenda leaflet, also Method Sheets, 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' and any other publications issued.

'The History and Art of Ringing' (E. Morris) is published by Chapman and Hall at £1 5s., and should be added to the library when funds permit.

'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' also 'Duffield,' by the late Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., are worth acquiring, if copies can be obtained.

It would also add considerably to the use and interest of the library to include yearly the 'Ringers' Directory' and a bound volume of 'The Ringing World.'

The report was seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and carried.

THE PROPOSED NEW RULES.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the rules of the Council, which was published in 'The Ringing World' of May 13th, was presented by Mr. E. W. Elwell, who asked the Council to receive the report. They would find, Mr. Elwell said, that in the main report, of which the schedule formed the chief part, the committee were not asking the Council to pass the revised set of rules this year. They intended to bring them forward for adoption next year, but they wanted a year to elapse first, during which time the rules could be considered by members of the Council, who would then be ready with any objections which they wished to raise at the Council meeting in London, but if they liked to put their cards on the table and ventilate any objections or criticisms or suggest any improvements beforehand, through the ringing Press, it would give the committee a

chance to reconsider the rules in the light of any criticism received, and, if thought desirable, to amend the draft to come before the Council, thereby saving the time of the Council when it came finally to discuss the whole matter next year. The adoption of a new set of rules might take a considerable amount of time unless, at the beginning, they could arrive at some sort of fundamental basis of agreement.

Mr. Elwell went on to point out that the chief alterations were in the provision that all affiliated societies should subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council. Privilege always implied responsibility, and he did not think it was asking too much of those who had the privilege of being unified and co-ordinated with the ringing authority of the whole country that they should at least do their part and abide by the decisions of the Council, even if in occasional instances it happened to conflict with local opinion or custom which might have prevailed for some time in a certain neighbourhood.

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES.

The draft went on to amend the rules with regard to representation. It had always been a difficult point, and it had given the committee much trouble and deliberation, because even with the revised rules, the representation of London ringers would be greater than the representation of provincial ringers. In London there was nothing local. In the provinces associations and guilds were localised; they were either diocesan or territorial; but in London they had four or five bodies covering the same territory which might give London ringers four or five times the representation of provincial ringers. They could not altogether get over that, and in view of the fact that London was the leader in change ringing it was, perhaps, right that any benefit there might be should continue to accrue to London ringers. In settling the basis of representation, therefore, the re-draft of the rules dealt with territorial associations only, so that societies like the College Youths, which were not really territorial, but more national in character, were not affected, and the rule did not operate as harshly as it might seem to do. Another rule had been included that reports of committees should be presented in writing and forwarded to the secretary at least seven days before the meeting of the Council. That, the committee considered, was quite a reasonable thing to ask, and, he believed, would lead to the shortening of the business of the Council in dealing with the reports of the committees, because for some years it had taken until long after lunch to get through the formal committee reports before coming to the extra business of the Council, which usually provided discussion on current topics. Another alteration included a proposal to appoint auditors. Hitherto the accounts had been audited by two members of the Standing Committee during the time the Standing Committee was sitting. It was an administrative change which should make for greater clarity in the future. The committee, Mr. Elwell added, had done their best to produce a set of rules which they hoped would be of benefit to the Council and its work; they invited members to offer any criticism or suggestions which they might have to make, and to make them known in time for the committee to consider them and, if necessary, modify the draft rules accordingly. He asked the Council to receive the committee's report that day and in due time to adopt the resolutions which would be brought before them next year.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in seconding, said, although Mr. Elwell had covered most of the ground involved in the alterations, he thought it would be well to draw attention to the draft of Rule 5, which provided that all societies returning representatives to the Council should contribute annually 5s. on behalf of each representative member to which it was entitled; that was to say that where a society was entitled to, say, four members, but only returned one or two, they would have to pay for four.

The Rev. H. Drake said the reason why they asked that the rules should be revised was so that there might be something given them as a guide as to what was the relation between the affiliated societies and the Council, and how the affiliated societies, if they wished to do so, should make representations to the Council. It was a question that affected them in the Suffolk Guild. He had mentioned this before. Some years ago they were asked to give their opinion about a certain matter. They sent up their reply, and it appeared as an additional item on the agenda, and was then ruled out of order. It seemed rather hard that such a thing should be done. What they wanted was to be able to feel that there was some recognised way by which affiliated bodies should make their representations to the Council if they wished to do so. There were certain proposals before the Council at their last meeting, and he supposed they were before the committee when they considered the rules, but nothing of them now appeared, so he supposed they turned them down. Affiliated societies did not quite know in what position they stood, and he hoped before the final draft was reached this would be made clear.

Mr. Elwell said perfectly constitutional machinery was provided in the draft rules for sending in notices for anything that was to be discussed, but anything in the nature of 'delegation' to the Council was a thing that the Council had never permitted and which the committee would never try to foist on the Council.

The President suggested that any criticisms should be sent to Mr. Elwell in writing for the committee's consideration, and the report was then accepted.

(To be continued.)

STEDMAN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Facilities for teaching beginners are exceptionally scarce in Cambridge, but there is one simple solution of the difficulty. One of the six bells is of more modern casting. Recruits may well be taught to handle that one with perfect mastery, and then be promoted to ringing on any of the historic five.—Yours faithfully,

Kingston Magna. F. LL. EDWARDS.

FORTY YEARS ON.

At Framlingham, Suffolk, on Saturday, June 18th, 1,088 Kent Treble Bob: W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 1, W. E. Maulden 2, V. E. Kerrage 3, A. Watson 4, F. Dearing 5, W. Flory 6, W. A. Ward 7, H. Hall 8. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Kent upon the bells. Messrs. Crickmer, Flory and Ward rang the same bells on that occasion.

WEDDING OF WOODBRIDGE RINGER.

ARCHWAY OF HANDBELLS.

Almost the whole of the Woodbridge, St. Mary's, ringers journeyed to Rushmere on Saturday, June 18th, for the marriage of Mr. F. Woodruffe (one of their company) and Miss Kathleen Lanore Smy. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of Rushmere, the Rev. H. S. Mahon. As the happy pair left the church they passed under an archway of handbells held by some of the ringers, while others rang touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor on the tower bells.

On the previous Thursday evening, during practice at St. Mary's Mr. H. A. Shaw (one of the churchwardens) presented to Mr. Woodruffe, on behalf of the Rector, churchwardens, verger, an old ringer's son, and fellow-ringers, an eight-day clock, with a few well-chosen words of good wishes and advice.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Western Division at Great Gaddesden was attended by some 16 ringers from surrounding towers. Ringing took place in various methods during the afternoon, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Hollis). The meeting which followed tea, was presided over by Mr. H. Golding. The re-election of four members and the election of three new members from Redbourn was warmly received.

Redbourn was proposed for the next meeting in July.—The district secretary brought to the notice of the ringers the effort being made to increase support of 'The Ringing World.' One prominent ringer, in the course of discussion, remarked that, if the young ringer was catered for, it might help to increase the sale. It was a pity the beginners' column was crowded out.

After the meeting, further ringing took place on tower bells until 8 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY E. W. TIPLER.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division, Essex Association, was held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th, when 30 ringers were present from 12 parishes. During the afternoon and evening Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine and Cambridge Surprise were rung. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Thompson), and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson.

An excellent tea was provided at the Church Room, the Vicar being present with Mrs. Thompson, the churchwardens and others. At the business meeting which followed, with the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) in the chair, five new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sible Hedingham on September 17th.

Mr. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address and the great interest he took in the ringers, to the organist and all those who helped to provide such a bountiful tea. He paid a high tribute to the local ringers who, he said, were most loyal to the Church and the association. He made special mention of Mr. Barker, who is a life member of the Stebbing company.

The Vicar, in reply, said he had been a lifelong bellringer, although not qualified as a member of the association. He thanked Mr. Howard for all he had said, and extended a hearty invitation to all the ringers to visit Stebbing at any time.

Owing to this parish being situated in a somewhat isolated part of the county, it was necessary for some of the visitors to leave early for home, which they much regretted, but they took with them the best wishes of the local band.

The district secretary takes this opportunity of thanking Mr. F. Harrington, of the local company, for the excellent arrangements made.

'RINGING WORLD' SUPPORTERS' ROLL.

A quarterly meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held at Harwich on June 11th, when nine towers were represented. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and service, fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar. Tea and meeting were held at the Hanover Hotel, at which about 30 sat down.

At the meeting, Mr. Duffield (District Master) presided, and spoke of the value of 'The Ringing World' and the knowledge to be gained from it by all those who regularly supported it. He also suggested that in this division a roll of names be kept of those who take 'The Ringing World,' and that it be read out at each meeting with a view to quickly extending the sale of the paper.—The proposal was agreed to.

Letters were read expressing regret at their inability to attend from Mr. C. Howard (Master) and the Mayor of Harwich.

Mr. Duffield thanked all those who had helped to make the meeting a success and provided the tea, especially Mr. Ellis, of Harwich, in whose hands all arrangements were left.

Two hon. members and one probationer were elected. During the day touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, etc., were rung.

LAVENHAM RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred of one of Lavenham's oldest ringers in the person of Mr. H. Smith, who passed away at the advanced age of 83 years. Although deceased did not aspire to the higher methods, he was, nevertheless, a first-class striker. His peals totalled thirty-seven, his first being one of Bob Major at Long Melford, January 28th, 1889, and his last a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Lavenham, December 26th, 1918. His peals were Grandsire Triples 6, Bob Major 18, Kent Treble Bob Major 13. These included 6,048 of Kent, and 6,240 of Bob Major.

Mr. Smith was also a chorister at Lavenham Church for 60 years.

He was buried on Saturday, June 11th, the funeral service, which was choral, being taken by the Rector, Rev. G. H. Lennox-Conyngham, M.A., R.D. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with deeply muffled clappers: S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, M. F. Symonds 2, L. Pryke 3, W. Fayers 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. Boreham 6, W. R. J. Poulson 7, F. F. Mortlock 8.

UPPINGHAM BELLS REHUNG

The bells of the Parish Church Uppingham, Rutland, have recently undergone a thorough overhaul by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and on Saturday, June 4th, a mixed band, at the invitation of the Rector (Rev. C. C. Aldred) visited the church for a peal to give them a trial spin.

For several years past these bells have not been considered to go altogether satisfactorily, and a short time ago the Loughborough firm were called in. The bells, eight in number, with a tenor of 14½ cwt., have all been lifted out of their frame, the nuts tightened and new parts added where necessary. To the delight of all they are now once again considered in good ringing order, but owing to the celebrated school being close by, peals are limited.

Six of the bells were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry as long ago as 1772, and it was not until 1895 that Messrs. Taylor and Co. added the two trebles to complete the octave.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT SUNBURY.

Favoured with excellent weather, the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association held a very successful meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday week. Over 30 ringers and friends attended from Bishopsgate, Baldock, Duffield, Ealing, Heston, Isleworth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Ruislip, Walthamstow, Willesden and Hillingdon. Ringing commenced shortly after 3.30 p.m., and the very fine ring of eight were rung to a variety of methods until tea time. During the afternoon the five bells at Shepperton were also made good use of by those who were energetic enough to go there. Several Doubles methods were rung as well as some 'Winchie' Surprise, personally conducted by the Leatherhead stalwart.

An enjoyable tea was served in the Parish Room by the local ringers and their friends. The subsequent business meeting was presided over by Rev. B. Stower, in the absence of the Vicar, who was seriously ill. Ten ringing members were elected, and Harlington selected for the next meeting on July 9th.

The absence of the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), owing to the death of his brother, was a matter of regret to all, and it was agreed that a message of condolence be sent.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) read a letter from the Vicar of West Drayton detailing the position of the Bell Restoration of his parish. Unfortunately, it appeared that the opening ceremony was as far off as before!

An animated discussion on the Central Council's resolution to increase the sales of 'The Ringing World' took place after a statement by the hon. secretary. It was agreed to continue the discussion at subsequent meetings.

The business meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the incumbents of Sunbury and Shepperton for the use of their bells, to Rev. B. Stower for presiding, and for his very nice words of welcome, to Messrs. Alford (Sunbury) and Rogers (Shepperton) for their help, and, last but by no means least, to the kind friends who prepared and served the tea.

The belfry was again visited and a 'heroic' effort to ring Bristol Surprise Major was crowned with success! Other methods rung included Superlative, Double Norwich, Grandsire, etc., and the Ringing Master (Mr. H. C. Chandler) was assiduous in his efforts to see that all tastes were catered for!

Members and friends are reminded that the next mid-week practice will take place at Heston on Thursday, June 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

The annual ringing day (121st anniversary) at Lavenham was held on Saturday, June 18th, when about 40 ringers attended from Fulbourne, Sawston and Stetchworth (Cambs), Ardleigh, Halstead and Sible Hedingham (Essex), Hitchin and Royston (Herts), Shipley (Yorks), Newmarket, Newton, Little Waldingfield, Finborough, Sudbury, Monk's Eleigh, Braintree and the local company. The ringing was commenced by the Hitchin company, who were on their annual excursion, accompanied by their ringing parson, the Rev. —. Routh. Many touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. The assembly was graced by the presence of one lady ringer, Miss H. G. M. Snowdon, of Halstead.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's, Redenhall, on Monday, June 13th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): George Howlett 1, W. Flatt 2, G. Curson 3, C. Loome 4, G. Gower 5, C. Barnett 6, R. Riches 7, W. Barrett 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to Mr. H. Read, a former ringer of this tower, who was interred the same day.

PUBLICATION.

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NOTICES.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual branch meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. As the election of officers takes place at this meeting it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Will those who intend to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 5th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Bordon Road, Wellingborough.

THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

THIRD LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

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Stinchcombe bellringers (Mr. Burcombe)		10	6
	£90	17	6

Acknowledged by Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Rev. E. S. Saleby, P. C. Williams and E. Guise.

* An error occurred in a promise of £3 (acknowledged in a promise of £3 3s.), now received and corrected.

To the Editor.

Sir,—One does not like to criticise the well meaning efforts of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association in the proposal to place memorials in Tewkesbury Abbey to the memory of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, but are they satisfied in their minds that the addition of two bells to the existing poor peal of ten will be a satisfactory and worthy memorial?

The sum of £250 asked for does not allow for much, if anything, to be properly done to the existing bells, which at least ought to go on the tuning machine, or, better still, be recast. I am of the opinion, while supporting the effort to place a memorial at Tewkesbury, that either the existing bells should receive attention, viz., tuning or re-casting, or the money devoted to furnish a side chapel as a ringers' chapel, making the memorial a worthy one and befitting the magnificent Abbey of Tewkesbury.—Yours, etc.,

ALBERT WALKER.

Birmingham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LARGE GATHERING AT A FIVE-BELL TOWER.

A very successful meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Great Chishill on Saturday week. Ringers were present from Anstey, Barley, Braughing, Chrishall, Elmdon, Fen Ditton, Fulbourne, Great Staughton, Harlow Common, Linton, Newmarket, Newton, Sawston, Stetchworth, Trumpington and a splendid muster of the local band.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Smith), who gave a very helpful address. The presence of Mr. Tottem, churchwarden, the organist, and the choir was greatly appreciated.

A very generous tea was served in the beautiful garden of the Vicarage, where Mr. Tottem gave the association a warm welcome. Mr. G. Reed, one of the local band, was elected a member. It was decided to visit Cottenham on July 30th, the method for practice to be Ely Treble Bob. The meeting concluded with the usual vote of thanks, and the company returned to the tower. Carter's, Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Grandsire and New Doubles were rung.

During the evening there was ringing at Heydon, a very light peal of five.

Everyone who visited this interesting corner of Cambridgeshire spent a most enjoyable time.

NOTICES.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

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; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division and The Leeds and District Society. — A joint meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, H. Lofthouse, Dis. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Wattisfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (5) available from 2 p.m. Also at Walsham-le-Willows (6), Ixworth (6), Hepworth (5). (Not Bardwell). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). —The 309th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. Hot lunch, 3s. per head, at 1.15 p.m. Those requiring lunch please notify me.—Leonard E. Pitstow, 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, June 25th. All Saints' bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—Miss H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at the Dolphin Inn at 5.15. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.— The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 23, Priory Road, Hastings.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting, Bigby bells (6), Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in School Room, at a moderate charge. Business meeting after tea.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Good bus services from St. Albans, Luton and Welwyn. All welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Burnham on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Red Lion at 5.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Members admitted to garden fête in Rectory Close free of charge. Tea at moderate charge. All members and friends invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Privett, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Holy Trinity Church 4 30. Tea in the Vicarage by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Putt. Business meeting follows.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. The summer meeting will be held at Checkendon on Sat., June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea. All members and friends are welcome. —F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. Subscriptions due.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch. — Quarterly meeting to be held at Pucklechurch on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus No. 19a leaves Old Market Street every hour at five minutes past. Return fare 1s.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llangibby (not Dingestow as proposed) on Saturday, June 25th. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting at Daventry on Saturday, June 25th.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—The dedication of the new bells augmenting the peal to 12, by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will take place on Wednesday evening, June 29th. Service at 7. Supper at the King's Arms Hotel at eight, 2s. 6d. each. Those wishing to attend, write G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Abbotsbury on Thursday, June 30th. Bells (also Upwey) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. The tropical gardens will be open.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The bells, having been restored and rehung in new iron frame by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Ipswich on Friday evening, July 1st, at 7 o'clock. A short touch will be rung by the local band during the ceremony and the bells will afterwards be available for visitors up to 9.30. It is proposed to hold a meeting of the Suffolk Guild on July 16th, details of which will appear later. — W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All ringers welcomed. Please advise me if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting Darley Dale, July 2nd. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.45 p.m. at Schools. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting at Church Inn. Application for tea (1s. 6d. per head) must be made to Mr. G. H. Paulson, Churchtown, Darley Dale, near Matlock, *not later* than June 30th to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Worplesdon (instead of Chiddingfold) Saturday, July 2nd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send numbers for tea by June 25th to G. L. Grover, East Clandon, near Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church 4.15. Preacher, the Vicar. Tea, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. each. Please notify Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, 4, Temperance Terrace, York Road, Market Weighton, by Thursday, June 30th. Details in circular.—Horace S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (12), recently augmented by John Taylor and Co., will be available all day; also Milford-on-Sea (8). Meeting at 2.30 in the Church Hall. Service in the Priory at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the garden of the King's Arms Hotel (if wet in the Church Hall) at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, by June 29th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 2nd. The bells (a new Taylor eight) will be available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. E. P. Higham, The Vicarage, so that proper arrangements can be made for tea.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting of the North and West branches will be held at North Elmham on Saturday, July 2nd.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Queensbury, near Halifax, on July 2nd. Draw 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea, 1s. 6d. each, send not later than June 27th to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Hazelbeech on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.45. Service 4.15. To ensure tea, please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 29th.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Association will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Suffolk Guild.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, at St. Mary's, Woodford (8). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Cheap day tickets from Liverpool Street to George Lane Station. 40, 96 and 100 buses pass the church. Visitors welcome.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, E.1.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The next meeting has been arranged for Buxted on July 2nd instead of Cuckfield as previously advertised. Tower opened 3 p.m. Kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 29th, all requiring tea.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting immediately after tea. Members are requested to make a special effort to attend. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rostherne on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. For tea, please notify Mr. E. Davies, Lady Mary Square, Rostherne, Cheshire, not later than Tuesday, June 28th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Knowle, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.30, 7.0-8.30; Chewton Mendip (8), Glastonbury (8), Croscombe (6), all from 2.30-3.30 and 7.30-9; Shepton Mallet (8), 7.30-9. Evensong in the Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. The Dean and Chapter of Wells 'desire that the ringing at the Cathedral may be done by quite capable ringers, who can ring a heavier lot of bells than are usually found in parish churches.'—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Cambridge Surprise Minor.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. The Rev. J. Thompson (Rector) has kindly offered to provide tea to those who notify Mrs. C. Barber, Lilac Cottages, Bradfield, not later than June 29th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Brayfield on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 28th?—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, July 2nd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. E. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, Staffs, not later than June 30th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, July 2nd, not June 25th. Bells of St. Mary's available from 2.30 p.m., and tea in the Anchorage, adjoining church, at 5 o'clock, for those who notify Mr. J. McRobie, 1, Hardwick Terrace, Gateshead, by Thursday, June 30th.—Please make this joint meeting another success. All welcome.—F. Robson, H. Tyson, Joint Dis. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—July meetings at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.: Sunday, July 3rd, morning service ringing at 10 a.m.; Monday, July 11th, practice, 7 p.m., quarterly

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meeting 8.15 p.m.; Monday, July 25th, practice, 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.15.

HOWDEN CHURCH, YORKS.—On Thursday, July 7th, at 2.30 p.m., His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York will dedicate the new ring of eight bells installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to replace the peal destroyed by fire in 1929. There will also be a service at 7.30 in the evening. Preacher, the Bishop of Durham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Hale) after service. All ringers welcome. Please notify me as soon as possible. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer Festival will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, July 9th. Weybridge (8) and Hersham (8) bells available afternoon and evening, Oatlands Park (8) 3 to 4, 7 to 8 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea free, by kind invitation of the Rector, for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, July 5th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon, Saturday, July 9th. 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m., 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., tower of St. Mary's Church (8 bells) open for ringing. 3 p.m., service in St. Lawrence Chapel of the Cathedral; preacher, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, S. Nicholas', Hereford. 4 p.m., tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop). 4.30 p.m., business meeting at Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence). The tower of St. David's Church, Brecon (6 bells), will also be open for ringing. Please let the hon. treasurer, Mr. Charles Powell, 3, North Road, Brecon, know the number for tea by Saturday, July 2nd, without fail.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., 11 and 12, Church Place, Neath, Glam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. Wm. Clarkson, Goosnargh Lane, not later than Wednesday, July 6th?—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Stansted. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Owing to illness near Wortley Church, the shield contest will be held at Penistone on Saturday, July 9th. Draw takes place at 2.45. For tea, please notify Mr. J. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, by Tuesday, the 5th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar and vice-chairman, the Rev. W. E. MacFarlane. Meeting to follow. Come to one of the best of Oxfordshire villages and bells, but let me know by Tuesday, the 5th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Barton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to those who notify me by July 6th. —E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, July 9th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 5th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GREAT NESS, near Shrewsbury. — The augmented ring of 6 (tenor recast and 3 new trebles added and rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Friday, July 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea and refreshments provided at the Vicarage after the service, and those intending to be present are asked to notify the Rev. F. Brighton, The Vicarage, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, July 13th. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of Dr. E. L. Taylor) at Vine House, near the cricket ground. Business meeting after tea. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 5th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. L. Moxon, Vicar of Newport Pagnell, and chairman of North Bucks Branch. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. non-members. Applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 13th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

DEATH.

BREMNER.—At The Walk, Alloa, Clackmannanshire, after a short illness, on June 15th, William Bremner, captain of the St. John's Church, Alloa, band.

SITUATION WANTED.

RINGER, aged 29, single, seeks situation. Four and three years' garden references; used to motor mower and duty.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

APARTMENTS.

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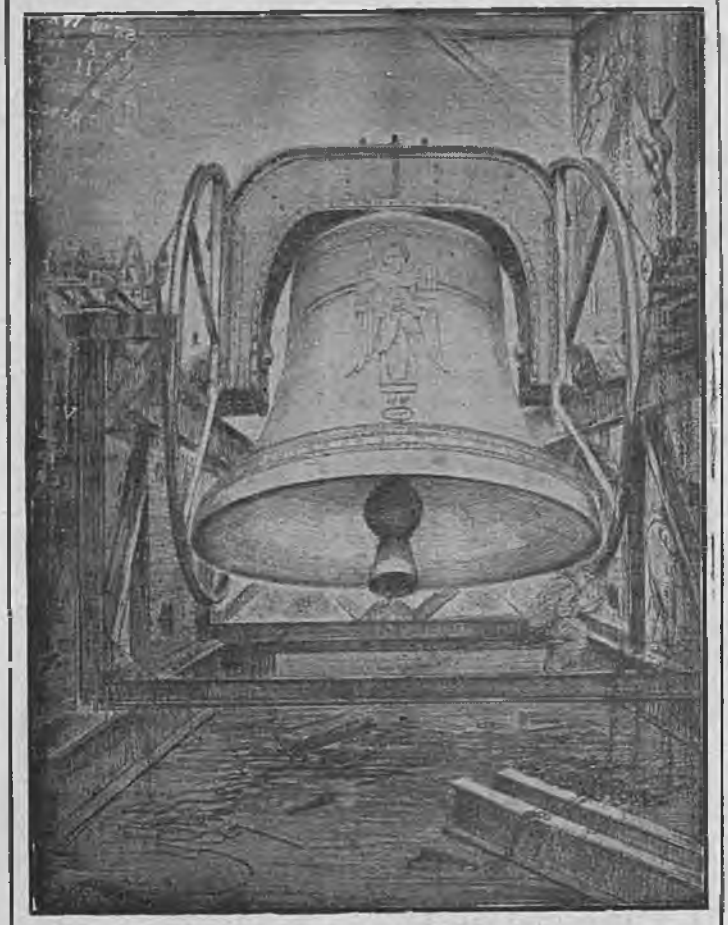

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We may, perhaps, be doing something more than 'preaching to the converted' if readers of this article will pass on the points here mentioned to non-subscribers, supplementing them with a little personal persuasion. What is being aimed at is a sufficient additional circulation to enable us to give the Exercise a larger paper, with

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

HENRY H. FEARN	...Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	8
ALBERT E. NORMAN	3	THOMAS H. REEVES	9
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	FRANK E. PERVIN	10
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	5	A. PADDON SMITH	11
ALBERT H. WARD	6	SYDNEY J. JESSOP	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

A birthday compliment to Tom Miller and F. E. Haynes.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D flat.

*JOE BROADLEY	...Treble	*ALBERT J. HUGHES	6
JOHN HOLMAN	2	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	7
*HERBERT DAVENPORT	3	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
TOM WILDE	4	JAMES H. RIDING	9
*WILLIAM BARTON	5	EDWARD JENKINS	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and by the association.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN	...Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	*WILLIAM RANFORD	7
WILLIAM SHORT	3	*FRED HAWKES	8
HAROLD F. MARTIN	4	CHARLES CAMM	9
CYRIL TANSELL	5	ROBERT LEWIS	...Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Caters. Rung in connection with the festival to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the gift of the endowment of Bromsgrove Parish Church to the Monastery of Worcester by Henry III.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BANKES' NO. 1.

HARRY PLATT ... ...*Treble*		HAROLD HAMER... 5	
OGDEN MOORES 2		*STEPHEN PARRY... 6	
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 3		WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7	
SAMUEL HOLT 4		JOSEPH WARBURTON ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clegg. Mr. Clegg was for 54 years a ringer at St. Mark's, Glodwick. Also rung in honour of the King's birthday.

SADDLEWORTH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(OLDHAM SOCIETY, ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*A. WAITE ... ...*Treble*		*A. F. TAYLOR 5	
W. BERRY 2		J. LEES 6	
J. OGDEN 3		*F. DUNKERLEY 7	
O. MOORES 4		V. SYKES ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by V. SYKES.

* First peal of Plain Bob. First peal for 17 years by the ringer of the third. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Dunkerley.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

KEITH HART... ... ...*Treble*		WILFRED WILLIAMS 5	
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2		ROBERT SWIFT 6	
JACK M. CRIPPS 3		REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 7	
FRANK I. HAIRS 4		OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5	
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN ... 2		NORMAN BAGWORTH 6	
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 3		ERNEST BRETT 7	
CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 4		CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...*Tenor*	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
Rung after meeting short for Caters.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ...*Treble*		LAURENCE P. COOK 5	
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 2		ERNEST G. WILLIAMS ... 6	
CHARLES H. SHEPHERD ... 3		WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 7	
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 4		PETER CROOK, JUN. ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

GEORGE HOWLETT ... ...*Treble*		GEORGE GOWER 5	
GEORGE CURSON 2		WILLIAM FLATT 6	
STANLEY COPLING 3		RUSSELL RICHES 7	
CHARLES LOOME 4		WALTER BARRETT ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by GEORGE HOWLETT.

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... ...*Treble*		JOHN T. FOWLER 5	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2		GEORGE MARTIN 6	
*RONALD C. FOWLER 3		THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 7	
WILLIAM HENLEY 4		HENRY BUCKINGHAM ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Triples.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES CATTELL ... ...*Treble*		HENRY HARRISON 5	
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2		ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 6	
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3		*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 7	
PERCY PRICE... 4		EDWARD F. GOBEY ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by E. C. GOBEY Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... ...*Treble*		ERNEST S. BAILEY 5	
MISS KITTY WILLERS... ... 2		JAMES G. RUMSEY 6	
REGINALD KERSEY 3		*CHARLES F. BAILEY 7	
ALFRED KEEBLE 4		JAMES M. BAILEY ... ...*Tenor*	

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

* Fiftieth peal rung and conducted in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*HAZEL HOLMES... ... ...*Treble*		†GEOFFREY CROSSLEY ... 5	
†WILLIAM ABBOTT 2		TOM SMITH... 6	
MAURICE HODGSON 3		†JACK STITSON 7	
SIDNEY BARRON... 4		FRED HODGSON ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by F. HODGSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF LONDONTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALFRED J. BULL ... ...*Treble*		DANIEL COOPER 5	
*FRANK E. DARBY 2		JOHN F. GALYER 6	
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3		TONY PRICE 7	
HERBERT J. SKELT 4		CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by GEO. BAKER. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

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

GORTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 20, 1932, in Three Hours,
At Brookfield Church,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*Percy Rushton	...*Treble*	Christopher Gudgeon ...	5
Arnold Fearnhead	2	Charles Ollier	6
William Brammer	3	Wilfred J. Moss	7
Benjamin Thorpe	4	Frederick Page	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. Nicholl. Conducted by Frederick Page.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. George Rushton, a member of the local band.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, June 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Consisting of 1,440 London, 1,120 Rutland, 800 Cambridge, 480 Bristol, 480 Superlative, 320 New Gloucester, 320 Norfolk and 320 Yorkshire.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Albert W. Coles	...*Treble*	Charles T. Coles	5
J. Armiger Trollope ...	2	James Bennett	6
George M. Kilby	3	Harry Kilby	7
George R. Pye	4	William Pye	...*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by William Pye.

First peal rung in eight Surprise Major methods.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Mrs. George H. Cross ...	...*Treble*	Herbert E. Audsley ...	5
Edwin Barnett, sen. ...	2	George H. Cross	6
Edwin A. Barnett	3	Stafford H. Green	7
Thomas Groombridge, jun.	4	William E. Bond ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Groombridge, jun.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. W. H. Andrews), whose induction took place on the previous evening. All are local ringers except Stafford H. Green, who hails from the Rector's former parish at Southborough.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight 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 Four-part, No. 70
Tenor 12½ cwt.

John H. Swinfield	...*Treble*	Charles Draper	5
Maurice Swinfield	2	James S. Hutchby	6
J. Charles Dicken	3	James George	7
Joseph Bailey	4	John Curtis	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. Swinfield.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(East Grinstead and District Guild.)
On Wednesday, June 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

Ernest J. Ladd	...*Treble*	*John O. Weller	5
Richard D. Dival	2	*Leonard A. Tidy	6
Phillip S. Thompson ...	3	Ernest J. Oliver	7
George Lambert	4	†Alfred L. Ryman ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. Oliver.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells since the installation of rope guides presented by members of the East Grinstead and District Guild. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the coronation of King George V.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Lionel J. Cullum	...*Treble*	Alfred G. Hill	5
E. Charles Patten	2	John S. Morton	6
John Wheadon	3	Frederick J. Cullum ...	7
John H. Cheeseman	4	Frederick A. Coley ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. O. Robinson, for many years a ringer at the above church, who was interred the same day.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

William Dickinson ...	...*Treble*	Lawrence Chadburn ...	5
William Thornley	2	J. Alfred Barratt	6
Frank Bradley	3	John E. Hobbs	7
Sam Pinder	4	Frederick A. Salter ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. Earle Bulwer. Conducted by Frede. A. Salter

Rung to commemorate the 38th anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; also a birthday compliment to Joan, the daughter of the conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, June 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Charles H. Moore ...	...*Treble*	William G. Mayers	5
Arthur G. Bason	2	George Mayers	6
George Howchin	3	Nolan Golden	7
Frederick J. Howchin ...	4	Bertie J. Howchin ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

The conductor has now called a different composition from each bell in this tower.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Arthur J. Smalls ...	...*Treble*	George Mayers	5
Miss M. Robertson	2	Arthur G. Bason	6
George Howchin	3	William E. Bason	7
Bertie J. Howchin	4	Nolan Golden	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by William E. Bason

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and was his first peal of Treble Bob.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

Albert Taylor	...*Treble*	Harold L. Flavell ...	5
Harry Boswell	2	Abraham Greenfield ...	6
*Maurice Turner	3	†George Detheridge ...	7
Albert D. Collins	4	James Shaw	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Abraham Greenfield.

* First peal, and only fifteen years old. † First peal 'inside.' The conductor's 200th peal, and 100th peal for the above society by the ringer of the 2nd. Rung on the eve of the Sunday School festival. Also in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Taylor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Biddulph, London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

*EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Treble*	CHARLES S. RYLES	4
THOMAS HURD	2	WILLIAM P. DEANE	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	JAMES WALLEY	*...Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Price, member of the local band. This is the first peal of Surprise Minor ever rung in the county of Shropshire.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's.

HAROLD ASTBURY ...	*...Treble*	GEORGE CRAWLEY	4
ERIC B. ALLMAN	2	JOHN BRASSINGTON	5
BRYAN FERNYHOUGH	3	ARTHUR ALLMAN	*...Tenor*

Conducted by J. BRASSINGTON.

Arranged for the ringer of the 3rd, who was born in the parish.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Double Oxford, two 720's of Plain Bob and one each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES TAYLOR ...	*...Treble*	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	4
SHELFORD SPARROW	2	JAMES ROSE	5
KEITH W. WHITTELL	3	HARRY D. LISTER ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent and one of Oxford. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

THOMAS HOADLEY ...	*...Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	4
A. WINGFIELD DURRAM ...	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
EDWARD E. TIDY	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

MARSTON BIGGOTT.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's.

*J. E. J. LOOKER	*...Treble*	EDWARD G. COWARD ...	4
*FRANK LOOKER	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
JOHN E. METCALFE	3	*EDWARD FLOWER ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Monday, June 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
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 11 cwt. 1 qr.

Miss L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	*Treble*	FREDERICK CARDWELL ...	4
*JAMES HAYWOOD	2	FRED WATKINSON	5
LESLIE HAYWOOD	3	REGINALD PAYNE	*...Tenor*

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal of Minor away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Leslie Haywood.

BADBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE HANCOCK ...	*...Treble*	CYRIL PRINDIVILLE	4
CHARLES W. SMITH	2	AMOS SMART	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	SYDNEY FOSKETT	*...Tenor*

Conducted by A. SMART.

First peal on the bells since they were augmented to six by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the 'go' and tone being perfect. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. R. H. Cornish on leaving Badby after 13 years to take up the living at Portisham, Dorset.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents in the ten variations of calling without extremes. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.) in B flat minor.

*ARTHUR J. SMALLS ...	*...Treble*	GEORGE MAYERS	3
GEORGE HOWCHIN	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
		*WILLIAM E. BASON ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd and tenor have now rung peals of Grandsire up to Cinques. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the mother of the Rev. H. S. Maude-Roxby.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, June 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven true, different and complete 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*J. COLLINGWOOD ...	*...Treble*	E. WEBSTER	4
*W. STRONG	2	H. ROGERS	5
*D. WEBSTER	3	T. ROGERS	*...Tenor*

Conducted by T. ROGERS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Kent for all the band, and first peal of Kent on the bells.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS ...	*...Treble*	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	4
ALLEN E. GWYNNE	2	HENRY J. TAYLOR	5
WALTER S. EVANS	3	WALTER TAYLOR	*...Tenor*

Conducted by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GORDON WHITTAM ...	*...Treble*	*WILLIAM LANGHORN	4
NICHOLAS NEWBY	2	ARTHUR STEDMAN	5
SYDNEY HYDER	3	JAMES E. BURLES ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.

* First peal. Ringers of 1 and 4 from Dalton-in-Furness, 2 from Ulverston, remainder from Barrow-in-Furness. The band thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. H. Casson for making the arrangements for their reception.

SHEFFIELD VETERANS HONOURED.

On Sunday evening, June 26th, at St. Marie's Church, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 52 mins.: C. H. Lake 1, T. O'Hara 2, Geo. Lewis (conductor) 3, Geo. Holmes 4, J. A. Dixon 5, R. Harrison 6, T. E. Lee 7, R. Harrison, jun., 8. Rung to mark the 71st birthday of Mr. Geo. Holmes and the 73rd of Mr. J. A. Dixon, both of them still regularly carrying on Sunday service ringing.

HAMBLEDON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

HENRY JENNINGS... ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	4
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	5
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in the county, by the Guild and by all the band.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten six-scores each of Grandsire, April Day, and Plain Bob, and twelve six-scores of Old Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS GWEN ROE ...	...*Treble*	*GEORGE GOWING	4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	2	ARTHUR H. TOOK	5
*ROBERT GARDINER	3	JAMES NUNN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal.

BROAD HINTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES J. GARDINER	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	4
RICHARD E. G. LUTON ...	2	†GEORGE HACKER	5
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	3	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

OAKLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 120's each of Canterbury, April Day, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Manchester, Antelope, and Grandsire, four of London Single, and three of St. Dunstan's.

WALTER FERN	...*Treble*	*HENRY W. GAYTON	3
HORACE TYLER	2	JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ...	4
HERBERT L. HARLOW...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE.

* 250th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 20, 1932, in One Hour and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH TOWER.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ...	1	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS... ...	3-4
LENNARD PRYKE...	2	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ...	5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal and rung at first attempt.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1932, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT 9 PEMBROKE ROAD.

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

FRED HODGSON	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4	JOHN AMBLER	7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by GEORGE AMBLER.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

COUNTRY LIFE IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL COMPANY AMONG BELLS AND CHICKEN.

On Saturday, June 18th, the Sheffield Cathedral company had their annual outing, and visited Lincolnshire. Starting from the Cathedral at 8 a.m. in a comfortable motor coach, and favoured with a fine morning, the journey commenced with a delightful ride through part of the Dukeries via Worksop and Newark, and then on to Sleaford, to make our first call at the village of Ewerby for a ring on the fine peal of ten with a tenor weighing 15 cwt. in D.

On arrival we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Stephens, who gave us a hearty welcome, and on a short tour of the church gave us a brief description of its historical belongings. The bells were installed by the late Earl of Winchelsea, who was a practical ringer, and was wont to divest himself of his clothing to ring for service and then assist the Vicar by reading the lessons.

Owing to the long draught of the ropes, which were new and rather springy, some gymnastics were at first indulged in by one or two of the company, but we soon got the measure of them, and eventually rang good touches of Stedman Caters, Plain and Treble Bob Royal. Afterwards light refreshments were dispensed, the Vicar joining the party. During the short time at our disposal, he entered fully into the enjoyment of things, and gave us a pressing invitation to prolong our stay if possible, enticing us to do so by kindly offering to provide forms of recreation other than change ringing. As time, however, did not permit, we reluctantly had to decline, but we carried away happy recollections of a fine country parson and a real gentleman. Would there were more like him! If so, there would not be such a dearth of ringers that appertains at some places. Bidding him farewell, we sped on our way via Swineshead and in sight of Boston Stump, to arrive in time for dinner at the Red Lion Hotel, Spalding, where a most sumptuous meal was served by the hostess, Mrs. George. Five perfect courses were brought round, not even a trip being made by anyone, whilst the memory of that boiled salmon and delicious roast lamb will last a lifetime. We can readily recommend this hostelry to all who go wandering in Lincolnshire, even to those who are in the habit of calling at the 'Home of Rest.' Spalding Parish Church was visited after dinner, and Mr. Arthur Farr and other ringers were waiting for us. After greetings, no time was wasted before this excellent ring of eight went into changes with a good touch of Stedman Triples, followed by Kent Treble Bob Major, but whether it was the thoughts of that dinner, or the exuberant spirits derived therefrom, Oxford and London simply would not go, although we managed to redeem ourselves by finishing up with some well-struck Plain Bob. Here, too, we were joined by Mr. George Ladd, of Pinchbeck, and Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, who were kindly contributing towards our day's enjoyment.

Sending George back at once to find the belfry key and have the door open, we made a short hop to Pinchbeck (two miles), but George on his faithful steed beat us, and was there all smiles with everything ready. Here we found a good ring of six, tenor 25 cwt., but time did not allow for many to show their prowess. Anyway, it pleased George.

Again pressing forward with another short hop, we duly arrived at our rendezvous, the famous village of the East, Surfleet. Here Rupert soon had us in the belfry, and the bells going to Stedman Caters, whilst Mrs. Rupert was busily engaged in preparing tea for us on the lawn of Glyn Garth. After about an hour's ringing, we had marching orders to the said lawn, where we were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Rupert and the Vicar of Surfleet. And, looking round, what a sight greeted the eye! Even the thoughts of that dinner were banished for the time being, and another composition, on the two-part plan this time, with every bell running its full extent in each part, was brought round with satisfaction, great credit being due to the 'composer' for the qualities obtained and for the masterly fashion in which it was conducted. What a genius he is at this particular method!

By the way (and this is a secret) it was during this delightful performance that we perforce heard reference to one 'Kate.' It was, however, not quite clear whether she had just been seen in the neighbourhood or whether she was shortly to be expected. Anyway, we gathered she was again on the warpath, after a man who ran away from somewhere. We could not make out where, but, by gosh, he had better look out, or he'll never get a chance to run again.

Immediately after tea, touches on the handbells added to the pleasure of the party, the performers, however, being quite unconscious of the fact that they were being filmed by Rupert. When this was known, others who are not expert handbell ringers were anxious to be filmed, and, judging by the antics of these gentlemen, the films would be worth going a long way to see, whilst if 'talkies' could have been attached they would be priceless.

An inspection of the farm was then made under the conductorship of the owner, who kindly explained some of the mysteries of the art or science (whichever it is) of producing the magnificent blooms for which the district is so famous. It was quite an education and highly interesting.

Then away we went to the poultry farm, where some 1,500 to 1,600 head of poultry are housed in first-class conditions, with all up-to-date appliances and economy 'stunts.' What a sight when the flock saw

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HERTFORDSHIRE RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The Hitchin St. Mary's ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, June 18th. Accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. R. Routh), they left Hitchin at 8.50, the first stop being Ickleton, where some good ringing was done on this fine peal of eight. Continuing the journey to Bury St. Edmunds, the party passed through Newmarket, where they saw plenty of budding Derby winners in training. At Bury, they first had a pull on the bells of the fine old Church of St. Mary, which has many points of interest, the magnificent nave, with its great Angel roof, and the grave of Mary Tudor, Queen of France, being among them. The next 'pull' was at Mr. C. A. Goymour's, where an excellent lunch had been prepared. Here most of the company were forced to call 'stand' before the full 'course' was finished, although one or two nobly stuck it to the end. Continuing the journey through typical English countryside, Lavenham, where the 121st anniversary was being held, was reached, and the visitors were very grateful to the secretary and friends for welcoming them and allowing them to ring on this fine peal, the tone and go being much admired by all. After leaving Lavenham, calls were made at Long Melford—a wonderful old church—to Braintree, where, prior to a pull on the handy ring of eight, tea was partaken of, and Bishop's Stortford, where ringing for the day was concluded on the ring of ten bells. A pleasant run home brought to a close a most successful outing, and thanks are tendered to the incumbents of the respective towers who so kindly allowed the use of the bells, and also to the steeplekeepers for having everything ready.

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Rupert. Think of an army approaching you on the double, and you have some idea of a swiftly moving multitude of feathery bodies coming at you helter skelter. They must know Rupert, and they did not mind us. Of course, endless questions were asked as to the daily egg supply, etc., and the impression we got was that when the hens were in full swing the eggs were gathered by horse and cart with a shovel. Anyway, we did actually see bucketsfull. We were, however, rather surprised to learn that these were Mrs. Rupert's pet belongings and care. Poor Mrs. Rupert!

Time now becoming rather pressing, a further short visit was again made to the tower for a final ring, and a reluctant start was made for home at 8 p.m.

Thus ended another of those outstanding events which occasionally come into one's life, and long remain in the memory of those lucky enough to participate in them. Thanks are wholeheartedly tendered to all those who by their efforts so kindly assisted to make this another red-letter day in the annals of the Sheffield Cathedral company.

S. F. P.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Llangibby on Saturday last. The bells, a handy musical ring of eight, augmented and restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co. some years ago, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Service was held in the church, which looked very beautiful with a fine display of flowers. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Lancaster Osman) officiated, and gave a most inspiring address. Following the service a move was made to the White Hart Hotel, where tea, most generously provided by the Vicar, was awaiting the party.

The business meeting followed, when reports on proposed augmentations and restorations and instruction were dealt with.

The representative to the Central Council gave his report on the proceedings at Plymouth. The proposed effort to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World' was dealt with, each tower having been requested to do its utmost to bring about the desired effect, so as to get an enlarged paper.

Several new members were elected, including six from Caerleon tower. It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting at Bassaleg, and the next Glamorgan meeting at Caerphilly.

The Hon. Secretary asked intending subscribers to the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies to send in their subscriptions as soon as possible.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, for the service, for presiding at the business meeting, and for his hospitality in providing tea. To this the Vicar suitably replied, mentioning that it was always a pleasure to him to welcome ringers to Llangibby.

The bells were rung in various methods during the evening, bringing to a close a most enjoyable and pleasant meeting.

THE LATE MR. TOM GOFTON.

ANNIVERSARY PEAL ATTEMPT.

To mark the anniversary of the death of their well-loved leader of the Whitley Bay ringers, Mr. T. T. Gofton, the members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild attempted a peal of Double Norwich Major on Monday, June 20th. Unfortunately the peal had to be abandoned owing to the bad going of the 5th bell after two hours' ringing.

Previous to the peal a floral cross was laid on his grave by the Ringing Master, and a course of Grandsire Caters rung 'in hand' by: J. E. Gofton 1-2, C. L. Routledge 3-4, W. J. Davidson 5-6, J. E. Keen 7-8, A. Deas 9-10. The peal band included Mr. J. E. Scott, who kindly filled a vacancy at the last moment. A family wreath was also placed on the grave by Mr. R. A. Gofton, jun.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Tamworth Parish Church bells and tower have been restored at a cost of about £900. The work, carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., included recasting seven of the bells, tuning the tenor, and rehanging the whole peal in a new frame. They were rededicated on Tuesday of last week by the Archdeacon of Stafford.

The rehung peal of eight at Christ Church, Alsager, are to be reopened on Saturday, July 16th, and a meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild is to be held in connection with the event. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out the work to the bells.

The meeting of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association at Stansted has been postponed from July 9th to July 16th.

An asterisk was attached to the wrong name in the report of the peal of Stedman Triples at Monk's Kirby, which was published last week. It should have denoted the first peal of Stedman by John Ison, the ringer of the treble.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford took place at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th, in beautiful weather. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were available for the afternoon and evening, and were made good use of. A fair number attended evensong at the Cathedral, the music giving great delight. A capital tea was served in the Wade Street Schoolroom, where 60 members and friends were regaled.

The general meeting which followed was presided over by the Ven. Archdeacon Bright. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. R. P. Brindley, Tamworth, who was busily engaged in making preparations for the coming dedication of the new bells, and Messrs. C. Wallater and F. W. Perrens, who both had pressing engagements elsewhere.

The report and statement of accounts were presented, and on the motion of the chairman—who congratulated the members on the successful financial position they were in—were accepted and ordered to be printed.

Then followed the election of Mr. R. Pickering as Ringing Master, to succeed Mr. J. Warrilow, retired, the remaining officers being re-elected.

A small committee was formed for the purpose of making arrangements to celebrate the jubilee of the society, which will be reached in June, 1933.

The following places have been selected for meetings: Stafford in September (with the intention of making it a joint meeting with the North Staffs Association), Darlaston in January, Tamworth in April, and Lichfield (jubilee) in June.

It was resolved to purchase a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing.'

The Lay Secretary (Mr. H. Knight) exhorted his hearers to do what they could to encourage those of their friends who did not already purchase a copy of 'The Ringing World' to do so, and thereby help to increase its circulation, which would in turn enable the Editor to keep up to date with reports of peals, etc., and if sufficient increase were made, they might look forward to a reduction in price of the paper in the near future.

The Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Cresswell and her friends for the admirable way the tea had been prepared and served, and to the Archdeacon for so kindly presiding, which was received with applause.

The Chairman briefly replied, and offered to give what assistance he could in preparing for the jubilee celebration: he also invited the company to visit his garden.

FEWER BUT MORE INTERESTING PEALS.

The committee, in their report, stated that meetings had been held during the year at Lichfield, Penkridge, Wood Green and Pattingham, all of which were well attended. At Pattingham no less than 22 members were enrolled, including half a dozen 'brass hats' from London, which must be a record for the last quarterly meeting of the society's year. Restoration was taking place at Tamworth, the front seven bells being recast and all hung in a new iron frame. The committee were pleased to hear of progress being made at Darlaston, where, under the tutorship of Mr. B. Horton, several of the young members had rung their first peal, and there was the promise of a 'local' peal being rung there in the near future. The peals rung were less in number than last year, but were rather more interesting. A record had been created for the society by the fact that eight peals of Stedman Cinques had been scored, one of which was particularly noteworthy, viz., that which was completed by the Walsall Sunday service band. The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was also rung at Walsall. Two peals of Stedman (one of Cinques and one of Triples) were rung to commemorate the 'Stedman Tercentenary.'

The following were the peals rung: Grandsire Doubles 6, Triples 7, Caters 2, Stedman Triples 5, Caters 2, Cinques 8, Bob Minor 1, Major 2, Royal 2, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 2; total 37.

The committee recorded with regret the death of Mr. Frank Hallsworth, of Walsall; Mr. William G. Bastone, of Penkridge; Mr. A. J. Chaplin, of Tamworth; and Mr. James E. Groves, of Birmingham, who was the society's first Ringing Master.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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RECORDS.

Mr. G. L. Grover, the only surviving member of the Records Committee, presented the report of the committee which covered a period of two years. The report was as follows:—

The whole Exercise very much regrets the event which has resulted in my being left as the sole member of the Records Committee. I obtained from Mrs. Beams a copy of the schedule to the report of the Records Committee. Unfortunately, this is only made up to the end of 1926, and the report of this committee, covering the years 1927, 1928 and 1929, has not yet been found. When it is found this year's report may possibly prove inaccurate in some particulars

During 1930 and 1931 the first peal in each of the following methods was rung:—

5,024 Camdon Surprise Major at Leiston on October 14th, 1931, for the Suffolk Guild.

5,016 Canterbury Pleasure Maximus at Canterbury on May 24th, 1930, for the Kent County Association.

5,000 Double Little Bob Major at Handsworth on July 1st, 1930, for the Yorkshire Association. (Note.—This may, however, have been the same method as the Erith Little Bob Major mentioned below and rung at Crayford in March, 1930.)

5,056 Double Dublin Surprise Major at Hersham on November 15th, 1930, for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

5,040 Erith Little Bob Major at Crayford on March 11th, 1930, for the Kent County Association.

5,088 Irchester Surprise Major at Irthlingborough on February 14th, 1931, for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

5,280 Pudsey Surprise Maximus at Ipswich on September 13th, 1930, for the Suffolk Guild.

5,088 Reverse Double Dublin Surprise Major at Ewell on December 6th, 1930, for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

5,024 Surrey Surprise Major at Guildford on November 5th, 1930, for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The following peals, which appear to be the longest lengths in their respective methods, were also rung:—

5,064 Double (or Erith) Little Bob Major at North Lopham on February 15th, 1931, for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

9,600 Double Dublin Surprise Major at Guildford on April 6th, 1931, for the Guildford Diocesan Guild

6,144 Guildford Surprise Major at Guildford on December 31st, 1930, for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

5,152 Hereward Bob at Conisborough on January 17th, 1931, for the Yorkshire Association.

5,088 Surrey Surprise Major at Leiston on January 24th, 1931, for the Suffolk Guild.

The following peals in Spliced methods should, I think, also be included in this report:—

5,280 Superlative and Cambridge Maximus at Southwark on January 11th, 1931, for the Middlesex County Association.

5,040 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Maximus (in hand) at Leverstock Green on October 15th, 1931, for the Hertford County Association.

5,040 Yorkshire, Pudsey and Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Magnus', London, on July 25th, 1931 (the first spliced peal of Royal), for the Middlesex Association.

5,760 Rutland, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Norfolk and New Gloucester Surprise Major (nine methods) at Wilesden on December 1st, 1931.

5,280 London, Rutland, Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Peterborough, Norfolk, Bristol and New Gloucester Surprise Major (11 methods) at St. Giles', London, on July 24th, 1930, and

5,120 Rutland, London, Bristol, Cambridge, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Norfolk, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire Surprise Major (12 methods) at Ealing on July 1st, 1931 (most methods spliced in one peal), all for the Middlesex County Association.

5,016 Gainsborough Little Bob and Bob Major at Burton-on-Stather on December 28th, 1931, for the Lincoln Guild.

5,000 Spliced Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Plain Bob and Little Bob Major at Newcastle on February 12th, 1930, for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

5,040 Double, Plain and Little Bob Major (in hand) at Ealing on July 13th, 1930, for the Middlesex County Association.

The following spliced peals of Surprise Minor were also rung:—

5,040 in 21 methods at Lamberhurst on February 6th, 1930, for the Kent County Association.

5,040 in 21 methods at Bourne on December 31st, 1931, for the Lincoln Guild.

5,040 in 23 methods at Leytonstone on March 24th, 1930, for the Essex Association.

5,040 in 26 methods at Lamberhurst on May 15th, 1930, for the Kent County Association.

5,040 Double Biddulph Surprise Minor (the first peal of Double Surprise Minor ever rung) was rung at Killamarsh on November 14th, 1931, for the Yorkshire Association, and for the same association a peal of 10,800 changes, consisting of 15 720's of Surprise Minor, was rung at Rotherham on January 1st, 1931.

COMMITTEES AMALGAMATED.

I think, continued the report, the Council should give a ruling as to what spliced peals are to be entered in the schedule to this committee's report. For instance, out of only four methods which will splice it might be possible to ring 11 spliced peals using two, three or four methods in different combinations, and, having regard to the certain future extension of spliced ringing, if every different combination of methods is to be recorded as the first spliced peal in such and such methods, the papers of this committee will become very voluminous. It will probably, however, be sufficient merely to record the advancing total number of methods spliced in one peal, distinguishing the class of peals and methods.

Mr. Grover added that the work of the committee could well be done and its report incorporated with that of the Peals Analysis Committee, and he suggested that the committee be dissolved.

The President said that was a recommendation made by the Standing Committee. The work of the Records Committee was now practically up to date, and the work of checking the records would be but a small addition to the labours of the Analysis Committee when they had got the information for their own purpose. It was, therefore, entirely suitable that the two committees should be amalgamated. Mr. Grover was the only surviving member of the Records Committee, and he had already been elected on the Peals Analysis Committee. He proposed that the Records Committee be dissolved with many thanks for its services.

Replying to a question, the President said the records were complete, except that those for 1927, 1928 and 1929 could not yet be found.

Mr. Grover said since he wrote his report the rough draft report for the three years mentioned had been found, and when there was time to check it the schedule would be brought up to date.

Mr. Trollope: Will the records be available for reference in the Council's Library?

The President: Yes.

The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded the report, which was adopted, as was also the president's motion.

TRUE RECORDS.

This concluded the reports of the committees, and the Council then dealt with the motions on the agenda, of which there were three.

The President said he desired to move formally, 'That this Council strongly deprecates the recording as a peal on a commemorative tablet, any performance which does not conform to the accepted standard of a true and complete peal, and calls upon all affiliated societies to support the Council in this matter.' He said they had hoped Canon Elsee would have been there to speak to this resolution. His (the president's) name was put down as the proposer more or less as a matter of form, because, owing to a slight misunderstanding, the motion would otherwise have been too late for publication. He was not going to speak at length about it, he thought the motion explained itself. They would notice that it had been very carefully worded and referred to performances which did not conform to 'the accepted standard.' In that county there was a board in a church commemorating 'a peal' of, he believed, 1,620 'call changes,' but they did not object to that because in that part of the county of Devon that was the accepted standard of a peal. Alongside it, he was happy to say, there was a board commemorating a peal of Cambridge Surprise rung by the Cambridge University Guild.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said his name was attached to the motion for the same reason as that given by the president, and he formally seconded the resolution.

Mr. E. W. Elwell said the resolution was one which the Council was asked to pass simply out of self-preservation. It was not always nice to interfere in anything which might be causing discussion, and by interference one did not want to cause acrimonious discussion, but it was essential that members of every ordered society should preserve amongst themselves some sort of agreed rules and regulations; if it did not do so it ceased to be an ordered society and became a rabble, with everyone doing exactly what they liked, making what statements they liked, recklessly and regardless of anything they might call a standard of honour or truth. There was, however, one thing which always checked any tendency to break away to such lawlessness, and that was the good opinion of the majority of people concerned, and the force of public opinion was such that it acted as a check on anything which might be disastrous; and it was the force of public opinion which, he thought, would induce the Council to pass the resolution before them by a unanimous vote. They deprecated the putting up of any record to commemorate a performance in which there was a statement which might give rise at some future time to the assumption of some fact in connection with it which was not strictly true, even though it might be known at the time that the statement was not strictly the truth. Their objection was not to the erection of a tablet commemorating a performance, but to commemorating something as a peal which was not a peal according to the accepted standards. Let them, if they liked, record something as a glorious failure, which it might well have been, and which might well deserve recording, but do not let them claim for that glorious failure complete and accurate success—say it was 'a glorious failure' (hear, hear).

Continuing, Mr. Elwell drew attention to the stained glass in two of the windows in the room in which the Council were gathered, some of the most beautiful which, he said, he had seen for a long time.

The windows, he added, commemorated two very great ages in English history—the two greatest, the periods of Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria, and they showed the local association of Plymouth with those ages—the men who sailed their small cockle shells to discover new worlds, the men who first sailed round the world, who beat the Spanish Armada, and the men of the great Victorian age. And if they looked at both those windows, he said, they would see not only successes but also glorious failures; on one side the glorious failure of Sir Richard Grenville; on the other side the glorious failure of Trevithick, who invented the first steam engine, which did not work. It was left to the genius of Stephenson later to make a success of that in which Trevithick failed, but because the work of those men was a glorious failure they saw them commemorated in those fine windows. Let them, he continued, in regard to their ringing, be honest, and posterity would give them all the credit they deserved. In passing this resolution, the Council would be making a stand for truth and accuracy so that it might be said in the future that what the men of the Fifth Georgian age said was at least true, and that what they claimed was honourable. It was not right to claim by a half statement something which it was not considered to be by ordinary and average opinion of the whole jury of the ringing Exercise (applause).

The President said after Mr. Elwell's eloquent speech he thought they might put the motion to the vote.

On a show of hands he declared it carried nem con. The President then stated that he had had, although he did not wish to make use of them, letters from Canon Elsee and Alderman Pritchett most heartily agreeing with the resolution and expressing their regret that they were not there to speak of it. The Standing Committee, also, most heartily endorsed the resolution, but it was not necessary to mention that before.

ACOUSTICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Dennis will look at page 16 of the revised edition of 'On the Preservation of Bells, etc.,' published by the Central Council, he will find the matter of acoustics dealt with at considerable length by the Towers and Belfries Committee.

I doubt if it is possible to create sound-proof devices applicable to any and every tower, but where towers have been treated on the lines and with the materials suggested the result has been satisfactory. The difficulty is usually to get the authorities concerned to take action.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,
Towers and Belfries Committee.

THE MINOR COLLECTION APPENDIX.

Dear Sir,—In answer to the Rev. E. S. Powell's letter of last week, I will commence by withdrawing the word 'piffle' with apologies to all those offended. Mr. Powell asks me why I did not enquire about other compositions at Chelmsford. I am not a thought reader. Might I ask him why they were not mentioned openly? As far as I can remember, only three were mentioned—Morris' and Pitman's Doubles and Bankes James' Cambridge Minor. These, after a long discussion, were rejected by a small majority as being unsuitable for peal ringing. An amendment was then moved that they be printed at the end of the book as an appendix, with these words: 'That the insertion of these compositions does not commit anybody to the opinion that they are suitable for peal ringing.' According to the minutes of the meeting no mention is made of any other compositions. The book is now in print, and has a further ten pages of the same class of composition, which, in my opinion, were inserted without the Council's authority.

I have nothing further to add on this matter except to say that, as long as my association sends me as one of their representatives, I shall endeavour to do my duty to the Exercise.—Yours, etc.

Taunton. J. HUNT.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN EIGHT METHODS.

5,280. BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456	M.	W.	H.	Methods.
				One lead each of
35842	—	2	3	L. C. B. R. NG. (two leads)
25346	2			R. B. C. R.
43652	—	—		L. C. L.
32654	—		2	R. Y. R. B.
(62453)	—			R. S.
42356	—			N. S. L.
63254	—		—	L. Y. L.
(52436)	—	—		L. S.
42635	—			N. C. L.
56234	—		—	L. C. R.

Four times repeated.

The methods are: L., London; C., Cambridge; B., Bristol; R., Rutland; N.G., New Gloucester; S., Superlative; N., Norfolk. Norfolk must be rung with a fourth's place bob, and as this method cuts out the home lead, the course-ends in brackets are not rung where shown.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE SUGGESTED LAW JAMES DINNER.

A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch was held at Bigby on Saturday, June 25th, in ideal weather, which helped to make the meeting a great success. The light ring of six bells was kept going during the afternoon, and the small, but beautifully kept, church had a large congregation of ringers and parishioners for the service. The president of the district (Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby) conducted the service, and in his address gave a very hearty welcome to the members.—Mr. H. Rushby, the district organist, played the organ. The members were afterwards entertained in the school to a splendid tea kindly provided by Canon and Mrs. Parry. Unfortunately, Mrs. Parry could not be present owing to an accident which had broken her arm. 'Forty-eight and a half' sat down to tea, the following towers being represented: Burton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Scunthorpe, Elsham, Thornton Curtis, Barrow-on-Humber, Grimsby (St. Andrew's and St. James'), Barton-on-Humber and the local members. Others present included the Rev. Hedley Burrows (Vicar of St. James', Grimsby), Mr. and Mrs. W. Bramwell (Grimsby), Mrs. Rushby, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness (Lincoln), Mr. H. Marcon (secretary of the Lincoln District), etc.

At the business meeting, which followed, Rev. Canon H. T. Parry presided. Two new members were elected, viz., J. H. Bowness, of Bigby, and F. Lacey, of Scunthorpe; and three members were re-elected.

The collections for the Grimsby District bell fund amounted to 18s. 3d.

The president welcomed the Vicar of Grimsby to Bigby, and hoped that he would pay further visits to their meetings.—In reply, the Rev. Hedley Burrows said how glad he was to be among the ringers. He realised the great work they were doing in the churches. He also thanked Canon and Mrs. Parry for their splendid hospitality.

The president then referred to the great push that the Central Council had asked the ringers to make to increase the sale of 'The Ringing World.' He said ringers should do their utmost, not only by taking 'The Ringing World' themselves, but to persuade others to do so. It would be a great calamity to the ringing fraternity if the paper ceased to exist.

Mr. C. McGuiness referred to the proposed Rev. Law James dinner which he suggested at the Northern Branch annual meeting. He was afraid it was falling a bit flat, but he hoped the Grimsby District would do their best to keep the proposal alive.

The President said he thought the Guild should let the first anniversary pass without a dinner and have a special anniversary service at some convenient church, preferably Surfleet. They might then arrange the anniversary dinner for the following year.

Congratulations were extended by the president to Mr. B. Gillatt, jun., a well-known ringer of Burton Stather, who has been chosen to keep wicket for his county. His father, who is also a ringer, was asked to convey the congratulations to him.

The Ringing Master, Mr. J. Bray, congratulated the Bigby band on their peal attempt, in which they succeeded in getting six of seven 720's. Five of them were young ringers, and all keen. Mr. G. Blanchard also deserved congratulation for getting them on so well.

Mr. H. Rushby proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon and Mrs. Parry for entertaining the members, also to Canon Parry for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address and welcome, and asked the president to convey the sympathy of the members to Mrs. Parry in her unfortunate accident.—The president suitably responded, and thanked the ladies for arranging for the needs of the members.—This brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, and members then indulged in ringing both on handbells and in the tower, while some enjoyed the Rector's delightful grounds.

The next meeting is at Burton-on-Stather, July 16th.

DEATH OF AN ERITH RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Oscar Robinson, of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, who died on June 18th, at the age of 51 years. The deceased had been a member of St. John's band for about 30 years.

He was taken ill on June 4th, and after a few days in bed was up and about again. On Saturday week the writer met him about 10 a.m. on the way to the doctor's. They strolled up the road together, and on parting Mr. Robinson remarked that he 'would be along in the morning to have a look at the ringers.'

Unfortunately, the deceased was taken ill again while at the surgery. He was taken home and had just got indoors when he collapsed and died immediately.

The funeral took place at Erith Parish Church on Thursday, June 23rd, the service being conducted by the Rev. W. M. Browne, M.A., Vicar of Erith. The local ringers were represented by Messrs. A. G. Hill, F. A. Coley and E. C. Pattin.

Deceased had been a well-known figure in Erith, where he had been a postman for 37 years.

In the evening a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung to his memory. He will be sadly missed by all the Erith ringers. F. J. C.

'GREAT RINGING DAY.'

SAFFRON WALDEN'S COMMEMORATION OF AN ANCIENT TOWNSMAN.

Saffron Walden, the little Essex market town, holds a unique place in ringing annals, for it can boast of the oldest company of ringers in the country, which has behind it more than three hundred years of history, and which there is good reason for believing has had practically an unbroken existence. Exactly when Saffron Walden first had a band of ringers it is impossible to say, but they were established some time before 1623, for in that year Thomas Turner, a merchant, died, and under his will bequeathed, among other things, a sum of money for the ringing of the bells every year upon the anniversary of the day of his funeral. There is a tradition attaching to this bequest that Thomas Turner, having one evening lost his way in the dense forest which then surrounded the town, was guided safely home by the sound of the bells. It is quite possible that there is some truth at the bottom of this tradition, but, whether it is truth or a little picturesque imagination, there is no doubt about the bequest. The ringers of Saffron Walden have been duly remunerated for their efforts every year since. Thomas Turner's will, dated June 10th, 1623, directed that 'twentie shillings be bestowed yearelye upon a Preacher which shall make a memoriall Sermon upon the daie of the yeare wherein I shalbe buried. And thirtie three shillings foure pence be bestowed yearlie upon such persons which shall ring the bells of the Church of Walden upon the daie of the year on which I shalbe buryed: and six shillings eight pence be given yearlie upon the same daie to the parishe clarke of the Towne of Walden aforesaid for the tyme beinge for his paines in preparinge the bells.'

And every year on June 27th the bells of Walden Church are rung and the parson preaches the memorial sermon. The occasion is known as 'Great Ringing Day.' Generation after generation of Waldenites have been annually reminded of Thomas Turner, and the ringers have seldom failed to give a convivial touch to the proceedings. In 1638, for instance, 'Mr. Thomas Turner's Ringing mony 33s. 4d. thus spent at John Gamago's: first a breakfast at 2d. a man, dinner to 20 persons at 6d. a man, supper to 22 persons at 8d. a man,' and one can well imagine that even, if there were no set meals, subsequent ringers did not let the day pass without some kind of social meeting at a neighbouring hostelry.

In more modern times interest in the event has spread to a wider circle of ringers, and 'Great Ringing Day' attracts a number of visitors, for Saffron Walden has further claim to ringing fame than merely Thomas Turner's commemoration. It was one of the earliest homes of change ringing, and there is every possibility that Fabian Stedman himself was a visitor there, for Walden is (or was in those days; it is different in this era of cheap locomotion) within walking distance of Cambridge. Peals were rung at Walden in the middle of the eighteenth century, and one of the earliest performances of Holt's Original, in which the peal was called by one of the actual ringers, took place here, on Christmas Day, 1753. Change ringing must have reached a fairly efficient stage at Walden for this to be done. The performance was repeated on New Year's Day, 1754, the two peals being completed 'by the Society of Young Ringers of this Town' . . . 'to the no small Mortification of their Antagonists (some of the Old Society), who, instead of Instruction, gave them all the Obstruction in their power.' After this, change ringing flourished off and on for nearly a hundred years.

To ringers of the last two generations Saffron Walden is synonymous with the name of Pitstow. Sixty years or so ago Frederick, Nathan and Ernest set the society on its feet again and were pioneers of advanced change ringing in that part of the country. Nathan was one of the most talented composers of his day, Frederick was known far and wide for his capabilities as a ringer and conductor, and a genial soul at that. Ernest, who took part in many notable performances, is still with us, but advancing years prevents him taking the share in the art which he formerly used to do. A younger generation, however, is carrying on the good work, and Alfred and Frederick (neither of them quite young, perhaps) and Leonard are still maintaining the Pitstow connection with Walden ringing.

Thomas Turner's memory was commemorated on Monday by special ringing, but for very good reasons. 'Great Ringing Day' this year was celebrated on Saturday. It attracted over fifty ringers who, in glorious summer weather, spent an enjoyable time. The bells were rung during the morning, and the annual service was conducted by the Vicar (Dr. L. Hughes), who preached the commemorative sermon. Dinner was served at the Rose and Crown Hotel, and there was further ringing in the afternoon and evening, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus. Among the visitors was Dr. E. L. Taylor, of Sevenoaks, whose home was formerly at Walden, and whose father was once Master of the society. Others who took the opportunity of joining in the commemoration were Mr. William Pye (Master of the Middlesex Association), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), and ringers from Stansted, Braintree, Harlow, Romford, Colchester, Cambridge, Enfield (Middlesex), Crayford (Kent), Beddington and Woking (Surrey), Walthamstow, and a company of no fewer than 21 from Helmingham (Suffolk). There were hoary heads among

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THE LADIES' GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT WOKINGHAM.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and service was conducted by the Rev. K. S. C. Thomas. Miss Robinson, with the help of other members of the local band, had a splendid tea arranged in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting four new ringing members were elected, viz., Miss F. Child (Bournemouth), Miss Kingdon (Woking), Miss Neuport (Wokingham), and Miss M. Smith (Aldershot).

The vice-president (Mrs. Bruce), the secretary (Miss H. F. Mills) and committee were all re-elected.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Seale at the kind invitation of the vice-president.

There were 11 Ladies' Guild members present from Abbotts Anne, Aldershot, Ottershaw, Woking, Worplesdon and the local tower.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. K. S. C. Thomas, the organist (Miss Avenell), the ladies responsible for tea, and Mr. Brooks for having the bells in readiness.

Among the visitors was Canon G. F. Coleridge, who extended some good advice to some of the learners.

The secretary wishes to thank all, especially the Aldershot band, for their wholehearted support.

DEATH OF A COLCHESTER RINGER.

The death occurred on June 23rd of Mr. H. Evers, of West Bergholt, a native of Kelvedon. Deceased, who was 69 years of age, passed away after a very short illness. He took part in a ringing tour on Wednesday, June 15th, and was working on Friday, when he felt very unwell. He succumbed on the following Thursday to bronchitis and pneumonia.

Always of a bright and genial demeanour, the death of Mr. Evers will be severely felt by his brother-ringers of St. Peter's, Colchester, of which tower he was a member. Deceased was made a life member of the Essex Association at the annual meeting in 1930.

On Sunday evening, June 26th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a 720 of Minor was rung, with tenor covering, the 5th, the bell usually rung by deceased, being left out. Those taking part were: H. T. Pye 1, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 2, G. Rashbrook 3, F. L. Bumpstead 4, W. Dent 6, W. Chalk 7, R. W. Stannard 8.

The funeral took place at West Bergholt on Monday. After the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, W. Dent and G. Rashbrook, and in the evening 720 Bob Minor at St. Peter's, with tenor covering and the bells half-muffled, by H. T. Pye, G. Wightman, G. Rashbrook, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Dent, W. Chalk (conductor), and R. W. Stannard.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Kimpton on Saturday. Thirty-six ringers were present, and the following towers were represented: Baldock, Knebworth, Bennington, Harpenden, St. Albans, Stevenage, Southgate, Henlow, Clifton, Barley, Little Munden, Hertford, North Mimms, and the local band. Many methods were rung, including London Surprise Minor. A service was held at which the Vicar gave an interesting address. Tea and business meeting followed. It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Hatfield on the last Saturday in September.

The secretary drew attention to the forthcoming joint meeting at St. Albans on July 23rd with the Middlesex and Beds Associations, and asked the members to support it as far as they were able.

A vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangement of the meeting was carried with acclamation. Handbell ringing and further ringing on the tower bells brought a very enjoyable afternoon and evening to a close.

STEDMAN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards for his suggestion on teaching beginners at St. Benedict's, Cambridge. When I am in charge of recruits I shall certainly take his excellent advice.

Yours truly,

KITTY WILLERS.

Trumpington.

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the party, but youth was represented in Edwin Barnett III. and Ernest W. Pye, both of whom are in their very early ''teens,' but have already taken their place, permanently we hope, among peal ringers.

Saffron Walden Church, which is of cathedral-like proportions, stands on high ground and dominates the old town, which centuries ago was a flourishing community and the centre of the saffron dye industry. The bells were a ring of eight for nearly a couple of hundred years. They were recast by John Briant, of Hertford, in 1798, and have been a ring of twelve since 1914. There has not yet, however, been a twelve-bell peal rung on them.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SELLY OAK REVISITED AFTER 15 YEARS.

In glorious surroundings and beautiful sunshine the members of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association assembled at St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak, on Saturday, June 18th, for their quarterly meeting. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and choral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Reginald P. Steer), assisted by the curate. The association's form of service was used, and the Vicar gave an inspiring address on the beautiful prayers contained in that service.

Tea was served on the Vicarage lawn, it being just 15 years to the day since the members took tea in exactly the same place. Mrs. Steer, with the members of the Mothers' Union, looked after the requirements of the members. The members were then invited to go round the garden of the Vicarage. The business meeting was afterwards held, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. T. C. Humphries (churchwarden), Mr. W. B. Cartwright (secretary of the Church Council), Mr. W. Short (Central Committee representative), Mr. C. Skidmore (Ringing Master of the branch), Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary). There were also present Mr. J. R. Newman (general secretary of the association) and Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. The secretary gave Mr. Johnston a most hearty welcome, and he was congratulated by all on the successful and scientific way the firm had accomplished a most difficult task in rehanging the bells of Selly Oak Church. The recasting had produced a very fine peal of bells, very mellow in tone, while the 'go' is excellent.

The secretary made reference to the death of Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster, one of the association's oldest and most valued members. Those present stood for a short period in silence.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright said that he had been visiting Redditch to give instruction to the local company, and he had been given permission to invite the branch to hold the September meeting there, and this was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. C. F. Johnston was elected a life member of the association, and the churchwardens (Messrs. T. C. Humphries and J. R. Johnson) were elected hon. members, while several performing members were elected.

Mr. H. G. Bird, the association's representative on the Central Council, gave a review of the Plymouth meeting, specially referring to the resolution passed urging increased support for 'The Ringing World,' and this led to a lengthy discussion, in which Mr. H. Mason, Mr. F. Perrins, Mr. J. R. Newman and Mr. J. Eaton took part, and it was eventually decided that the branch use all its influence to persuade all its members to take a copy weekly in the endeavour to reduce its cost.

Mr. C. Skidmore moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, arranging the services and for his kind invitation to hold the tea and meeting on the lawn, also to the organist and choir, and to the members of the Mothers' Union who had given such valuable assistance at the tea table.—This was carried with applause. A vote of thanks was also given Mr. W. B. Cartwright for his help in arranging the meeting.—The Vicar, in reply, said he appreciated the association's visit, and hoped it would not be fifteen years before they came again.

The collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 16s.

A WALTHAMSTOW VETERAN.

At the advanced age of 84 years, Mr. George Grimwade, originally of Bocking, Essex, and a member of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, band for 58 years, died on Sunday. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex and Middlesex Associations. He rang in the first peal on the bells of St. Saviour's, Walthamstow.

The funeral took place yesterday at St. Mary's Church.

A DATE TOUCH.

On the Prince of Wales' birthday, June 23rd, a date touch of 1,932 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hour 15 mins. at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth: H. Bromfeild (composer) 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, A. Moy 3, H. C. Collyer 4, R. Tooley 5, E. Kell (conductor) 6, W. J. Lee 7, H. Jermy 8.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 11th, when 30 members attended from Mayfield, Heathfield, Brighton (St. Nicholas' and the Church of the Good Shepherd), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Lewes, Waldron, Tunbridge Wells, Lamberhurst and Horsmonden. Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow, Essex, was also present.

Excellent practice was held in methods from Grandsire to Surprise. There was no service owing to the absence of the Rector.

An excellent tea was provided at the George Hotel, and Mr. A. R. Miles occupied the chair at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: Miss Renee Allen, Miss Elsie Baker, Messrs. George Baker, Albert Blunden and Charles Kirby, all of Heathfield.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Collins) for the use of the bells terminated the meeting.

NOTICES.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The bells, having been restored and rehung in new iron frame by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Ipswich on Friday evening, July 1st, at 7 o'clock. A short touch will be rung by the local band during the ceremony and the bells will afterwards be available for visitors up to 9.30. It is proposed to hold a meeting of the Suffolk Guild on July 16th, details of which will appear later. — W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All ringers welcomed. Please advise me if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting Darley Dale, July 2nd. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.45 p.m. at Schools. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting at Church Inn. —Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Worplesdon (instead of Chiddingfold) Saturday, July 2nd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church 4.15. Preacher, the Vicar. Tea, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. each. Details in circular.—Horace S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (12), recently augmented by John Taylor and Co., will be available all day; also Milford-on-Sea (8). Meeting at 2.30 in the Church Hall. Service in the Priory at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the garden of the King's Arms Hotel (if wet in the Church Hall) at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The next meeting has been arranged for Buxted on July 2nd instead of Cuckfield as previously advertised. Tower opened 3 p.m. —G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 2nd. The bells (a new Taylor eight) will be available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. E. P. Higham, The Vicarage, so that proper arrangements can be made for tea.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting of the North and West branches will be held at North Elmham on Saturday, July 2nd.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Queensbury, near Halifax, on July 2nd. Draw 2.45 p.m. —L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Hazelbeech on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.45. Service 4.15.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Association will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Suffolk Guild.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, at St. Mary's, Woodford (8). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Cheap day tickets from Liverpool Street to George Lane Station. 40, 96 and 100 buses pass the church. Visitors welcome.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, E.1.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting immediately after tea. Members are requested to make a special effort to attend. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Knowle, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.30, 7.0-8.30; Chewton Mendip (8), Glastonbury (8), Croscombe (6), all from 2.30-3.30 and 7.30-9; Shepton Mallet (8), 7.30-9. Evensong in the Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. The Dean and Chapter of Wells 'desire that the ringing at the Cathedral may be done by quite capable ringers, who can ring a heavier lot of bells than are usually found in parish churches.'—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Cambridge Surprise Minor.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, July 2nd, not June 25th. Bells of St. Mary's available from 2.30 p.m. Please make this joint meeting another success. All welcome.—F. Robson, H. Tyson, Joint Dis. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—July meetings at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.: Sunday, July 3rd, morning service ringing at 10 a.m.; Monday, July 11th, practice, 7 p.m., quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m.; Monday, July 25th, practice, 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.15.

HOWDEN CHURCH, YORKS.—On Thursday, July 7th, at 2.30 p.m., His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York will dedicate the new ring of eight bells installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to replace the peal destroyed by fire in 1929. There will also be a service at 7.30 in the evening. Preacher, the Bishop of Durham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 7th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 12th, St. Magnus', London Bridge, on the 14th and 28th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service on the 17th, at 5.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 21st, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Hale) after service. All ringers welcome. Please notify me as soon as possible. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer Festival will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, July 9th. Weybridge (8) and Hersham (8) bells available afternoon and evening, Oatlands Park (8) 3 to 4, 7 to 8 p.m. Chertsey (8) 3 to 4 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea free, by kind invitation of the Rector, for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, July 5th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.— The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. Wm. Clarkson, Goosnargh Lane, not later than Wednesday, July 6th?—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of Dr. E. L. Taylor) at Vine House, near the cricket ground. Business meeting after tea. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 5th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon, Saturday, July 9th. 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m., 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., tower of St. Mary's Church (8 bells) open for ringing. 3 p.m., service in St. Lawrence Chapel of the Cathedral; preacher, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, S. Nicholas', Hereford. 4 p.m., tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop). 4.30 p.m., business meeting at Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence). The tower of St. David's Church, Brecon (6 bells), will also be open for ringing. Please let the hon. treasurer, Mr. Charles Powell, 3, North Road, Brecon, know the number for tea by Saturday, July 2nd, without fail.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., 11 and 12, Church Place, Neath, Glam.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Stansted. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Owing to illness near Wortley Church, the shield contest will be held at Penistone on Saturday, July 9th. Draw takes place at 2.45. For tea, please notify Mr. J. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, by Tuesday, the 5th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar and vice-chairman, the Rev. W. E. MacFarlane. Meeting to follow. Come to one of the best of Oxfordshire villages and bells, but let me know by Tuesday, the 5th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Barton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to those who notify me by July 6th. —E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 5th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, July 9th, commencing at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me by 6th inst. the number requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec , Post Office, Grappenhall.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual branch meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. As the election of officers takes place at this meeting it is hoped as many as possible will attend. — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Bordon Road, Wellingborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Dodleston on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available at 3. Service 4.30. Please notify me if you intend to be present.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify me by Wednesday, July 6th, if you require tea. All ringers welcome. —Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Camerton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Please let me know how many will require tea by Wednesday, the 6th inst.—G. M. Hasell, Branch Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing from 3.30 to 6.30 and 8 to 9.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, July 9th. Bells from 2.30. Bus leaves Chippenham 2 p.m. Visitors please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Spondon on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. ALL ringers cordially invited.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

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GREAT NESS, near Shrewsbury. — The augmented ring of 6 (tenor recast and 3 new trebles added and rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Friday, July 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea and refreshments provided at the Vicarage after the service, and those intending to be present are asked to notify the Rev. F. Brighton, The Vicarage, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, July 13th. All ringers welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—A meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. A garden fete is being held in the Vicarage grounds and a good attendance is requested. Anyone requiring tea write J. Sage, 104, Fairfield Road, Hugglescote, by July 14th.—D. S. Colling, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CHRIST CHURCH, ALSAGER.—The ring of 8 bells, having been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on July 16th. A meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild will be held on the same day. A short service and opening at 3.30. Tea about 5 p.m. Bells available until 9.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify the secretary, R. D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe, on or before July 12th. Further particulars on circulars. All ringers welcome.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. Business nominations for general and branch officers. For tea notify Mr. J. Robinson, North End, Halewood. Please make a special effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield (8 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A ring for all. — D. Brown, Branch Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on July 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. There will be a service and tea. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. L. Moxon, Vicar of Newport Pagnell, and chairman of North Bucks Branch. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. non-members. Applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 13th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival at Truro, Saturday, July 23rd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), Cathedral (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. only. The Guild will attend Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (free to ringers) 4.45. Please notify Lieut.-Col. C. F. Jerram, Talland Vean, Falmouth, by July 9th. Opportunities for ringing will be given to odd ringers, but late entries cannot be included in the programme.—W. H. R. Trewhella, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. Geo. F. Swann is now 30, Harman Road, Erdington, Birmingham.

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DEATH OF SAFFRON WALDEN RINGER.

The oldest member of the Saffron Walden Society, Mr. Charles Freeman, recently passed away at the age of 87 years. He joined the Sunday Chiming Branch about 1868 and the Ringing Branch about 1873.

'Charley' Freeman, as he was familiarly known to his brother ringers, had not rung a great number of peals owing to his occupation preventing him having the time to do so. He was, however, for years, until his age prevented him, a regular attendant for Sunday ringing, and was one of the eight members who brought this ancient society to the forefront in Surprise ringing in 1890 and succeeding years.

He took part in ringing the first peal of Superlative and London Surprise Major in the county of Essex and the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in the Eastern Counties and the county of Cambridgeshire.

He was laid to rest at Saffron Walden, and in the evening, after the funeral, the society rang with the bells muffled 1,334 of Grandsire Triples as a mark of the respect in which he was held by his brother-ringers: R. Ridgewell 1, H. Sketchley 2, E. A. Pitstow 3, J. Ward 4, A. E. Pitstow 5, F. Dench 6, A. L. Simmonds 7, W. Parish 8.

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Lack of control of a bell is the cause of more bad striking than anything else. Perfect ringing is only possible where every man can place his bell exactly where it ought to go. A man who cannot control his bell cannot do this, and this lack of control is due to faulty handling. There is a right and a wrong way to hold a rope, and there is an astonishingly large proportion of ringers who grasp rope end or sallie or both in the wrong way, or have other faults which, as long as persisted in, are a definite bar to good striking. With many indifferent ringers the fault is not entirely their own, it has been developed as the result of defective teaching. Not every tutor is himself a perfect ringer, and his own faults are passed on and frequently magnified in the pupil because the teacher is incapable of correcting them; because, in fact, he does not know they are faults. Writers in elementary text books on ringing have gone to considerable pains to explain the primary principles of handling a rope, but many new ringers, of course, never see these books, or if they do, do not give sufficient attention to this preliminary instruction, because they have already passed the stage of learning to pull a bell and have acquired whatever action their tutor has permitted them to adopt—good, bad or indifferent.

We hope that the pamphlet which the Central Council now propose to issue by way of guidance on this important matter, and which is to be drawn up by Mr. J. T. Dyke and Canon Coleridge in collaboration—two better exponents of this subject do not exist—will have the results which are hoped for. Of the value of the pamphlet there can be no doubt; the difficulty, as with all these things, will be to get it into the hands of those for whom it is intended. Not only should every beginner have a copy placed in his

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDGAR GUISE	...*Treble*	HERBERT W. KNIGHT... ...	6
JOSEPH T. DYKE	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ...	3	HENRY PRING	8
ALFRED E. REEVES	4	JOHN A. BURFORD...	9
*WILLIAM T. POSTON... ...	5	URIAH BRAVEN	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

*First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of the wedding, to Mr. James Garrett, of Miss Marjorie Thomas, daughter of Mr. John Thomas, late of Bristol.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
*HARRY HOSKINS...	2	FREDERICK DIGBY	7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	3	†REGINALD T. NEWMAN ...	8
EDWIN F. PIKE	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	9
JAMES E. DAVIS...	5	REUBEN SANDERS	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

*First peal of Cambridge Royal. †First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells and the lightest church bell peal rung to Cambridge Royal. Messrs. Belcher, Hewett, Roberts and Sanders have now rung in the lightest and heaviest (Southwark Cathedral) Cambridge Royal on church bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
ALFRED WOODROW	2	GEORGE GILBERT...	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	7
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	4	C. ERNEST SMITH... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung after unavoidably meeting short for Surprise. The visitors thank Mr. A. Woodrow for making up the band at short notice.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID HAMMOND ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE GRAY	5
STANLEY CARTER	2	WILLIAM CAVILL...	6
WILLIAM A. TACK	3	JOE LADLY	7
DANIEL DYE	4	SIDNEY CARTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.
* First peal and first attempt.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

THOMAS OLIVER... ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BROADLEY	5
MISS LANCASTER	2	THOMAS MEDCALFE	6
*EDWARD BROWN...	3	J. C. POLLARD	7
ALFRED COATES...	4	HARRY TAYLOR	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by MISS LANCASTER.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell in the method. This is the first peal conducted by a lady for the Association, also in the county of Durham.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

RICHARD A. POST... ...	...*Treble*	SYDNEY TAYLOR	5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	2	WALTER F. JUDGE	6
WILLIAM STONE	3	FREDERICK APPLETON... ...	7
WILLIAM G. COLLETT ...	4	THOMAS STYLES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK APPLETON.
First peal as conductor.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ...	...*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY...	5
J. WILLIAM CLARKE	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
ALBERT E. RICHARDS	3	PERCY SWINDLEY...	7
HENRY W. WILDE	4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
First 'spliced' peal in the county.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS... ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	5
E. CHARLES PATTEN	2	LIONEL J. CULLUM	6
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE... ...	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	*THOMAS H. CULVER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Stedman.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BILBY	...*Treble*	EDWARD G. COWARD	5
*JESSE FRANCIS	2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER	6
WILLIAM C. WEST	3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... ...	7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. V. ANDREWS. Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*WALTER JOLLEY ...	...*Treble*	‡THOMAS COLLINS	5
PERCY E. JONES...	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
†MISS K. M. BRADFORD ...	4	FRANK CORKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by FRANK CORKE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method away from treble.
‡ First peal in the method.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ...	5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS...	2	*JOHN MARSHALL	6
NORMAN C. LEWIS	3	RICHARD F. REECE	7
WILLIAM J. THYNG	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.
* First peal of Treble Bob, and is from Edinburgh.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

F. BUCKLAND	...*Treble*	JESSE HARRISON	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ...	2	EDGAR G. SWIFT...	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ...	3	HARRY WINGROVE	7
GEORGE MARTIN	4	JAMES BLACKMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.
Mr. G. Martin is from Maidenhead. The rest of the band are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON... ...	...*Treble*	R. ALDER GOFTON	5
*ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ...	2	WILLIAM STORY	6
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	3	ADAM DRAS	7
RICHARD A. GOFTON... ...	4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.
* First attempt at the method.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 28, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM MILLER	5
NORMAN BROWN	2	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ...	6
MISS M. CLAYTON	3	JAMES HARRISON	7
NORMAN KENYON...	4	*GEORGE FISK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by N. BROWN (Wigan).
* First peal. First peal in method as conductor.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, June 18th, at the Parish Church, Watford, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Herbert G. Milton (a member of the local band) and Miss May Brockett, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. E. Oakley 1, W. Paul 2, C. N. Leman 3, A. W. Dix 4, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 5, E. P. Palmer 6, R. G. Bell 7, R. J. Edwards 8. The band wish Mr. and Mrs. Milton every happiness in the future.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*MISS F. K. HARTLE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE...	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
PERCY E. JONES...	3	FRANK CORKE	7
EDGAR G. SWIFT	4	REGINALD T. NEWMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE FOUR-PART, No. 85
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	JAMES S. HUTCHBY	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	EPHRAIM W. RANDS	6
CHARLES ALLSOP...	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	JOSEPH BAILEY.	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. J. S. Hutchby's 200th peal.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

ERNEST J. OLIVER ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	5
DR. E. LAWRENCE TAYLOR	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	HERBERT MARKWELL	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

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

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the eve of his 60th birthday.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
On Friday, July 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	*Treble*	JAMES HAYWOOD	5
MISS LUCY M. KELLY ...	2	FREDERICK CARDWELL ...	6
MISS MILDRED HIGGINS ...	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	FRED WATKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT

* First peal as conductor and aged 13. Rung on the 16th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, with clappers half-muffled in commemoration of the Sheffield City Battalion.

VETERANS' PEAL.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES	63 yrs	6 mths.	...	*Treble*
WILLIAM BRAMMER	63	3	...	2
SAMUEL GREENHALGH...	62	2	...	3
SAMUEL HOLT	66	5	...	4
WILLIAM H. SHOKER	61	11	...	5
TITUS BARLOW	64	5	...	6
CHARLES OLLIER	68	8	...	7
ROBERT DAVIES	63	0	...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. WOOD, Conducted by R. DAVIES.

The average age of the band is 64 years 2 months. Arranged and rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th on the completion of 50 years' ringing. Mr. Ollier commenced ringing at Lawton, Cheshire, in 1882, but is now secretary-conductor of the local band, and is the most regular service ringer on the books.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5060 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES WM. BAXENDALE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
SAMUEL WARD	2	GEORGE AMBLER	6
*WALTER POPPLEWELL ...	3	J. ERNEST PROCTOR	7
*S. ROWLAND MYERS	4	*JOHN AMBLER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Popplewell, uncle and aunt of the 3rd ringer.

WOOBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
IN THE STEEPLE OF OSBORNE ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

THOMAS S. GOODCHILD	...*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
FRANK BUCKLAND	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL... ...	4	*JAMES P. HINTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM HENLEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM M. STONE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... ...	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	GEORGE GILBERT... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	...*Treble*	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	5
CYRIL WILSON	2	THOMAS JERVIS	6
*CHARLES M. WHITNEY ...	3	†HARRY PETTIT	7
FRED STUBBS	4	FRANK KIRK	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by WM. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Horsmonden Bob and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*FRANCIS BROMLEY ...	...*Treble*	FRDK. J. LAMBERT	4
EDWIN BROMLEY	2	REGINALD LAMBERT	5
ALAN BROMLEY	3	ROBERT LAMBERT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT LAMBERT.

* First peal. The ringers of the 1, 2 and 3 are brothers. Rung on the occasion of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Briscoe, of Dublin, Ireland, formerly of Horsmonden. She is a daughter of the late Sir William Smith Marriott, Bart., and an aunt of the Rector of Horsmonden.

HOLYWOOD, IRELAND.—On May 23rd, at Holywood, Co. Down, Ireland, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Ada McBride 1, F. H. Crawley (Crewe) 2, R. McClelland 3, J. McKay 4, Wm. Pratt 5, S. McClelland (conductor) 6, J. Savage 7, J. Mann 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 4.

STANDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
720 each of Cambridge, Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE GRAY ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
BARNARD PATMORE 2	SIDNEY CARTER 5
JEFFREY WILLIAMS 3	W. H. LAURENCE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

* First peal of Minor. Sidney Carter has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Douglas Gordon Little, youngest son of the Rev. R. B. and Mrs. Little, and Doris Marjorie Jordan, youngest daughter of the late Mr. A. Pinkerd Jordan and Mrs. Jordan, of Collier's End.

MELLING, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LANCASTER BRANCH.)
On Monday, June 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

JOHN N. KIRKBRIDE ... ...*Treble*	JAMES T. SKEATS... 4
ERNEST OVERSBY 2	DAVID G. BATESON 5
RICHARD T. BATESON... ... 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sir Henry Darlington, Bart., of Melling Hall, who kindly entertained the band to supper afterwards.

WESTMILL, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,880 Grandsire (10 callings) and 2,160 Bob Doubles (4 callings), the two methods being rung in 720's alternately.
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.)

*HARRY WEBB ... ...*Treble*	SIDNEY CARTER 3
HENRY WALLACE 2	BARNARD PATMORE 4
WILLIAM K. NORTH ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM K. NORTH.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all except conductor. First peal on the bells. A very ancient ring, which were a peal of 8 until 1887.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Woodbine, and two 720's each of Cambridge, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY CHAMBERS ... ...*Treble*	AMOS SMART... 4
*JOHN J. MAWBY 2	FRANCIS BALL 5
WALTER PERKINS 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung in honour of St. Peter's Day, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Perkins.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S AND BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 2,520 in each method. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE BATTERBEE... ...*Treble*	JOHN H. PITCHER 4
REV. R. L. B. OLIVER ... 2	*GEORGE W. BLOWERS ... 5
*ALBERT W. BUGG 3	†CECIL V. EBBERSON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First peal in more than one method. †150th peal. All are regular Sunday ringers at the church.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on June 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Walker 1, F. Hunt 2, A. Smith 3, F. Walker (first quarter in method) 4, T. Kendall 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, E. Shane 8. Rung for the wedding of the son of Mr. T. Blackbourn, the genial steeplekeeper.

LANDULPH, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... ...*Treble*	*HAROLD J. CLARKE 4
MISS E. JESSE C. ANGWIN... 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 5
REV. W. H. R. TREWHELLA 3	†WILLIAM SEARLE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Both are members of the local band. First peal on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the restoration of the church, and the completion of a very beautiful rood screen.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 5 cwt.

JOHN F. BALL ... ...*Treble*	†MISS F. M. HUTCHINSON... 3
*JOHN SMITH 2	*HARRY NICHOLS... 4
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by G. R. G. BUTLER.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Long Sutton and the ringer of the 4th from Spalding, the rest being local.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lbs.

*LEONARD TASELAND ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES W. BIRD 4
THOMAS GARLEY 2	FREDERICK J. TITE 6
HARRY BAXTER 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First seven method peal. First peal of Minor on the bells, and rung to commemorate the first anniversary of their reopening after rehanging.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, June 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. WIGHTMAN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

WALTER W. MILLER, SEN. 1-2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5-6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3-4	JOHN ARBON 7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method on handbells by all.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY 5-6
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 3-4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 7-8

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by MALCOLM MOORHOUSE
Umpire—FRANK RAYMENT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major on an 'inside pair.'

BENHILTON RINGER MARRIED.

Mr. G. Chiverton, a regular service ringer at All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey, was married at this church on Sunday, July 3rd, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung immediately after the ceremony by members of the local band: Mrs. E. Enticknap 1, H. E. Good 2, C. S. Poole 3, H. J. Smerdon 4, G. Reed 5, E. Enticknap 6, W. C. Smith (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8. First quarter-peal by ringers 3, 4 and 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by ringers 1, 5 and 6. First attempt at a quarter-peal by regular Sunday service ringers since the formation of the present band.

TAMWORTH BELLS RESTORED.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A BIG SCHEME.

The restored bells of Tamworth Parish Church were rededicated on Tuesday evening, June 21st, by the Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. Hugh Bright), the special service in the church being numerously attended. After a long silence the bells are now available for service in tuneful melody.

Between forty and fifty years had elapsed since the bells previously received expert attention, and of late years there was evidence that they required repair and adjustment to bring them into harmony. Seven of the bells have been recast, the tenor retuned and the peal hung with new fittings in a new iron framework.

During the progress of the work to the masonry in the tower to accommodate the new frame it was found that a quantity of the stone was in a crumbling state, and required renewal. This was done, and it is considered by the architect and the builders that the tower has been strengthened. The total cost is about £900, but the whole scheme has proved to be a highly successful and gratifying job.

The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble, 2nd and 3rd. CAST 1883. RECAST 1932.

4th. IHS NAZARENVS REX IVDEORVM FILI DEI MISERERE MEI 1621
RECAST 1932.

Among the ornamentations reproduced on this bell is the trade mark, a shield with three bells and a crown, of Hugh Watts, of Leicester, founder of the bell in 1621.

5th. R W C W CHVRCH WAR.
GOD SAVE THE CHVRCH
1629
RECAST 1932.

The founder's shield reproduced on this bell is that of George Oldfield the second, of Nottingham, who cast the bell in 1629.

6th. I SWEETLY TOLING MEN DO CALL TO TASTE
ON MEATS THAT FEEDS THE SOULE 1628
RECAST 1932
W SMYFT I ELLIT CHVRCHWARDENS
R. BRABIN CLARKE

The trade mark on this bell is that of George Oldfield the second, of Nottingham, and, in this instance, is a cross on base with the sun and moon on either side and the initials G.O.

7th. T A N T BRYANVS ELDRIDGE ME FECIT 1656
THIS PEAL OF BELLS RESTORED IN 1932
E. H. ROGERS VICAR
W. H. BROWN, G. H. PERRY } CHURCHWARDENS
W. J. WEBB, SECRETARY P.C.C.
R. P. BRINDLEY, CAPTAIN OF BELLRINGERS.

Tenor.
ROLAND FRANCES HENRIE HILL CHURCHWARDENS.
PETER GORTON, SIDESMAN 1607
BE YT KNOWN TO ALL THAT DOTH ME SEE THAT NEWCOMBE OF LEICESTER MADE ME 1607
RECAST JOHN TAYLOR & CO, FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE, 1884.
ORIGINAL BELL 1607 RECAST 1884. J. H. MASFEN, SECRETARY OF THE BELL FUND.

Each of the seven recast bells bears the shield of John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. The peal is in the key of E flat and the weight of the tenor bell is approximately 21¼ cwt.

WORK WELL DONE.

Prior to the dedication service, tea was provided at College Lane School, at which the Archdeacon of Stafford, the clergy of the parish, the churchwardens, the Church Council, the bellringers, and others who had been closely associated with the work on the bells were present. The latter included Mr. Bloore (architect), Mr. J. Oldham and Mr. C. H. Harrison (representing Messrs. Taylor and Co.), and Mr. H. C. Mitchell and Mr. S. Mitchell (Messrs. Mitchell and Sons, builders).

The Vicar expressed his thanks to all concerned, and also the bellringers, three of whom he said had been ringing for fifty or more years. They did not ring the bells and then go out of church, some of the ringers nearly always attended worship. Some bellringers in the country were rather conspicuous by their absence, but they felt their men had the real spirit at heart and they did the work for the love of it. That was a proud moment for some of them. There was one sad note, one of their worthy ringers had passed away within the last three months who had hoped to get well again and to be with them. They could not help thinking of him to-day; his brother, Mr. G. Chaplin, was vice-captain of the ringers this year. They thanked Mr. Bloore for guiding them over some of the problems that confronted them, and they testified to the excellent workmanship of Mr. H. C. Mitchell and his brother and their workmen. They were also pleased with the way Messrs. Taylor and Co. had treated them and with the men they had sent, it being a pleasure to work with them and to watch them at work. He thanked the churchwardens for the work they had put in, and added that £550 had been raised towards the cost. By some money they had in hand on war loans for restoration purposes and by the Hinckley trust, they hoped that when the rest of the subscriptions had come in they would be able to say the whole thing was paid for. They were very glad the Archdeacon had come because they felt, after his kindness in helping them over the faculty, he was the one person to come and start them on the restored bells.

The Archdeacon said he wanted to congratulate them from the bottom of his heart for all the work which the Vicar had told them had been done, and he was quite sure done very excellently; also for what was really an important thing in these times, the fact that the bells were going to be dedicated practically free from debt. He thought it was a great feather in the cap of the churchpeople of Tamworth. He was looking forward immensely to hearing the bells now they had been rehung and some recast, and he expected the result would be perfectly astonishing. He knew perfectly well from their former work which he had had the privilege and the opportunity of noting that the bell founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co., did their work admirably, and he was quite sure the result would be as good as they could possibly expect.



TAMWORTH PARISH CHURCH TOWER.
(Photo by A. H. Weale, Tamworth.)

Mr. Brown proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon, and said they were all delighted to see him, because it was marking the end of a piece of work that had been very well done. It had been a long, anxious, trying time, but he thought they had done the very best that could be done in the interests of the church. Messrs. Taylor and Co. had done their work in their usual excellent manner.

Mr. R. P. Brindley, captain of the bellringers, seconded the vote of thanks, and remarked that no one was more pleased than the ringers to have the use of the bells again. Messrs. Taylor and Co. had carried out an excellent job and they could not have had a

better man to do it than Mr. Smith. Mr. Mitchell had done his share towards helping the job along. He thought when they heard the bells they would agree that the money had been well spent. If the bells went on as long as the old ones—one was over 300 years old—he did not suppose many would be there to grumble at them.

BELLS THAT SURVIVED THE CIVIL WAR.

The Archdeacon preached from the text, 'O praise the Lord of heaven; praise him in the height' (Psalm 84), and first congratulated the people of Tamworth on the conclusion of a task which they set their hearts to accomplish more than a year ago. It had taken a longer time than was anticipated. Now that the bells were recast, retuned and rehung, the tower of that glorious old church would, he hoped and believed, for generations to come, sound forth the praises of God in that town of Tamworth. The preacher went on to refer to the history and uses of bells, and, referring to the inscriptions on Tamworth bells, said he was glad to know as was always the case, when work was well done, and theirs was, those inscriptions had been recast and put in the bells which had been recast recently. The bell of 1621 had the inscription 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, Son of God, have mercy upon us.' There was one on the bell of 1628 which rather appealed to him because it was the same inscription or words that were on a bell which he had in a country parish not very far from Pontefract—'I sweetly toling men do call to taste on meate that feeds the soule.' Another one, 1629, was 'God save the church.' Those bells were dated before the Civil War and were extremely interesting. Did they realise that there was not a bell in the Cathedral at Lichfield earlier than after the Restoration? Their bells were taken down and melted by order of the Commonwealth after the last siege of the Close and the Cathedral in 1646. So they had what the Cathedral had not, they had some bells which dated from the first of the Stuarts, which was in itself a matter of considerable interest, because that was a time when the Church under Charles I. and Archbishop Laud were doing all they could to revive the Church life; the tragic sequel they all knew. In a way they saw the point, 'God save the Church,' and the insistence upon the grace of the sacrament of the Holy Communion—'I sweetly toling men do call to taste on meate that feeds the soule.' Then they had another bell, after the Restoration, 1672, which said, 'I founded was through charitie, by those who love such melodie.'

Following the Benediction, there was a procession from the chancel to the ringers' chamber in the tower, where the Archdeacon offered the dedicatory prayers, and charged the churchwardens and others to take notice that the bells of the church were committed to the custody of the Vicar of the parish to be only used with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The attendance at the meeting of the N. and E. District at Stanmore on Saturday last, although not up to the average for this popular fixture, was quite good; whilst the ringing, in a variety of methods, gave several learners an opportunity of some good practice, not only in the easier methods, but in the more advanced.

After a good spell of ringing in the afternoon, a short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. Hewitt) at 5 o'clock, at which he gave the association a hearty welcome to Stanmore, and an instructive address.

A very nice tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president).

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), after making some reference to the Central Council meeting at Plymouth, urged greater support for 'The Ringing World.' He also gave notice of the forthcoming joint meeting of the Hertford, Bedford and Middlesex Associations at St. Albans on July 23rd, and requested all members to make a great effort to attend.

Mr. G. Hughes having welcomed members to Stanmore, it was left to the Chairman to propose an omnibus vote of thanks to the Rector for taking the service and for the use of the bells; to the ladies who had prepared tea; and to Messrs. Hughes and Schofield for making arrangements for the meeting.—This was carried unanimously.

Unfortunately, the evening's ringing had to be curtailed owing to a case of illness near the church, but handbells on the Rectory lawn, or a walk around the beautiful Rectory grounds, passed away a very pleasant half-hour until the time of departure for home.

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Addressing the ringers, the Archdeacon said he prayed that God would bless them in their work, which was a very fine work. Ringing, he added, was a very real ministry, and they were helping souls in ways of which they might have no conception.

When the bells were pealed for the first time after their restoration their delightful harmony was at once obvious. The clergy and officials afterwards returned to the church, and the congregation dispersed.

During the evening rounds and short touches of Stedman Triples and other methods were rung.

The collection at the service for the Bells Fund amounted to over £12.

A number of persons ascended the tower and watched the ringing in progress.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A party of veterans, all in the 'sixties,' whose average age is over 64 years, rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on Saturday at Gorton, Manchester. After five minutes' ringing for morning service on the following day the 6th rope broke!

The death has occurred at Brighton of Mr. Arthur T. Verrells, a member of the St. Peter's Church company for some years, and previously one of the band at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells.

It is said that Surfleet will soon be as famous for its Cinema as for its Rest Home.

And not unlikely it may, at an early date, be equally famous for something else. But at the moment that is a secret!

There are now 47 rings of twelve in the British Isles. Christchurch is the latest. Can you guess the next?

There are only a few seats left for the B.U.R.G. Ringing Tours, August 6th to August 12th. Arrangements have been made for ringing at 36 towers, a few of which are exceptional.

In the north aisle of Wooburn Church, Buckinghamshire, there lie the remains of John Godwyn and Pernell, his wife, first founders of the steeple. He died in 1488, leaving money for its repair and the making of a bell.

Owing to illness, the meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association at Sevenoaks on Saturday is postponed.

The cost of the recasting and rehanging of Ripon Cathedral bells is being generously borne by Miss Julia White, a Ripon lady, as a memorial to her parents, brothers and sisters. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have been entrusted with the work.

We are not sure who is the youngest ringer to conduct a peal, but John J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, Sheffield, must very nearly, if not quite, have achieved that distinction. He is 13 years of age, and called a peal of Bob Major from a non-observation bell last Friday. This youth has rung peals in several different methods.

Congratulations to Mr. Wilfred Thomas, who has taken his B.Sc. degree with first class honours. He is a master of Oxford University Society and eldest son of Mr. W. H. Thomas, of Bristol.

A DATE TOUCH IN AUSTRALIA.

On Saturday, May 21st, at the Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,932 changes) in 1 hour 17 minutes, composed by E. F. Behan: — Waghorn 1, W. Preston 2, A. Savage 3, J. L. Murray (conductor) 4, J. T. Trotter 5, J. Wilson 6, F. Boughton 7, J. Bradley 8.

It is interesting to note that the conductor is 70 years of age and that the bell which he rang requires a good deal of 'handling,' as the rope runs through two 'shoots' to keep the circle. There is a peal of twelve bells in the tower, with the tenor 31¼ cwt., but Cinques have never yet been rung on them. One quarter-peal of Caters was achieved about twenty-five years ago.

A LINK WITH JASPER SNOWDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the annual reports issued to their members by the Yorks Association there has appeared many times under the list of 'Members now abroad' the name: '1875. J. F. Lawrence, late of Ilkley.'

The writer called to see him twelve months ago, and found out he had been resident in Ilkley for many years, also that he was a contemporary of the late Jasper W. Snowdon and his brothers prior to his going out to India; also that his name appears on a tablet in the tower of Ilkley Parish Church as a witness to the first peal rung there by J. W. Snowdon.

In the obituary of the 'Yorkshire Post' newspaper to-day appears this notice: 'June 24th, at Wells House Hotel, Ilkley, aged 84 years, John Flanders Lawrence.' If I remember correctly, Mr. Lawrence was home 'on leave' when the peal was rung.—Yours truly,

THOS. MAUDE.

Bradford.

BELLS ON THE 'TALKIES.'

During the past week a company has been busy in Oxford, making a 'talking film of University life. On Sunday morning, in accordance with a request from the producers of the film, members of the Oxford Society of Changeringers rang, after a few preliminary tests, a course of Stedman Caters on the back ten bells at Christ Church Cathedral in order that a record could be taken, for sound effects, in one of the scenes.

This is presumed to be the first time that bells have been specially rung for sound effects in a talking film.

MINOR METHODS COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I ask one of the Minor Methods Committee to examine compositions No. 42 and 43, pages 94, 95, and report? — Yours faithfully,

C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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PROPER HANDLING OF ROPES—PAMPHLET TO BE PREPARED.

Canon Coleridge next moved a motion standing in his name, 'That in view of the great need for attention to good striking, the Council appoint a small committee to draw up a pamphlet on the proper handling of a bell.' He said whenever he heard bad striking, and had the opportunity of going into the belfry and looking at those who were perpetrating the fearful enormity, he nearly always found it was owing to the fact that they had never learned to handle their ropes properly. The proper handling of ropes was the foundation of good striking, and whenever he saw a man holding his rope in some extraordinary fashion he always told him he would never make a ringer if he held his rope in that kind of way. Canon Coleridge said when he began to ring 60 years ago he came under the instruction of a man, a very excellent fellow, who was in those days a judge at the prize-ringing meetings, and, although they could only ring rounds, he learned the supreme importance of accurate striking. He had been grateful to that man ever since. He taught him many other things, which he found, when he went to Oxford, were totally wrong (laughter). For instance, he discovered to his astonishment that it was not the custom for the same man to ring the same bell in the same tower and no other bell; that it was not necessary to let the whole rope slither up through the hand, and that it was not necessary, as he had seen in many a tower, after pulling down at backstroke, to shoot the right hand up and give the rope an extra pull (laughter). Above all else he did learn, he hoped, the proper method of handling a rope which would ensure good striking. He went into belfries and constantly found people absolutely ignorant of the very elements of ringing because they had never learned, or had never been taught, how to handle the rope properly. He had, he said, received letters from ringers of repute on this subject. One of them, who had now practically given up ringing, wrote that he went into a tower and found men who had rung peals of Superlative, Cambridge and London whose striking was awful, the result of never having been taught to handle a rope properly. Others had written to the same effect. They had, continued Canon Coleridge, to go to the foundation of the matter, and he thought the Council should issue a little pamphlet, printed in the simplest of language, describing exactly how a rope should be held. As these were the days of pictures, he thought they should include reproductions of certain attitudes in ringing, showing the proper way and the wrong way, and of a man standing in the proper position, head erect, with his eyes fixed on the other seven, and never looking down on the ground. The pamphlet should explain that accuracy of striking was the be-all and end-all of ringing; no matter what the method might be, it must be accurately struck, and by that he meant struck in such a way as they found in the West of England, where they knew what striking was, if it was only round ringing.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, who seconded the motion, said he was certain there was a very considerable need for a pamphlet such as was suggested. There was no single pursuit that he knew of where such haphazard methods of teaching were adopted. In nearly every pursuit certain abstract principles were taught in the very early stages, but with ringing it was like taking a boy and throwing him into ten feet of water in the hope that he would swim. It was not so much the fault of the pupil; it was very much more the fault of the person who taught. Mr. Dyke instanced the case of two towers in his knowledge, where the captains were extraordinarily keen ringers, who did everything they possibly could, but neither of them could handle his bell, and the result was that there was not a single member of either of those two companies who could handle a bell correctly, and they never even got rounds rung properly. The unfortunate side of it was that once they got into a sloppy way of ringing they could not get out of it. Mr. Dyke caused much amusement by remarking that the only time he had scored a complete failure with a pupil was when he tried to teach his wife to ring. He added that he was pleased to second the motion because he felt it was very necessary indeed.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said, as librarian, he was constantly being applied to, either by a young band or someone on behalf of a young band of five or six-bell ringers, for some simple book on Grandsire, and he usually referred them to the book by Mrs. Broom and her sister. There was no other, unless they bought 'Troyte.' He thought what was wanted was first of all an introductory work, such as Canon Coleridge or Mr. Dyke could write, and then a chapter or so on how to ring and call Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, with perhaps one 720 and a few touches, just to give the groundwork. He believed it would help the elementary stage tremendously, and he moved as an amendment that, if the suggested pamphlet was published, there should be an additional chapter or so on how to ring and call Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

Rev. E. S. Powell seconded, and said there was a small pamphlet published by the Devon Guild, which had been modified from the one originally published by the Bath and Wells Association. He had not the least doubt that if it was of value to the Council they could use it; it was intended purely for the absolute beginner in Grandsire Doubles, although there was a chapter on Stedman as well. It had recently been revised, and, he hoped, improved, as several men who had been teaching all their lives took a hand in watching over it so that it could be easily understood by those into whose hands it was placed.

BACK TO 'ROPESIGHT.'

Mr. P. J. Johnson said there was already much ringing literature to-day which was not sufficiently read by people who ought to read it. In 'Ropesight' they would find that Snowdon went down to the roots of the matter. He dealt with the attainment of good striking and illustrated the way to handle a bell and the way a man should have his hands on the rope. There were, he thought, certain objections to publishing a pamphlet of this sort, and to his mind it was doubtful whether the raw beginner, for whom it was intended, would get hold of it or know of its existence. When they went into belfries it was painfully obvious how little the many necessary things in 'Ropesight' had been read. In the old standard of Yorkshire ringing, among the Yorkshire Treble Bob ringers, who made themselves famous for their striking, they would never go off into changes until they had struck rounds perfectly, and it was an ordinary thing to insist on ringing rounds for ten minutes before going into changes. It was now no uncommon thing, when starting for a peal, to ring about three whole pulls before going off into changes, and the result was indifferent striking. In the old days in Yorkshire the ringing had to be as good in the last lead as it was in the first, otherwise there was no peal. He was afraid, in publishing a pamphlet of the kind proposed, the Council would not serve the purpose in view. He felt 'Ropesight' was not sufficiently well known. It was treated as an elementary book, but there were many people who regarded themselves as advanced ringers to-day who could read with considerable profit what was said in that book with regard to handling and striking (applause). He was fully in sympathy with the objects of the proposers of both the resolution and the amendment, but he felt that from the point of view of the beginner there was nothing to come up to the Snowdon text books. Those were the things which should be the standard and should be put forward by ringing associations and by that Council if necessary. If it was imperative to have some publication of this kind he thought it might be more desirable to draw up some schedule and get it published in the county and diocesan associations' annual reports. They would then get the thing read, because, after all, it was not only the beginner who wanted instructing, it was often the tutor who took these people in hand (hear, hear).

Mr. Elwell, in supporting both the resolution and the amendment, said the objection to 'Ropesight' for beginners in country bands was the price. If they could have a pamphlet for about a penny or twopence he believed many church authorities would be prepared to buy them for their ringers.

The Rev. H. Drake said many people would not take the trouble to read books or pamphlets, but they would read cards hung in the belfry, and he would like to substitute the word 'card' for 'pamphlet' in the resolution. If they had a card which could be hung up in the belfry it would always be there, and they could always show it to the people they were teaching.

Major Hesse strongly supported the issue of a pamphlet. They could not get perfect striking without perfect handling, he said, and it was the duty of the Council to do all they could to increase the efficiency of ringing.

Mr. Woodley said in Troyte's book they could see from illustrations exactly how a bell should be handled and how to start ringing from the very first stages. He did not see that it was necessary for the Council to spend money on things that they had already got, and they could get nothing better than 'Troyte' for this purpose.

The President pointed out that the small edition of 'Troyte' was 1s. 6d. and the complete edition 3s. 6d. What the Council wanted to do was to publish something which, as Mr. Elwell said, would cost only a copper or two and something which would be of use to those who called themselves instructors—they were the people they wanted to get at. It had been his experience that the bulk of instructors did not themselves hold their rope properly. With regard to 'Ropesight,' that book dealt with Plain Bob only; what Mr. Jenkyn wanted was something which would deal both with Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor.

Mr. G. R. Newton and Mr. C. T. Coles supported the motion, the latter pointing out that it might be too costly for some associations to print the matter in their report. It had been suggested that it should be printed on a card and for once he found himself in agreement with Mr. Drake (laughter). He would strongly support that suggestion if it was not going to cost too much.

The amendment proposed by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was accepted as a rider to the original proposition, which was carried.

The President said, following an old custom of the Council, by which, when anyone proposed anything, they should be given the job to get on with what they proposed, he suggested a sub-committee be formed to prepare the pamphlet, consisting of Canon Coleridge and Mr. Dyke, with power to add to their number.

Canon Coleridge said Mr. Dyke was an accomplished teacher of youth and would do the job much better than he (the speaker) could. He would be glad to collaborate with Mr. Dyke, but they might leave the leading part to him.

This was agreed to.

A COLLECTION OF TRIPLES METHODS.

The question of the printing of this pamphlet having been settled, the Council returned to the consideration of the Methods Committee's suggestion that the 'Collection of Triples Methods' should be completed and printed.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said this book was, in a way, really as elementary as the pamphlet they had just been talking about, because it dealt with Grandsire and Stedman Triples, in the main, and other simple methods like Oxford Bob and Court Bob. What they wanted to do was to provide a book intended for the person who had just got beyond the stage Canon Coleridge had spoken of. That was why the committee suggested that in certain cases the full course of the method should be printed instead of a lead only, and that they should give a reasonable selection of peals, quarter-peals and touches. The peals which they proposed to print were not those which would, perhaps, appeal most to the ordinary conductor or the person interested in composition, but those peals which the beginner wanted. They would not give Holt's Original, but they would give Parker's Twelve-part and its variations and any other peal there might be of that kind: probably Taylor's Bob and Single, but he did not think they would give Holt's Ten-part, because that was obsolete. The book was to be a more elementary book than the 'Collection of Major Methods,' and the committee wanted to know whether the Council desired them to finish it on these lines and whether they might hand it over to the Standing Committee with instructions to get it printed; or whether, on the other hand, they wanted the committee to finish the book and come back again next year for instructions as to printing. He moved that, when completed, the manuscript should be handed to the Standing Committee for publication.

The Rev. H. Drake seconded, and suggested that the words 'as soon as possible' be added to the resolution.

The President: Have you any idea how soon it will be ready?

Mr. Trollope said it was already practically finished, but he was hung up for the selection of quarter-peals. It would not be many months in any case, but he thought it would be better to take their time about it. They would be glad if those who had peals or quarter-peals that would be useful would send them along. He could not say that the committee would necessarily use them, but if anyone had anything which it would be of benefit to include in this book he hoped they would send it on to him.

Rev. E. S. Powell said those who had already sent to him in connection with the Troyte book need not send again, because the committee had those figures.

Mr. Trollope's proposal as to printing the book was then agreed to.

A NEW MEMBER FOR THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

The President said the Standing Committee, before they heard Mr. Trollope earlier in the day, on the membership of the committee, had discussed the vacancy on the committee caused by the death of Mr. Law James, and they recommended that Mr. Stephen Wood be appointed on this committee. He was one of the younger members who would do good work with the committee, and who was an expert on methods. Mr. Trollope had suggested waiting until the next meeting, when the whole committee came up for election. Personally, he (the President) would like to see someone else on the committee to do some of the checking, because, speaking from his own experience of the work on this committee in the past, he knew checking was needful.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded the proposal to add Mr. Wood to the committee, and this was agreed to.

The motion, moved by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens, requesting affiliated ringing societies to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of the only ringing paper, was next discussed. This matter was fully reported in our issue of May 27th.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The President drew attention to the fact that the next meeting of the Council must be held in London. In this connection he reminded the Council of Rule 3, which provided that, except in the event of a vacancy, in which case the new member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the three years, the election of representative members shall take place triennially before the end of the year. He added that the Council had received an invitation from the Middlesex County Association to tea after the London meeting. Their hon. secretary had provisionally accepted the invitation, and he would like the Council's endorsement of that acceptance.

This was agreed to.

The President said the Council had received an appeal from the Gloucester and Bristol Association for the proposed memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Most of them had probably seen the circular. The Standing Committee had considered it, and suggested that, in view of the valuable work Mr. Davies did for the Council, the Council vote a sum of ten guineas to the memorial (applause).

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded, and the proposition was at once carried.

At the suggestion of Mr. C. H. Jennings, a vote of sympathy was passed with the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who had

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

MEETING AT KNOWLE.

A quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was held at the Parish Church, Knowle, on Saturday. Although in the diocese of Birmingham, and only about 12 miles from the city, Knowle still retains its old-world rural aspect. The bells, recently restored and augmented to a peal of eight, were raised at 3.30, and were kept going in various methods until 5 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Red Lion Hotel for tea.

The business meeting followed, at which the Master (Alderman J. A. Pritchett, M.A.) presided.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Charles Cottrell, an old and much respected member of the Erdington Parish Church company, and all present stood for a moment as a tribute of respect to his memory.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) reported that, in accordance with instructions received at the last quarterly meeting, he had sent an appeal to the various towers in the diocese on behalf of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies' memorial fund. Up to the moment three had responded and sent in donations, whilst several others had intimated that they would send later.

The matter of a donation from the Guild's funds was fully discussed, and on the proposition of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. J. W. Pemberton, it was unanimously resolved to make a donation of two guineas to the memorial from the Guild's funds.

It was also unanimously agreed to convert the Guild's holding in the five per cent. War Loan into the new 3½ per cent. Loan, and so in a small way support the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his efforts to reduce taxation.

Mr. Paddon Smith appealed for additional support for 'The Ringing World.' He referred to his absence from the meeting of the Central Council at Plymouth, where he was to second a resolution on this matter. For the information of the members, he would like to explain that he was prevented from attending owing to being out of the country on business. He did, however, write the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn explaining his absence. He much regretted he was unable to be at the meeting, as this was a matter on which he felt strongly. If there were any present who did not take the paper regularly he would urge them to do so at once, and also do all they could to get others to become regular subscribers, and so by increasing the circulation increase its size and usefulness.

As regards the place of next meeting, Mr. G. A. Martineau, of Solihull, gave them a hearty invitation to the Parish Church, Solihull, where a new peal of bells were now being installed. The dedication service was provisionally fixed for October 1st, which was the date of the next quarterly meeting. He hoped this date would hold good, and, if so, he could assure the Guild of a hearty welcome.—The Chairman thanked Mr. Martineau for his kind invitation, and suggested that as the date was somewhat uncertain the matter be left in the hands of the secretary, and this was agreed to.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. W. H. Smith for having everything ready concluded the business.

At the request of the Vicar some of the ringers went to the Vicarage garden, where a fete in aid of the British Legion was being held and rang the handbells. This was a 'surprise item,' and was much appreciated by those present. The Vicar evidently had his eye to business, for, after the ringing, he inveigled the party to look round the various stalls and entertainments, and, whilst several were successful in carrying off prizes, all went away somewhat lighter in pocket.

A return was made to the tower for further ringing, and the bells were dropped at 8 p.m., and so ended a very pleasant meeting.

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met with a serious accident, and the hon. secretary was requested to forward it to the Rev. R. H. Gundry with good wishes for his speedy recovery.

The President said before they parted he wished to propose a vote of thanks to the Mayor of Plymouth for the use of the Council Chamber, which had proved a very comfortable place to meet in. They also thanked his Worship for having come there that morning and welcome them to Plymouth, and the Bishop of Exeter and the Bishop of Plymouth for their welcome and words of encouragement. They also had to thank very heartily indeed the Devon Guild for the various arrangements they had made for the comfort of the Council and for their hospitality, and he would particularly mention the work done by Mr. E. W. Marsh. They also desired to thank the Truro Diocesan Guild for the invitation to meet them on the previous day and for entertaining some of the members to lunch; particularly they thanked Mr. A. S. Roberts for what he did in making the arrangements, and the Truro Cathedral band for postponing their annual outing in order to be at home to welcome the visitors. He would also like to thank Dr. Symons, who came from Penzance, and Colonel Jerram, who was also there to welcome them. Further, they also had to thank the various tower keepers who had got the bells ready for them in many towers.

This vote, having been accorded by acclamation, the Council rose at 5.30 p.m., and were afterwards the guests of the Devon Guild at tea, while later there was a social gathering at the Royal Hotel.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY'S RING OF TWELVE.

FOUR NEW BELLS ADDED TO GRAND OLD EIGHT.

Four new bells at Christchurch Priory Church, Hants, have raised the ring at this historic building to a peal of twelve—the second in the county of Hampshire and the forty-seventh in the British Isles. Christchurch had a peal of ten, but the trebles were no match for the glorious back eight, and thanks to the generosity of local donors it has been possible to dispense with the former trebles, and, by adding four entirely new bells, to provide an extended peal not only in keeping with the original octave, but worthy of the magnificent church, a building with which only Winchester Cathedral itself and Romsey Abbey in the diocese can vie. Two of the new bells have been given by members of the Druitt family and two by the Barron Bell Trust.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have provided four bells of splendid tone which blend perfectly with the older bells, and the result is a very fine ring of twelve.

The dedication took place at a short service held on Wednesday evening last week. This was largely attended, and in the course of the service the Vicar (Canon W. H. Gay) and other clergy, members of the Church Council and choir proceeded to the ringing chamber, where Canon Gay recited the solemn words of dedication. Mr. F. Hopkins (chairman of the Barron Bell Trust), Mrs. Blair, Miss Charlotte Druitt and Mr. Herbert Druitt chimed the new bells, and then the full peal of twelve were heard for the first time.

Following the service a supper of celebration was held at the King's Arms Hotel, at which there were present, in addition to bellringers from various parts of the diocese, many friends. In the chair was Canon W. H. Gay, supported by the Mayor of Christchurch (Alderman W. H. Tucker), the Rev. Shirley Price, Rev. C. H. Gilson, Rev. Dr. Potter, Mr. A. Troke, Mr. F. Hopkins, Mr. E. Denison Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tucker, Mr. Alan Druitt (secretary of the Church Council), Miss Charlotte Druitt, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. John Druitt, Mrs. Cecil Locke, Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. David Llewellyn, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Mr. George Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (captain of the Winchester Band of Ringers and the representative of the Diocesan Advisory Committee). The towers represented were Bournemouth, Brockenhurst, Milford, Loughborough, Lyndhurst, Ringwood and Exeter.

PRESENTATION TO MR. G. PRESTON.

Mr. Elliott, chairman of the Christchurch District Bellringers, spoke of the pleasure all felt at the addition to their peal, and went on to introduce a matter which, he was sure, would give pleasure to all, and that was to make a presentation to Mr. George Preston. Mr. Preston had begun ringing in 1887, and over a period of 46 years had contributed distinguished service to campanology in general. He hoped to see Mr. Preston complete the round fifty; there was no reason why he should not. In detailing the merits of Mr. Preston's career, the speaker mentioned the work done by Mr. Preston in securing bells for towers in the district, and his further efforts to see that they possessed a good ringing band. He handed to Mr. Preston a handsome eight-day Westminster chiming clock, saying it was a tribute from the ringers of the district, as a slight recognition of the splendid work he had done for bellringers generally.

Mr. George Preston expressed his great appreciation; it had come to him in the nature of a very great surprise, and for the moment words failed him. 'I have done,' he added, 'what I could, but always in the nature of a labour of love, in fact, I am never happier than when I am ringing, and some of the happiest moments of my life have been spent in the Priory belfry.'

Canon Gay, in introducing Mr. Hopkins, of the Barron Bell Trust, said how much they were indebted to him. He would that he could meet the 'opposite number' of Mr. Hopkins, who would present an organ. 'If,' he begged his listeners, 'you should hear of an "organ Mr. Hopkins," pray let me hear of him.' He also added his quota of praise to Mr. Preston.

Mr. F. Hopkins said that he was delighted to have been the means of helping to increase the bells. Christchurch possessed a beautiful tower and a beautiful edifice, a cathedral in appearance, which was worthy of the finest peal of bells they could put into its belfry. The geographical position was fine, and the hills made a natural sounding board. He had a brother who was a sea-going man, and now he would be able to say when he heard the bells at sea, 'Ah, there are the Priory bells ringing out from Christchurch, and somewhere in the town old Fred is "having one"' (laughter).

He told briefly the conception and work of the Barron Bell Trust, and congratulated the Loughborough Bell Foundry on their work.

Mr. Alan Druitt, speaking on behalf of his sister, Mrs. Blair, said it gave her great pleasure to be able to participate in the increase of the Christchurch peal. He endorsed what others had said of Mr. George Preston, for 'he has such a love and affection for the old belfry as few had shown.'

Mr. Denison Taylor, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, said he hoped the work his firm had done was worthy of the town and its traditions. There were previously 46 towers in the British Isles with a peal of twelve. Christchurch made the 47th.

His Worship the Mayor expressed the very real pleasure it afforded him to know that during his tenure of office a full peal now embellished the tower. On behalf of the town he thanked the members of the Druitt family and the Barron Trust most heartily for their gifts. He added his thanks also to Mr. Preston and his ringers for the work they had done.

The Rev. Shirley Price commented that in listening to the peal he had heard a new note definitely, and he trusted that during his stay in the town he himself would be able to strike a similar new note of use and worth.—Mr. Walter Tucker added his word of praise, and the various ringers spoke of the excellence of the bells.

DIOCESAN GUILD'S MEETING.

On Saturday the annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Christchurch, when nearly a hundred members and visiting ringers enjoyed ringing on the new peal of bells.

The Master (Mr. George Williams) presided over the meeting, at which, among other business, it was decided to elect the full quota of Central Council representatives to which the Guild was entitled, and Mr. F. W. Rogers (general hon. secretary) and Mr. G. Pullinger (former hon. secretary) were elected, in addition to the Master and Mr. H. Barton. The other officers were re-elected.

The question of the transfer of five towers from the Portsmouth district to the Alton district was adjourned to a special general meeting to be held after the views of the Bishop of Portsmouth have been ascertained.

Five guineas was voted to the Davies Memorial Fund.

Service and tea followed the meeting.

A fuller report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

On Sunday the first quarter-peal on the twelve bells was rung by a representative band. This was 1,320 Grandsire Cinques by G. Preston (secretary of Christchurch District) conductor, 1, J. W. Faithfull (Southampton District) 2, J. S. Goldsmith (hon. sec., Guildford Diocesan Guild) 3, Mrs. R. Richardson (hon. sec., Lincoln Branch of Ladies' Guild) 4, F. W. Rogers (hon. sec., Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) 5, H. Barton (Central Council representative) 6, F. Sparshott (Christchurch District representative on Guild Committee) 7, R. Stone (chairman of Portsmouth District) 8, A. T. Greenwood (sec., Portsmouth District) 9, W. Fowler (Christchurch) 10, R. Richardson (Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild) 11, H. Gillard (Christchurch) 12. It was the first actual quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band.

EIGHT BELLS WHICH BECAME FIVE.

On Thursday, June 30th, five members of the Hertford County Association visited the picturesque old-world village of Westmill, and rang the first peal on the ancient bells of the pretty little church of St. Mary.

The bells were a ring of eight till the year 1887, when the three trebles were disposed of. The frame for the octave still remains in the tower.

Guy Ewing, a son of a former Rector, in his book 'Westmill,' writes that in 1552 there were four and a sauncе bell, and these remained till about 1700.

The 4th of the present ring was cast about 1350 by William Rofforde, or Rufford, and is one of the oldest bells in the county. The tenor was cast by Miles Gray, of Colchester, in 1616. His earliest dated bell in Hertfordshire is the 6th at Braughing, 1615.

Before 1736 (probably about 1728) the ring of eight was made up by the generosity of a Mr. William Ansell. He died in 1736, aged over 90 years). There is not the slightest doubt that Westmill was both second place to All Saints', Hertford, and the first village in the county to possess a full peal of eight.

How the three trebles were lost to the tower is a mystery. It is said that they were sold to pay for repair to the roof in 1887, and that the tower was not strong enough to carry them.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Ashover on Saturday, June 25th. About 30 members journeyed to this delightful Derbyshire village on a beautiful day, and the bells were kept merrily pealing during the afternoon. A service was conducted in church by the Rector (Rev. J. B. Nodder), who has completed 52 years as Rector of the parish. Tea was partaken of at a nearby tea room, and the brief business meeting followed, Mr. Wilson Allin, vice-president, being in the chair.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. T. Brooks, of Pleasley, an old member, who had recently passed away.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Selston in July. One new member was elected, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of bells, address, etc.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing in the various standard methods, and a most enjoyable day came to an end. The towers represented were: Alfreton, Ashover, Ault Hucknall, Mansfield, Morton, Pleasley, Ripley, Sutton-in-Ashfield, South Normanton and Tibshelf.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT NOTTINGHAM.

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, June 25th. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and a service was held in the Lady Chapel, conducted by the curate.

After tea (arranged by Miss I. Thompson) the gentlemen returned to the belfry while the business meeting was held. Mrs. Jacques presided, and two new members were elected, viz., Miss Sanders, of Birmingham, and Miss Hodgkinson, of Duffield.

The statement of accounts and secretary's report were adopted. Mrs. Ryder was re-elected vice-president, Miss Thompson and Miss Cawthorne were elected joint secretaries, Miss Foulk and Miss Varley elected on the Central Committee, and Mrs. Wolstencroft, Mrs. Scott and Miss G. Burchnall on the District Committee.

The following places were suggested for the year's meetings:—Cresswell in September, Loughborough, a joint meeting with the Lincolnshire District, in November; Nottinghamshire in March and the next annual meeting at Handsworth, Sheffield.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the ladies were very grateful to the gentlemen for turning up so well to ring the bells at the heavy end for them.

Ringers attended from Beeston, Cresswell, Bottesford, Cotgrave, Sutton-on-Trent, Sandiacre, St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Nottingham, Treeton, Rotherham, Mansfield-Woodhouse, North Collingham, Duffield, and Handsworth, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The meeting of the Leatherhead District, held at Ockley on June 25th, was not very well attended, three visitors from Warnham and one from Farnborough making a welcome addition to the six from the district, but the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

Owing to the Rector having a previous engagement there was no service, so at 5 o'clock a move was made to the Red Lion, where tea was soon disposed of. Then followed the business meeting, which was held in the cool of the church porch.

The Secretary read an account of the Central Council's meeting at Plymouth, sent by Mr. Grover, who regretted being unable to attend.

Mr. Alan R. Pink, having left the district, Mr. F. G. Woodiss was elected to the vacancy thus caused, as district representative on the General Committee.

The meeting then closed by asking Mr. A. Hills to convey to the Rector their thanks for the use of the bells during the afternoon, and a few more touches were rung before leaving to catch the trains home.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting at Privett on June 25th was largely attended, there being about 46 present, including the Master (Mr. G. Williams), Mrs. Williams, Mr. F. W. Rogers (General Secretary), Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester), Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bayley and Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham), the places represented being Blackmoor, Alton, Privett, North Stoneham, East Meon, Petersfield, Swanmore, Overton, Winchester, Aldershot, Farnham, Portsmouth, Titchfield and Bath. The Guild Office was read by the Vicar of Privett (Rev. W. P. Putt), who also gave an excellent address, which was much appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Putt very kindly entertained the party to tea in the Vicarage garden, and the short business meeting which followed was also held on the lawn.

In the absence, through ill-health, of the Chairman (Rev. F. G. Eyres), Rev. W. P. Putt presided. Three hon. members and three performing members were elected, and the next meeting was fixed for October 22nd at Binsted, and the annual meeting at Alton on February 11th.

Mr. Rogers spoke of the necessity of increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and his remarks were supported by the Master.

After the vote of thanks to the host and hostess and also to the organist, which Mr. Williams proposed, had been carried with applause, a few touches were rung on the handbells, and a good many of the party returned to the tower again.

RINGING IN THREE COUNTIES.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held their annual outing on Saturday, June 25th. Travelling by motor coach, the party arrived at the hostelry of their old friend, Mr. Alfred G. Rivers, the 'Black Horse,' Dry Drayton, Cambridgeshire, for breakfast at 8.30 a.m. This was followed by ringing at Bourn, Eaton Socon, Huntingdon, Godmanchester and St. Ives, then dinner with mine host of the 'Black Horse.' On the journey home a halt was made at Cambridge, where, after viewing 'The Backs,' ringing was indulged in on the bells of the R.C. and Great St. Mary's Churches. Handbell ringing and the meeting of friends at Stowmarket brought a successful outing to a close. The society wish to thank all incumbents and others for their permission to ring, also Mr. A. G. Rivers, who made an admirable pilot in this interesting part of England.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 12th, St. Magnus', London Bridge, on the 14th and 28th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service on the 17th, at 5.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 21st, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Hale) after service. All ringers welcome. Please notify me as soon as possible. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer Festival will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, July 9th. Weybridge (8) and Hersham (8) bells available afternoon and evening, Oatlands Park (8) 3.15 to 4.15, 7 to 8 p.m. Chertsey (8) 3 to 4 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The meeting at Sevenoaks on Saturday, July 9th, has been postponed owing to illness.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Stansted. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon, Saturday, July 9th. 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m., 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., tower of St. Mary's Church (8 bells) open for ringing. 3 p.m., service in St. Lawrence Chapel of the Cathedral; preacher, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, S. Nicholas', Hereford. 4 p.m., tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop). 4.30 p.m., business meeting at Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence). The tower of St. David's Church, Brecon (6 bells), will also be open for ringing.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., 11 and 12, Church Place, Neath, Glam.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Owing to illness near Wortley Church, the shield contest will be held at Penistone on Saturday, July 9th. Draw takes place at 2.45.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar and vice-chairman, the Rev. W. E. MacFarlane. Meeting to follow. Come to one of the best of Oxfordshire villages and bells. — E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Barton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. — E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. — B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual branch meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. As the election of officers takes place at this meeting it is hoped as many as possible will attend. — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Bordon Road, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Camerton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—G. M. Hasell, Branch Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Spondon on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. ALL ringers cordially invited.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing from 3.30 to 6.30 and 8 to 9.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The meeting which was to have been held at Rainford to-morrow (Saturday, July 9th) has been postponed.—J. Grounds, Branch Sec.

HUNSDON, HERTS.—A mid-week meeting will be held at this charming old world village on Wednesday, July 13th. Bells, a peal of 8, ready at 3 o'clock.

GREAT NESS, near Shrewsbury. — The augmented ring of 6 (tenor recast and 3 new trebles added and rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Friday, July 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea and refreshments provided at the Vicarage after the service, and those intending to be present are asked to notify the Rev. F. Brighton, The Vicarage, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, July 13th. All ringers welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—A meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. A garden fete is being held in the Vicarage grounds and a good attendance is requested. Anyone requiring tea write J. Sage, 104, Fairfield Road, Hugglescote, by July 14th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. L. Moxon, Vicar of Newport Pagnell, and chairman of North Bucks Branch. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. non-members. Applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 13th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. Business nominations for general and branch officers. For tea notify Mr. J. Robinson, North End, Halewood. Please make a special effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Harlington, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow, in Church Hall. A hearty welcome to all.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea follows. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, July 12th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maiden Newton and Cattistock on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. The Cattistock carillon will be open for inspection. Other bells available, Bradford-Peverell, Frampton, Stratton and Sydling.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON. — The ring of six bells restored by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on Saturday afternoon, July 16th.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Capenhurst (6 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 6 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested. — Harry S. Brocklebank.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Rothley (5 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tea can be obtained by applying to me not later than Thursday previous. All ringers and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, July 16th. The restored ring of 8 will be available all day. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m., 9d. each. Intending visitors please send word by July 14th to W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Hinton-on-the-Green on Saturday, July 16th. Service with an address by the Rector (the Rev. V. C. Blythe) at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided, and will those who intend to be present please let me know not later than the Tuesday previous? Buses pass between Evesham, Cheltenham and Gloucester. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 12th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Please come and try this fine peal. All ringers welcome. Tea can be arranged for in the village. There are several outstanding subs. Will those who have not yet paid kindly pay up and be 'sports'?—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Eling on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea must please notify me by July 12th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The July quarterly meeting will be held at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, at a moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. Visitors will be welcomed.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weare on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open 2.30. Divine Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Tea (close by) 5.30. Meeting and ringing to follow.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge. Business meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea to Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Flixboro Road, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, not later than Wednesday, July 13th. All welcome.—H. J. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield (8 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A ring for all. — D. Brown, Branch Hon. Sec.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on July 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. There will be a service and tea. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. All who require tea please notify Mr. G. Swindin, Everton, near Bawtry, by July 13th. Good attendance requested. Further business re the Haigh Memorial and Library.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

CHRIST CHURCH, ALSAGER.—The ring of 8 bells, having been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on July 16th. A meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild will be held on the same day. A short service and opening at 3.30. Tea about 5 p.m. Bells available until 9.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify the secretary, R. D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe, on or before July 12th. Further particulars on circulars. All ringers welcome.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGE.—The ring of 6, rehung with new fittings in a new frame by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea, by invitation, to those who notify the Rev. C. E. O. Finch, Swavesey Vicarage, Cambridge, by July 21st. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Wickham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at 1s. per head to those who notify me not later than July 18th. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Major P. H. G. Powell-Cotton, the summer meeting will be held at Waterloo Tower (12), Quex Park, Birchington, on Saturday, July 23rd.—Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in the tower.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow, Those requiring tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival at Truro, Saturday, July 23rd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), Cathedral (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. only. The Guild will attend Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (free to ringers) 4.45. Please notify Lieut.-Col. C. F. Jerram, Talland Vean, Falmouth, by July 9th. Opportunities for ringing will be given to odd ringers, but late entries cannot be included in the programme.—W. H. R. Trewhella, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Vicarage Room. Meeting to follow. Will secretaries please notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.)—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Heckington on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 1/6 per head, at 5, followed by business meeting. For tea please notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Lincs, by July 20th. This is important. All welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will this year be held at Sheffield on Saturday, October 8th. Full particulars later.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec.

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It may be said that such an exhaustive volume would be too large and costly. We do not think it need be. At present the ringer would require a whole series of books to take him up the ladder, and consequently he often does not trouble to buy them, but merely relies on the casual information which he picks up as he goes along. What is wanted is something in the nature of a standard work, which would put the practice of change ringing in simple language and take the ringer from the preliminary stage of handling his bell, through all the commonly recognised steps up to Surprise ringing, making plain the essential features of the various methods, and showing how a knowledge of one can be utilised in the ringing of another —to make the whole thing, as it were, a connected story, and explaining to him at the same time how to call each of the methods he learns to ring. Such a book to be a success, however, would need an author with an intimate knowledge of his subject and clarity of style; one who could put his lessons into simple and concise language and who would avoid the over elaboration which is found in some books. Amplification serves no purpose when brevity can convey all that is needed. We believe a volume on the lines we have suggested would in time tend

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to improve and extend the practice of higher methods and, while leaving present text books to specialise in their own sphere, would induce more ringers to aspire to consistent progress from the bottom to the top rung of the ladder.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)
On Monday, July 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ..	7
*MISS KATHLEEN BRADFORD	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING... ...	8
JOHN W. WARD...	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	9
HOBART E. SMITH	4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ...	5	CECIL W. PIPE	11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS... ...	6	*ERNEST E. FITCH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.
* First peal on twelve bells.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

*THOMAS E. SONE ...	...*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	2	*KENNETH PATTENDEN ...	8
FREDERICK G. BRETT ...	3	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD	9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ...	10
*WILLIAM BIDNELL	5	HARRY PARKS	11
FRANK BENNETT	6	GEORGE A. JENKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT W. KNIGHT... ...	7
JOSEPH T. DYKE	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	4	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	10
CYRIL TANSELL	5	JAMES GEORGE	11
WILLIAM A. CAVE	6	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Four Hours,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 34¾ cwt.

LESLIE J. CLARK	...*Treble*	*JOHN G. NASH	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	8
CHARLES T. COLES	3	RONALD H. BULLEN... ...	9
ALBERT W. COLES	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE... ...	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	6	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
* First peal of Maximus.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	GEORGE GILBERT	7
LEONARD MANNERING	3	WILLIAM T. BREESON	8
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN.	4	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER	9
C. ERNEST SMITH	5	HENRY C. DUNN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman and first 'touch' of Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART	*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	2	JOHN DEARLOVE	7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	3	JACK M. CRIPPS	8
*VINCENT E. SWIFT	4	ALFRED J. BULL	9
KENNETH SNELLING	5	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
* First peal on ten bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	*H. STANLEY ROBINSON	6
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	2	EDWARD G. TALBOT	7
ROYDEN DAVIES	3	FRANK JENNINGS	8
DANIEL COOPER	4	TONY PRICE	9
FRANK E. DARBY	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. H. S. Robinson (a member of the local society) upon his departure for Bristol.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sunday, July 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

CHARLES W. FRANKLIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTTON	6
WILLIAM BIDNELL	2	*FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD	7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	3	T. REGINALD DENNIS	8
THOMAS E. SONE	4	CHARLES W. PLAYER	9
FRANK BENNETT	5	KENNETH PATTENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Treble Ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BALDERSTONE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

S. K. TAYLOR	*Treble*	J. H. KERSHAW	5
J. JONES	2	*S. CLEGG	6
J. H. LEES	3	*F. APPLETON	7
*W. O. ROWLAND	4	E. CHADWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. JONES.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the church's consecration, also as a compliment to E. Chadwick on completing 50 years as a ringer.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, June 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 4¾ cwt.

F. A. H. WILKINS	*Treble*	SYD. TAYLOR	5
W. H. B. WILKINS	2	WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT	6
FRANK TAYLOR	3	C. ELLIOTT WIGG	7
GEO. HORWOOD	4	JOHN R. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
Rung to commemorate the placing in the church of a memorial tablet to Robert Taylor, founder of the Loughborough firm. Also as a farewell to the Rev. P. M. Dodwell, a member of the band, who is leaving to become a naval chaplain.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, July 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	5
*MISS KATHLEEN BRADFORD	2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	THOMAS W. LAST	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS W. LAST.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 200th peal.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, July 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE STAFF	*Treble*	†STEPHEN PARRY	5
*MARIE SYKES	2	JAMES B. SHAW	6
WILLIAM BERRY	3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY	7
†FRED DONKERLEY	4	HERBERT DAVENPORT	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SHIPWAY. Conducted by G. STAFF.
* First peal and first attempt in the method. † First peal in the method on a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of E. Ward, a Sunday School teacher and churchworker of the above church, and nephew of the 7th ringer. Also as a birthday peal to the ringer of the 5th.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. CARTER'S FIVE-PART, No. 21. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD	*Treble*	MAURICE SWINFIELD	5
J. CHARLES DICKEN	2	JOHN CURTIS	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 6, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT	5
KEITH HART	2	*ROBERT SWIFT	6
VINCENT E. SWIFT	3	WALTER CHARMAN	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
* 100th peal.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, June 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. G. Nash 1, Mrs. E. H. King 2, E. H. King 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, H. Ellis 5, E. A. Hull 6, M. Fensom 7, C. Davidson 8.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Treble*	REGINALD V. JOHNSON	5
ROBERT SWIFT	2	WILFRED WILLIAMS	6
*VINCENT E. SWIFT	3	CECIL NICE	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	ALFRED J. BULL	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
* First peal of Surprise.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT J. SKELT	...*Treble*	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	5
JOHN F. GALYER	2	TONY PRICE	6
EDWARD G. TALBOT	3	DANIEL COOPER	7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
First peal rung in the method and accomplished at first attempt.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN HOBBS	...*Treble*	FRANK MORTON	5
JOHN W. STIRLAND	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
HENRY HARRISON	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.
First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. This composition is now rung for the first time.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES R. GOODBURN	...*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
EDWARD J. BEER	2	JOHN BURLES	6
*FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS	...*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	JESSE J. MOSS	6
JOHN HOLMAN	3	ERNEST WAGSTAFF	7
THOMAS BETTISON	4	JOHN FLINT	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST COX	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. POULTON	5
*ARTHUR APORD	2	*GLYN SHAW	6
WILLIAM T. POSTON	3	EDWIN H. FOSTER	7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS	4	WILLIAM POSTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Little Bob for all.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN	...*Treble*	BASIL REDGEWELL	5
WALTER ARNOLD	2	CECIL BARKER	6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	3	JAMES FRENCH	7
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	4	†ERNEST BOWHILL	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM KEEBLE. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER	...*Treble*	CECIL BARRATT	5
WILLIAM FLATT	2	CHARLES LOOME	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	4	ERNEST WHITING	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
First peal in the method on the bells.

THATCHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-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.

ROBERT FRANKUM	...*Treble*	HARRY GARRETT	5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS	2	JOHN CHESTERMAN	6
WILLIAM ATKINS	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
SAMUEL QUINTIN	4	ALBERT SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. W. REX.
First peal as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HEVER, KENT.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*ERNEST H. EVEREST	...*Treble*	JAMES W. KNIGHT	4
H. F. HYLTON TIDY	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
EDWARD E. TIDY	3	LEONARD A. TIDY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.
* First Surprise peal.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, June 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY	...*Treble*	MISS ETHEL MARSHALL	4
*GEORGE F. SMITHSON	2	*NOEL B. THURLBY	5
*GEORGE ARRAND	3	CHARLES B. LYON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.
* First peal.

BARWELL.—On Wednesday, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): K. Deacon 1, W. White 2, F. Cotton 3, H. Knights 4, E. Morris (conductor) 5, B. Ridgeway 6, G. P. Garner 7, J. Needham 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Kathleen Rest, of Stapleton, to Mr. George H. Hall, of Leicester, brother-in-law of the conductor, whose wedding anniversary also fell on this date.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, June 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	4
NELSON ELLIOTT	2	*ALFRED J. BULL	5
KENNETH SNELLING	3	*WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	*Tenor*

Arranged by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor. First peal of London Surprise Minor for the association.

HAMER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

RONALD CLEGG	*Treble*	ALWYNE TAYLOR	4
ALBERT HOYLE	2	ALLEN SMITH	5
JOHN P. SILVERWOOD	3	JAMES TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. SMITH.

First peal on the bells and the first for all the ringers except the ringer of the fourth. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, who was inducted the previous day.

GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	JAMES MILLER	4
WILLIAM SHARPLES	2	E. ROGER MARTIN	5
WILLIAM TAYLOR	3	JOHN T. MILLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

Rung on the 80th birthday of Mr. William Clarkson, an enthusiastic member of the local company. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Clarkson after the peal.

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lancashire, Stamford, Wells, London, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...	*Treble*	FRANCIS BALL	4
MISS EVELYN STEEL	2	AMOS SMART	5
WALTER PERKINS	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WELLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire, ten callings, and 12 Plain Bob, four callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT C. APPLEBY ...	*Treble*	*LESLIE C. SMITH	4
†EDWARD J. DIXON	2	*WILLIAM LANCEFIELD ...	5
†EDWARD S. RUCK	3	*ARTHUR HILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells by an entirely local company, all of whom are regular Sunday service ringers.

ROYAL WEDDING DAY.

On July 6th, the 39th anniversary of the wedding of King George and Queen Mary, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung in 46 minutes at St. Mary's Church, Dover, by the following: R. T. Clark 1, W. Bidnell 2, W. Fright 3, F. Fairbeard 4, C. R. Millway 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. J. Saunders 8. Messrs. Bidnell and Fright are from Hythe and F. Fairbeard from Canterbury.

SOUTH KILWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

*DENNIS ALLSOPP	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	3
PERCY AMOS	2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	4

ERNEST MORRIS ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. First peal on these bells, rung at the third essay. The conductor has now rung peals in 117 towers in the Leicester Diocese.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

R. C. RIPPINGALE	1-2	THOMAS BIRD	3-4

OLAVE E. BROYD 5-6

Conducted by O. E. BROYD.

First peal in hand for ringers of 1-2 and 3-4 and first attempt.

A TRIP TO NORTH DEVON.

On a recent Saturday the ringers of St. John's Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, held their annual outing, the places chosen, where also ringing was indulged in, being Barnstaple and Ilfracombe. The party, with friends, numbered 26, and included Mr. W. H. Thomas, the popular ringer and chairman of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who arrived by an early train to meet the Westonians. A start was made at 7.30 a.m., the weather being all that could be desired, and the company in high spirits, especially the younger members. A pleasant run brought the party to Taunton about 9 a.m., and after about half an hour's wait Taunton was left, and the company were soon enjoying the rural beauties of their county, on through Milverton with a delightful downhill run into Wiveliscombe, and later a grand rear view of the valley just passed; then on to Bampton (the church clock registering 10.35), and through beautiful wooded country to South Molton and Swymbridge, ultimately reaching Barnstaple at 12.30, after a most enjoyable trip. The ringers at once went to the Parish Church of St. Peter, where they were cordially welcomed by the captain of the local team (Mr. Jeffrey). This church holds a very fine peal of eight bells (tenor 23 cwt.). Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The tower of this church is early English, and was rebuilt as far back as 1311-1318, the steeple being rebuilt in 1389. Subsequently the party met at the Bell Hotel for lunch. At 2.30 Barnstaple was left behind, and after another pleasant ride through typical Devon scenery, Ilfracombe was 'made' by 3 p.m. After a look around, the 'Campans' went to the Holy Trinity Parish Church, there to be met by Mr. J. Sprague, one of the local team of ringers. Here the visitors found a very musical set of eight bells (tenor 12¼ cwt.) Several touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung in fine style, to the delight of the visitors and residents alike. Several of the Westonians were also pleased to meet Mr. A. W. Brighton, who was on a visit to 'Combe. After a short tour of inspection, followed by tea, the company took their departure at 5.30. Although by this time it was much cooler, the sun was still pouring its delightful rays on land and sea, with not a dark cloud to be seen. The magnificent panoramic view obtained as they left the famous seaside town, will not soon be forgotten by any of the trippers. Rapidly swinging along between gorgeously wooded hills, green fields, and into the valleys, and then later getting a glorious view of the Bristol Channel with its wonderful coast line, the company were very soon nearing the pretty village of Coombe Martin, which is about 5½ miles from Ilfracombe. Between these two resorts the road is very steep with a rather dangerous descent into Coombe Martin. Later on an extremely fine view was secured, on taking a backward glance, of a little of the sea which showed up between the towering hills. Next came Challacombe, after which another steep gradient was covered, through Exford and Wheddon Cross, Dunster, Timberscombe, Williton, and later the picturesque and easily remembered country of St. Audries with its pretty church lying in the valley. Then on through beautiful rural scenery until Nether Stowey was reached at 9 p.m., and, soon after, Bridgwater. The ringers and friends here went to the Bristol Arms Hotel, where supper was awaiting them, after which an impromptu concert was held, songs being contributed by Messrs. Milton Jones, E. Parker, S. Hack, A. Wilkerson, H. Parsons, L. Tanner, with Mr. H. Minifie at the piano. At 11 p.m. a start was made for home, Weston being ultimately reached at midnight. Everyone was of opinion that it was the best outing and the most enjoyable of its kind they had ever experienced.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

RETIREMENT OF THE HON. SECRETARY.

The ninth annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at Brecon on Saturday, July 9th, when well over 100 ringers from all parts of the diocese, as well as ringers from other guilds, attended. It had been advertised that the bells of St. Mary's and St. David's Churches would be available for ringing throughout the day, but as there was a parishioner seriously ill in the vicinity of St. Mary's Church, these bells were not rung. A party of ringers therefore journeyed to St. Margaret's Church, Llanfigan, for a touch on the ring of eight at that church.

The festival service was held in St. Lawrence Chapel of the Cathedral Church of St. John. The Lord Bishop attended, and the other robed clergy present were the Archdeacon of Gower, Canon E. A. T. Roberts (Sub-Dean), Canon John Simon, Minor Canon J. C. Hill, the Rev. W. D. G. Wilkinson (Diocesan Missioner), the Rev. R. W. Lockyer (Glasbury) and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (St. Nicholas', Hereford). The Revs. W. Gurnos Davies (Llanelly, Breck), E. E. Davies (Nantmel) and R. D. Wynne (New Radnor) were also present. The service was intoned by the Sub-Dean, lessons read by the Archdeacon of Gower, whilst the festival sermon was preached by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. Mr. J. Humphrey Carden presided at the organ. During the course of his address the preacher thanked the Guild for inviting him to preach to them, and, speaking as a ringing member of the Hereford Guild, he paid tribute to the ringers of the old Brecon District of the Hereford Guild for their past services. The Benediction was pronounced by the Lord Bishop.

After service, tea was partaken of on the lawns of Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence), by kind invitation of the Bishop.

At the annual meeting which followed, the accounts were presented. The president (the Lord Bishop of the Diocese) and the vice-presidents were re-elected. Mr. S. T. Rackham (Llanelly) was re-elected Master of the Guild, and Mr. Charles Powell (Brecon) re-elected hon. treasurer. The hon. secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells, Neath) regretted that owing to pressure of work he would be unable to act as secretary and devote the time which was necessary for the proper carrying out of his duties.—The Bishop regretted it was necessary for Mr. Howells to take this step, as he had served the Guild faithfully and efficiently since its formation.—A formal vote of thanks was then proposed by the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies, seconded by Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild).—Mr. Howells, in responding, thanked the district secretaries, tower secretaries and officials for their support during his term of office, and promised to give all assistance possible to the new secretary if necessary.

Mr. Leo Havard, 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon, was afterwards appointed hon. secretary, Mr. E. I. Rowlands (Brecon) was reappointed hon. auditor and Mr. George Popnell (Llanelly) was elected representative on the Central Council in place of Mr. A. J. Pitman, who desired to be relieved of the position.

Committee members were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Walter Evans as a representative of St. Mary's Church, New Radnor.

THE NEXT RINGING COMPETITION.

It was decided that the annual festival for 1933 should take place at Swansea. With regard to the 1933 Ringing Competition, the Rev. E. E. Davies (Rector of Nantmel) extended the Guild a hearty invitation to his parish for the competition. The Rector's invitation was accepted, and he was duly thanked.

Mr. A. J. Pitman then presented his report on the recent Central Council meeting held at Liverpool, and in doing so drew attention to the necessity for all ringers to subscribe to 'The Ringing World,' a paper which was entirely devoted to the art. It was decided that tower secretaries should make every effort to obtain additional subscribers.

Regarding the appeal for a subscription towards a memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, a general discussion took place, and Mr. Charles Edwards (Master of the Hereford Guild) and Mr. John W. Jones (hon. secretary to the Llandaff Association) were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jones, in responding, paid tribute to the work of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. It was eventually decided that a donation of £2 2s. be forwarded to the fund.

Mr. James P. Hyatt (Blasbury), who was seconded by Mr. J. E. Bloxham (Cadoxton), proposed that the present subscription of 1s. 6d. per member should be allocated as to 1s. to the general fund and the balance of 6d. allocated to a 'tower repairing fund.' In advocating this scheme, Mr. Hyatt stated that there were several towers in need of repair, and mentioned Llandefalle in particular.—The motion, on being put to the meeting, was, however, lost.

Thanks were given to the Lord Bishop for presiding over the meeting and for entertaining the ringers to tea, with special thanks to the ladies who assisted to make the gathering a success.—His Lordship briefly responded, and the meeting then terminated.

At a committee meeting of the Guild, held immediately afterwards, it was decided that the rules for the next ringing competition be the same as in the 1932 competition. Regarding the medals to be presented to Cadoxton (who won the shield at the last ringing competition), these were to be obtained in time for the Southern District's next quarterly meeting in September. This meeting is to be held at Cadoxton, and Mr. W. R. Howells, the retiring secretary, is to be asked to present them at the meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ATTRACTIONS OF ABBOTSBURY.

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Abbotsbury, and, despite the inclement weather and the fact that it was a mid-week meeting, the number present was highly satisfactory. Abbotsbury is situated about nine miles from Bridport, Dorchester and Weymouth, and possesses great attractions, including the remains of a Benedictine Abbey, founded by a steward to King Canute about 1044. There is also a monastic barn, which is of noble design combined with grand spaciousness, and said to be one of the most notable buildings of its kind in the country. St. Catherine's Chapel stands on an eminence and is a conspicuous landmark, the view of the West Bay from the hill top embracing the coast from Bridport to Portland Bill, including the Chesil beach. In Abbotsbury also are the noted tropical gardens and swannery, and last, but not least, its interesting church and six good going bells, which were rung from 2.30 to 4.30 by the various bands and welcome visitors, representing 13 towers. The Vicar (the Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule) was at the church and received everyone. The Guild service was very bright and fully choral, being led by the organist and choir. It was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an excellent and inspiring address, and gave the ringers a very warm welcome. The general secretary (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards) read the lesson.

Afterwards the members adjourned to the reading room, where a bountiful tea was awaiting them, which between 50 and 60 members and friends enjoyed. They were waited on by the ladies of the Church Council.

The business meeting followed, and in the unavoidable absence of the chairman (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards was voted to the chair. Among those present were the Vicar and Mrs. Moule and churchwardens, Mr. W. S. B. Northover (Bridport, representing West Dorset Branch), Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson (Sutfleet), Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Biffen (Exeter) and Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris (Leicester). Unfortunately Mr. and Mrs. Davis (Reading), who were to be present, went to the wrong church. Mr. W. J. Brymer (High Sheriff of Dorset) was elected an hon. member, Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson were elected life members, and Messrs. W. E. Sopp and K. Spicer (Dorchester) were elected ringing members.

The hon. secretary reported a practice with the Wimborne branch would take place next Saturday at Wyke Regis. A bye meeting was arranged to take place at Maiden Newton and Cattistock, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.' The next quarterly meeting is to be held at West Lulworth on Saturday, September 24th.

The Chairman stated their hon. secretary and Mr. S. Hillier, with himself, represented the Guild at the Central Council meeting, and among other business was a resolution urging affiliated societies to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'

The chairman dealt very ably with the question that he left very little to the secretary to add. A good discussion ensued, and it is hoped that much good will come from it. The secretary gave the correspondents of the towers the Guild's appeal.

A very cordial welcome was given by the chairman and secretary to all the visitors, and this was received by acclamation. The Chairman proposed the usual vote of thanks (which was seconded by Mr. Northover), and especially referred to the kindness of the Ven. Archdeacon in providing such a bountiful tea and the great interest he takes in the branch.—The motion was carried by acclamation, and the Ven. Archdeacon, in responding, again gave the members a warm welcome. He was, he said, always delighted to have them there. His last words were 'Come again soon.' The meeting ended, some of the members, owing to the wet weather, adjourned to the tower, while others could not resist a visit to the renowned tropical gardens, over which they were kindly conducted by the head gardener, and everyone was delighted and some even astonished with what they saw. Some of the ringers made up a coach load and went on to Upwey, while the remainder gave some good practice to the learners until 8.45, when the bells were lowered in peal.

SUGGESTED ALTERATION OF BRANCH RULES.

The half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. James', Trowbridge, on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing commenced with Caters at about 3 p.m., and various methods were rung until 4.40, when the Rector (the Rev. S. J. Nesbit Wallace) conducted the Guild service, Mr. Weeks kindly providing the music. After the service the Rector invited those who wished to visit the Rectory gardens; this offer, whilst greatly appreciated, most members were unable to avail themselves of, the meeting and ringing taking up most of their time. Thirty-one sat down to tea in the C.W.S. Cafe, and this was followed by the business meeting. The Chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) voiced the welcome of the branch to the visitors, mentioning Messrs. W. B. Kynaston and S. Palmer (Swindon), W. C. Shute and H. J. Ralph (Kington Magna), E. G. Coward and S. Chaplin (Mere).

Mr. S. Hillier then gave a brief but interesting report of the business of the Central Council meeting at Plymouth, special mention being made of the effort to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' circulars to this effect having been sent to all affiliated towers in the Guild. A discussion then took place on this point, several members, while heartily supporting the paper and realising the lack

of space, were rather disappointed that so few of their reports of touches found their way into the columns of the paper. On the proposition of Mr. F. Green, seconded by Mr. C. Raison, it was carried unanimously that the following resolution be forwarded to the hon. general secretary of the Guild: That all peals rung for and published in 'The Ringing World' on behalf of the Salisbury Guild be paid for at the rate of not less than 1s. 6d. per peal, the total sum during the year to be not less than £2.

A discussion then took place on the suggested revision of branch rules (part of rule 1). A proposition by the chairman, seconded by Mr. E. F. White, was carried, after an amendment, proposed by Mr. N. V. Andrews and seconded by Mr. C. Raison, had been lost, three voting for the amendment and six for the former proposition (the greater number of members abstaining from voting), that rule 1 (part of) should read, 'All such officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the branch, and shall be COMMUNICANT members of the Church of England, but this shall not prevent any EXISTING officer being re-elected.'

It was provisionally decided to hold the next three meetings in the following order: Bishop's Cannings (August), Bratton (September) and Melksham (quarterly, October).

On closing the meeting, the Chairman proposed votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to Mr. Weeks for accompanying the singing, and those who had provided such an excellent tea.

The following towers of the branch were represented at the meeting: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom (St. James'), Rowde, Seend, Holt, North Bradley, Bratton, Bradford (Holy Trinity), Westbury, Melksham and Trowbridge, and the following methods were rung: Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

Later in the evening Hilperton bells were at the disposal of the members, and touches of Cambridge Surprise and Bob Minor and an excellent course of London Surprise were successfully brought round. This is the first course of London Surprise Minor ever rung at a Devizes branch meeting, and was a fitting finale to an interesting meeting.

GIRLS' NINTH SURPRISE METHOD.

At Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on Thursday, June 9th, 720 Canterbury Surprise: F. T. Parry 1, Miss D. I. Leatham 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, J. Leslie 4, W. Dean 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method for the ringers of 1, 2 and 3. This is the ninth Surprise method in which the two young ladies have rung a 720, the ringer of the 3rd being 16 years of age.

CONTEST AT QUEENSBURY.

Halifax and District Association held their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Queensbury on July 2nd. Six sets had entered the contest, in which they had to ring 600 changes, any method. The draw was as follows:—

No. 1.—Halifax, Kent Treble Bob Minor.
No. 2.—Holmfirth, Oxford Treble Bob Minor.
No. 3.—Meltham, Oxford Treble Bob Minor.
No. 4.—Low Moor, Kent Treble Bob Minor.
No. 5.—Liversedge, Plain Bob Minor.
No. 6.—Sandal, Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

Some very good ringing was heard during the afternoon, and the judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. W. Ambler (Queensbury), gave their decision, which met with the approval of all the ringers, as follows:—

	Faults	Penalty	Total
No. 1	341	10	351
No. 2	128	—	128
No. 3	152	—	152
No. 4	227	10	237
No. 5	364	—	364
No. 6	162	—	162

Holmfirth were, therefore, declared winners of the cup. Mr. W. Idle (Batley) presented the cup to Mr. H. Booth, the conductor, and congratulated them on their good ringing.

At the business meeting Mr. E. Earnshaw presided. The balance sheet was adopted and the officers re-elected as follows: President, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham); treasurer, Mr. F. Salmons (Halifax); secretary, Mr. L. Hargreaves (Halifax). The auditors—Mr. J. Burgess (Friezland) and Mr. R. Ellison (Queensbury)—were thanked for their services, and the Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for use of the bells. A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed the meeting.

A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF.

For 30 years, with one exception during the war, the ringers of Little Munden have never failed to ring the bells for two services every Sunday. For a village with less than 400 inhabitants, this is a record of consistent and devoted service of which the company may well be proud. More often than not an extent of Minor is rung, and last Sunday it was 720 New London Pleasure for morning service (W. Williams, S. Carter, J. Williams, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence, conductor), and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob for evening service (W. Williams, J. Williams, S. Head, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips, S. Carter, conductor).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It will be of interest to many of our readers to learn that Sulgrave Parish Church is to have a new treble bell installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to complete the ring of six. Sulgrave was the home of the ancestors of George Washington, and many Americans visit this historical place.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, who met with a serious motoring accident a few weeks ago, has now been discharged from hospital, but has to rest quietly at home for a considerable period. It will probably be some months before he is able to ring again.

As we read from time to time of lack of interest in certain districts, it is very pleasing to meet the REAL enthusiast. A certain Eastern Diocesan Guild possesses a section of members who have for their motto, 'If anything interferes with ringing, cut it out,' and, judging from what we hear, they live up to it. One of their number intended to be married. The great day was fixed and preliminaries arranged, when suddenly the happy bridegroom-to-be found that he had a few peals fixed for this particular week. Did he put off the peals? No, he put off the wedding! Can this be beaten for keenness!

The first peal of Surprise Maximus ever rung, which took place at Ipswich nearly 24 years ago, is recalled by the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Chelmsford on Saturday. Among the ringers were Messrs. Robert H. Brundle, George R. Pye, Lewis W. Wiffen and William Pye, who took part in that historic first performance. Mr. Brundle is now nearly 81 years of age, and it says something for both his mental and physical condition that he was able to concentrate on a method like Cambridge Maximus and withstand the intense heat of Saturday during four hours' ringing.

With a view to attempting a 'Harold' peal, will ringers bearing that Christian name kindly communicate with Harold Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles', Lincoln, stating methods they are capable of ringing and on what number of bells. It is hoped to attempt the peal at LEICESTER on a Saturday in October.

We record this week the first peal in a method described as Beddington Surprise Major. This is a method by the late Mr. Arthur Craven, and was named by him Lincoln Surprise. The band that have rung the first peal, however, have claimed the right to change the name.

A COLLECTION OF COMPOSITIONS.

We inadvertently omitted from our report of the Central Council meeting a decision of the Council towards the close of the proceedings to refer to the Peals Collection Committee Mr. G. R. Newton's proposal for a collection of the best compositions in each of the better-known methods.

The matter was first raised by Mr. Newton when the report of the committee entrusted with the drawing up of a pamphlet on 'Variations' was reached, and it was suggested by the president that it might be referred to the Peals Collection Committee.

Subsequently the matter was again mentioned, and, Mr. Newton having agreed with this course, Mr. E. A. Young seconded and the proposal was adopted.

THE YOUNGEST CONDUCTOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the youngest ringer to conduct a peal, Master J. L. Gilbert probably takes '3rd's place.' In Morris' history, pp. 494-495, he says, 'James W. Washbrook, jun., rang a peal at Arklow, Ireland, at the age of 10 years, and conducted one (Grandsire Triples) soon after he was 12.'

On June 5th, 1931, my son, E. A. Barnett, conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Crayford at the age of 12½ years.—Yours truly,

E. BARNETT, jun.

DEATH OF MR. E. YOUNG.

AN OLD LONDON RINGER.

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Ernest Young, a ringer at Gospel Oak, who passed away in hospital on July 5th at the age of 62 years after an illness of about ten weeks. Deceased lost his wife about ten months ago, and he never seemed to recover from the shock of the bereavement.

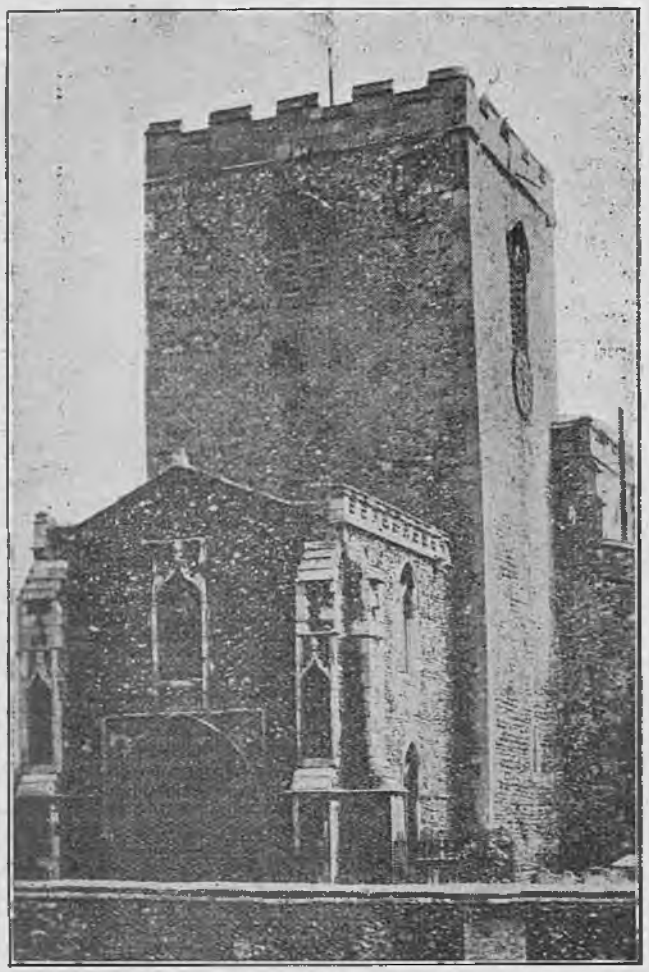
Born at Ardleigh in Essex, Mr. Young came to London about 40 years ago, and soon got in touch with Highgate and Gospel Oak towers. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association, and had rung about 20 peals in standard methods. His chances for peal ringing, however, were very limited owing to his occupation on the railway.

The funeral took place at Hendon Park Cemetery on Saturday, July 9th, when the Royal Cumberlands and the London County Association were represented at the graveside by R. Bevan, W. J. Morton, C. H. Martin and E. Bonfield. In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, the whole pull and stand was rung at St. Martin's Church, Gospel Oak, and afterwards 720 Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob, the following ringers taking part: R. Bevan, W. J. Morton, F. Smith, F. Bonfield, R. Newman, T. Bevan, A. Harwin and E. Bonfield.

DEBENHAM BELLS REOPENED.

FOUR OF THE RING RECAST

Debenham has long been celebrated for the place it has taken in Suffolk ringing, and it was here in June, 1892, that the celebrated 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung. The bells have now been restored after a silence of three and a half years, and the consummation of several years of constant endeavour was reached when the Archdeacon of Ipswich dedicated the completed work. The 4th, 6th, 7th and tenor bells have been recast and additional metal put into the two largest bells, so that the tenor now weighs 21 cwt., giving greater tone and richness to the peal. A new steel frame and fittings have been installed, and the work carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, has given the greatest satisfaction to ringers and parishioners alike.



THE TOWER OF DEBENHAM CHURCH.

Every denomination and many of the neighbouring parishes were represented at the dedication service, which took place during evensong. Immediately following the second lesson, the Archdeacon, preceded by the officiating clergy and the choir, proceeded to the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were impressively read. Following the return of the procession, the bells were rung by a band representative of the ringers of the district: Leslie Wightman (Framsden) 1, E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash) 2, James Betts (Wetheringsett) 3, Leslie Brett (Framsden) 4, Tom Chapell (Kenton) 5, Walter Ruffles (Ashfield) 6, T. W. Last (Helmingham) 7, W. Rumsey (Debenham) 8.

The sermon, preached by the Archdeacon, was based on St. Luke, xiv., 17, 'Come, for all things are now ready . . . and they all, with one consent began to make excuse.' The primary use of bells, in olden times, said the preacher, was to call worshippers to church. This use was not now so essential, as clocks and watches were in general use. To-day their use was to remind the sick and aged that the church was mindful of them. How many were there in these days who had good excuses for non-attendance at church, but who had no valid reason for abstaining from public worship? The two

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GUILDFORD GUILD'S SUMMER FESTIVAL.

LARGE GATHERING AT WEYBRIDGE.

Nearly a hundred and twenty ringers were present at the summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held in real summer weather on Saturday in the Chertsey district, where it was hoped some greater interest in the Guild's activities would be stirred up as a result. Despite the record temperature of the hottest Saturday of the year, the bells of four churches were utilised during the afternoon, ringing taking place at Hersham, Chertsey, Oatlands Park and Weybridge, all rings of eight. Nearly all the Guild's officers were present, the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) taking charge of the ringing at Weybridge, where service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. E. Tritton) officiated, and the singing was led by the organ and choir boys. The Rector gave an address of welcome and spoke of the place which bell ringing took in parochial life in this country. The majority of people, he said, liked to hear the sound of the bells, but there were a few disagreeable people who disliked them. They, however, need not be considered too seriously.

The ringers were the guests of the Rector at tea, which was served in a field adjoining the Rectory grounds. As is, unfortunately, often the case, considerably larger numbers were present than had notified their intention of coming, and the catering arrangements were consequently somewhat disorganised. The commissariat department was temporarily dislocated, but eventually the difficulties were overcome and the al fresco meal was much enjoyed.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for permitting the Guild to hold the festival at Weybridge, for his address and for his hospitality; also to the organist and choir for their part in the service. Mr. Goldsmith also took the opportunity of explaining the advantages to ringers of membership of the Guild, not only in fostering the diocesan spirit, but in extending the spirit of brotherhood, which was so characteristic of the fraternity of ringers. He hoped many more of the ringers in that district would join the Guild and bring the organisation in that area up to the level it had attained in other parts of the diocese.

The Rector, in replying to the vote of thanks, expressed his great pleasure in having the Guild at Weybridge, and endorsed the hope of the secretary that the Guild would be strengthened as a result of that gathering.

In the evening further ringing took place. The towers represented were Aldershot, Bagshot, Banstead, Dorking, Egham, Farnham, Farnborough, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Hindhead, Leatherhead, Newdigate, Oatlands Park, Ottershaw, West Clandon, Weybridge, Witley, Woking and Worplesdon, and ringers from Windsor, Merstham and Marlow were also present.

NEW GUILD FORMED AT BRISTOL.

On Thursday, May 19th, 15 keepers and gardeners of the Zoological Gardens, Clifton, agreed to form a guild of ringers for Emmanuel Church, and were given their first 'silent' practice that evening. Such remarkable progress was made that a meeting was held on Wednesday, June 15th, at which the following officers were elected: President, the Rev. W. Bathurst Soole (the Vicar); vice-presidents, the churchwardens, Alderman E. W. Savory, Mr. F. O. Wills and Mr. H. G. Rudman (ex-Sheriff); captain, Mr. W. Payne; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Blackwell.

All the members of the Guild were elected probationers of the Gloucester and Bristol Association on June 25th. On Wednesday, June 22nd, the new Guild rang the bells open and made a very good show. On Wednesday, June 29th, another open practice was held and resulted in a decision to commence Sunday service ringing on July 3rd.

The B.U.R.G. members are delighted with the success of their efforts in training the new Guild so quickly, and are shortly to offer their services to other local incumbents.

A QUARTER PEAL AT 81.

A former Newport (Mon) ringer, now living at Bideford, Mr. John Butler, has just reached his 81st birthday. While on holiday at Newport he celebrated the event on July 4th by taking part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at All Saints' Church: W. Millard 1, T. Ford 2, T. J. Butler 3, J. Butler 4, F. Atwell 5, J. W. Jones 6, J. Phillips (conductor) 7, G. H. Day 8.

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principal excuses were distance from a place of worship, and the ability to pray and read the Bible at home. Both were common, but neither was valid.

Previous to the sermon, a letter was read from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to the parishioners expressing his appreciation of the work of restoration that had been done in Debenham during recent years.

Following the blessing, a solemn Te Deum was sung by the choir.

After the service, many touches were rung by visiting ringers, among those present being Mr. Crickmer, of Earl Soham, who rang in the record peal at Debenham. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the bell founders.

Contributions are still required towards the bell restoration fund, and should be sent to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DISTRICT PROBLEM.

The annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild attracted about a hundred members and visitors to Christchurch on Saturday week, and they spent a most enjoyable day in glorious weather. Full use was made of the opportunity of ringing on the twelve bells of the old Priory Church, the belfry having recently been enriched by the addition of four trebles, which had been dedicated on the previous Wednesday. Many of the visitors tried their hand for the first time on a ring of twelve, and were proud of the experience. The ringing had perforce to be limited largely to courses of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, but Plain Bob and Treble Bob Maximus were also rung, and everyone admired the very fine splice which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have made, for the magnificent back eight required some specially good companions if the peal was to be really properly balanced. The Loughborough founders have completed the task with characteristic skill, and, for their weight, the bells can be ranked as one of the finest augmented twelves in the country. It is interesting to note that there are now 15 bells in the tower, the other three being discarded members of the old ring. One of them, which was cracked a few years ago, is a relic of an attempt at welding, which failed to stand up to the strain of ringing, and cracked again so badly that it had to be replaced by a new bell. The other two are the trebles of the former ring of ten, which were much inferior in tone to the other eight, and have now been 'retired,' and will remain exhibits in the belfry.

The Guild's business meeting was held in the Church Room, with Mr. G. Williams, the Master, in the chair. He welcomed the visitors, who included the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. E. C. Merritt (Brighton) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which is an offshoot of the old Winchester Guild).

A letter was read from the hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild acknowledging the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's congratulations on the occasion of the Salisbury Guild jubilee, and expressing appreciation of the friendly relations which had subsisted between the two guilds from the very early stages and throughout the 50 years of the Salisbury Guild's existence. He hoped the good fellowship and mutual co-operation between the two guilds would long continue.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Master's report showed that the year 1931 had been most successful financially, the total income for the year having exceeded £100. The number of members who had paid during the year included 136 honorary, 550 full, nine new compounding and one new life member. The sum of over £55 had been paid to the treasurer by the districts, and there was a balance of over £40 in the hands of the district secretaries. They had had extra heavy expenses, including the printing of new hymn sheets and new certificates, the latter amount would, however, have been much heavier but for the kind generosity of Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, who designed the new certificate free of charge. The Guild offered their best thanks to Mr. Fussell. The annual district meetings had again been exceptionally well attended, and the hon. secretary of the Winchester District, Mr. G. Noice, and his sister deserved the special thanks of the Guild for the number of new members secured during the year. It was an uphill struggle to induce new towers to come in, but they gladly welcomed those who had done so. Three towers in the Andover district had come in under the affiliation scheme, and they would welcome more from all districts as a means of inducing the ringers attached to these towers to become members of the Guild. The Master went on to advocate a quarterly peal in each district to give an opportunity to any young enthusiasts who wish to take part the opportunity to do so. After referring to the various bell restorations and augmentations that had taken place in the dioceses, the Master thanked the members of the Guild for the gift presented to Mrs. Williams and himself on the occasion of their golden wedding, adding that it was a great pleasure to them to know that the interest he had taken in the Guild practically through the whole of its existence had been appreciated. The report concluded with a reference to the loss sustained by the death of the Rev. T. Salmon, of North Stoneham, and thanks to the honorary and life members of the Guild for their support and to all the officers for their kind co-operation.

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, presented by the treasurer, the Rev. Evan Jones. The balance on the general account had been increased from £54 7s. 2d. to £56 18s. 5d., while the special purposes fund, which began with a balance of £20 1s. 7d., now had a balance of £25 10s. 4d., the receipts having included £2 2s. from life hon. members' subscription, £5 transferred from current account and 8s. 9d. interest. The expenditure was £2 2s. to the Stedman Commemoration Fund.

AFFILIATION FEES.

The Rev. F. S. H. Marle advocated the transfer of a further £30 to the special purposes fund so that they might further help any towers in need of funds for restoration. He also referred to the fact that only one district—Andover—had produced any affiliation fees, and added that that was a pure accident. As a result, however, he felt it would not be very difficult to get the Parochial Church Councils of most of their towers to pay the affiliation fee, and he thought they should invite them to do so. By this means they could further strengthen the special purposes fund, and he thought that if parishes knew they could get help from this fund when they undertook restorations or augmentations, they would be even more ready to subscribe.

The Treasurer agreed that it would be advisable to strengthen the special purposes fund, but it was early yet to say how much they should vote to it. When the committee met at the end of November they would be in a better position to judge. With regard to the affiliation fees, this matter had cropped up again and again. It had proved a very difficult task, especially in these days when money was hard to come by. He had brought the matter up at his own Rural-decanal Conference, but he found the parishes were not so ready to help. There were so many claims that the parishes had not the money to give.

The Hon. Secretary said they had never seriously tried to obtain these affiliation fees, and he thought they might endeavour to do so through the district secretaries. They had received practically nothing from this source up to the present, so they could not be worse off in that respect, while if they received the fees it would be an additional source of income.

Eventually it was resolved that the district secretaries should invite the Parochial Church Councils in their respective areas to pay the affiliation fee and report the result at the next annual meeting.

ADDITIONAL CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.

The officers were re-elected en bloc as follows: Master, Mr. George Williams; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, the Rev. Evan Jones; recorder of peals, Mr. C. E. Bassett; auditor, Mr. G. Smith; representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. H. Barton and G. Williams.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the Guild was entitled to four representatives on the Central Council, and it had been suggested that they should elect four. He did not suppose that the necessity would arise when all four need attend the Council's meeting, but there were times when one or other of their present members might not be able to attend, and it would be well that the Guild should have other representatives who could do so, so that they could make sure that they had at least two representatives present. Moreover, if the new rules for the Council were passed, they would have to pay for four members, even if they did not elect them.

It was agreed to elect two more representatives, and Messrs. G. Pullinger (a former secretary of the Guild) and Mr. F. W. Rogers (the present hon. secretary) were appointed.

A discussion ensued as to whether the new certificates should be presented free to new members or whether a small charge should be made for them. Mr. Wilfred Andrews considered that to give new members some sort of emblem of their membership would be an inducement to them to continue as members at a period when, having found the difficulties of the art, they were inclined to drop away. It was more difficult to retain members in their first year or two, and he believed the possession of the certificate would be an encouragement to them to become permanent members. Any cost to the Guild would quickly be wiped out by the additional membership.

The Master said the committee had discussed this matter, but could come to no decision, and, therefore, left it to the members to decide

The Hon. Secretary said those who opposed the free issue of the certificates thought it would make the thing look cheap, whereas if a small charge were made for it it would be more valued. There was also the risk, if the certificates were given away haphazard, that they would fall into the hands of those who were not interested.

The Rev. F. S. H. Marle said the cost, threepence per copy, was small beside the fact that it would give the young ringer something to look at as a reminder of his membership of the Guild. It was, however, in his opinion, important that the Guild should retain its ownership of these certificates, so that if a man resigned they could claim it.

The Hon. Secretary said it would serve no purpose to reclaim it, because the man's name would be on it.

The Hon. Treasurer said he was afraid if they gave the certificates away they would be throwing them away too cheaply.

The motion to issue the certificates free of cost was defeated.

It was unanimously resolved, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, to elect Mr. W. H. Fussell to an honorary life membership of the Guild in recognition of his services.—Mr. Fussell, in writing to accept the committee's offer, expressed his great appreciation of the distinction which the Guild had offered him. The work of designing the certificate had been a great pleasure to him.

Mr. R. G. Warwick, of Wickham, was elected an hon. member of the Guild, and Winchester was chosen for the next annual meeting, to be held on the first Saturday in July, 1933.

The committee recommended a grant of 5 guineas to the Davies Memorial Fund, the secretary pointing out that Mr. Davies was closely associated with the Winchester Guild, and rendered yeoman service as hon. secretary of the Basingstoke District.

TRANSFER OF TOWERS.

Considerable discussion ensued on a proposal to transfer the towers of Petersfield, East Meon, West Meon, Bramshott and Steep from the Portsmouth District to the Alton District, with a view to strengthening the latter, which has only 25 members, while Portsmouth has 140.

It was pointed out that all the towers mentioned were in favour of the transfer.

The Rev. A. S. Smithers (Portsmouth) said to transfer the parishes which were now in the Portsmouth diocese to a district which was in the Diocese of Winchester would be, he thought, contrary to the policy which was being pursued in the Diocese of Portsmouth. He knew the Guild covered the two dioceses and that there might seem to be no harm in transferring these parishes, but in practice things were rather different. It was important in starting a new diocese that they should generate a corporate feeling in the diocese and should hold the connection, as far as possible, in every form of church life with the centre of the diocese. He did not think in Winchester they quite appreciated the difficulties there were in a small and new diocese in generating the diocesan feeling. To transfer these towers meant that the ringers, instead of normally attending Portsmouth district meetings in the Portsmouth diocese, would attend Alton district meetings in the Diocese of Winchester. The Bishop of Portsmouth was anxious to foster the diocesan spirit in every direction in all the parishes of the diocese, and he felt the Bishop would be against this proposal. In any case, he thought they should take no action until the Bishop had been consulted. There was a considerable divergence of opinion at the district meeting, and he could not conceive there was the slightest necessity for the alteration.

Mr. Andrews pointed out that the Guild served the two dioceses, and the question of the diocesan spirit in Portsmouth as distinct from Winchester ought not to weigh with them very much. They ought to conform to the wishes of the towers.

A motion that the transfer of the towers should be made provided equal voting, 15 for and 15 against, many abstaining. A further resolution to the same effect, but in slightly different form, was put to the meeting and defeated by 16 votes to 15. A third motion that the matter should be considered at a special general meeting to be held later after the views of the Bishop of Portsmouth have been obtained was put and carried.

The Hon. Secretary brought forward the recommendation of the Central Council that everything possible should be done to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and urged the members to do their best to secure this result. He pointed out it would be a lamentable thing if 'The Ringing World' were to drop out of existence, and ringers should support it individually. He knew of a number of towers where only one copy was taken, and he instanced a case in which a rota was placed in the belfry showing the names of the members whose turn it was to pay for the paper each week. If sufficient additional support was given, the Editor had promised that a larger paper should be provided, so that many reports now crowded out would find a place. He hoped all the members of the Guild would back up Mr. Goldsmith and help to keep 'The Ringing World' going.

The Master supported the hon. secretary's appeal. There were too many, he said, who took one copy for a tower and handed it round. It was this practice that kept the circulation down. They ought not to be satisfied until at least 50 or 60 per cent. of the ringers took a copy, and there were very few who could really say they could not afford to do so.

Mr. Goldsmith said the reason the appeal was being made throughout the associations was not merely to try and gain enough support to enable the paper to be enlarged and provide a fair remuneration for the work done, but to secure for the Exercise a journal in the future. He had continued the paper under the present conditions very largely because he had a deep love of the art, but when anything happened to him it might be very difficult to get it carried on unless it was an adequately paying proposition. The Exercise would be in a sorry position if it were left without a journal, and he hoped the appeal which was being made would have the desired result.

'ON THE SHELF'

This concluded the business, and the members then attended special service in the Priory Church, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon W. H. Gay), who also preached and welcomed the Guild to Christchurch. They were glad to receive them in Christchurch, he said, because they were a band of churchworkers engaged on a very prominent piece of churchwork, and also because, while Winchester and Portsmouth were now divided by diocesan walls, the ringers' guild had remained united. From the diocesan point of view, they were working in different camps, but he was glad that, as a guild of ringers, they had decided not to sever the ancient ties. He was more especially glad to welcome the Guild because, as they knew, they had in the old Priory Church something of very special interest for them. Their tower had just received four new bells to complete the ring of twelve. It had been a ring of ten until a parishioner, a great lover of bells, offered him two additional bells from the funds of a trust which he controlled. It was then found that the addition would necessitate the recasting of the two existing treble bells, but another lover of bells came forward and offered to replace them with two entirely new ones, so that true harmony might be assured. They, therefore, had in their tower 15 bells, the ring of twelve and three on the shelf. His message to them that day was illustrated by the tower above them. The donors decided that their church was worthy of the very best, and in order that they might not risk having anything imperfect by recasting the old bells, they discarded

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PROGRESS.

At West Wickham, Kent, there is an enterprising band of about 12 or 15 ringers (recently formed), who are making good progress in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. They have only five bells, but their ambitions soar above this number. One of the band (A. S. Richards) has had half a dozen practices of Grandsire Triples at Beckenham, and has just succeeded in ringing his first quarter-peal. It was rung for evening service by W. Martin 1, P. Meek 2, A. S. Richards (first in the method) 3, W. Hollamby 4, W. Rawlings 5, G. Wickens 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, S. Humphrey 8.

The parish of Wicken, Northants, has less than 300 inhabitants, but the Sunday band there ring Double Norwich and Stedman regularly for service. They have lately started practising Superlative, and, with the assistance of one outside ringer, seven of them have just scored their first 448 in the method.

At Burnham, Bucks, on St. Peter's Day, at the Church of St. Peter, for the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *B. T. Harrison 1, G. Limmer 2, *J. Jones 3, W. E. Taylor (first quarter-peal of Grandsire as conductor) 4, *W. Birmingham 5, W. Jolley 6, G. Gilbert 7, E. Tuck 8. * First quarter-peal.

TEN TOWERS IN A DAY.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 25th-26th, the Leytonstone ringers visited Ipswich and district for their annual outing, and were joined by the well-known Essex veteran, Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley. Headquarters (the Queen's Hotel) were reached in time for breakfast. A move was made at 8.30 for a round of Suffolk towers. The first to be visited was Holbrook, where a well-struck 720 Beverley was brought round and a touch of Cambridge to give all the members a pull. Then came Stutton, and here 720 Ipswich and 240 Kent Treble Bob were rung. On the way to Copdock a call was made at East Bergholt to view the ancient peal of five (tenor 28 cwt.), which are hung in a cage in the churchyard. Everyone regretted they could not hear the bells rung. At Copdock 720 Wells was brought round, also a touch of York, before going on to Hintlesham, where touches of Southwell and Cambridge were rung before returning to headquarters for lunch. This over, a visit was paid to Rushmere for 720 Durham and a touch of Kent; Hasketon (720 Cambridge) and Burgh, where London (non-conducted) was lost after some very good ringing, but a touch of Cambridge was rung. After tea some well-struck Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung at Grundisburgh. At St. Peter's, Henley, the visitors were met by the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Pearson), a well-known ringer. Touches of Stedman, Kent Major and a course of London Surprise Major were brought round on this light but musical ring of eight. Arriving at Ipswich in time to visit St. Margaret's, some good touches of Grandsire, Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung.

On Sunday morning, at St. Clement's, Ipswich, the party rang 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise for the 11 o'clock service. In the afternoon a visit was paid to Sproughton and Bramford. At the former, 720 each of York and Oxford Treble Bob was rung, and at the latter touches of London and Beverley were brought round. After tea a visit was paid to St. Mary le Tower, where the visitors rank a touch of Grandsire Caters, and some took part in Stedman Cinques with the local company.

The visitors wish to convey their very best thanks to the clergy for granting permission to ring, and to Mr. C. W. Symonds and Mr. F. Bowell, of the Ipswich Bell Foundry, for their assistance in making arrangements.

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and shelved the two trebles and two entirely new ones took their place. There was a parable for them. Church life was ever progressing, each generation was faced with new problems, new difficulties and new opportunities. As in the world of commerce old and antiquated machinery must be scrapped and new substituted, so it must be in a progressive church. The successful practice of their art was built up on team work, and the message of the bells could only be rung out true and harmonious as a result of regular attendance and conscientious practice, and, above all, their spiritual life should be in harmony with their call, for each man and each woman was not a mere unit tolling out a solitary sound, but the member of a team pulling together and proclaiming enthusiastically the Christian message, a message which might be expressed by five thousand and forty or fifty thousand and forty changes, yet was interpreted by one peal under the direction of one conductor, one master. Let them, therefore, remember that this team work demanded their earnest attention and their very best effort, not for their solitary selves, but for the sake of the whole peal, for the sake of others, and that there was such a thing as being de-toned and placed on the shelf and of another taking their place.

After the service tea was served in the picturesque grounds of the King's Arms Hotel, with the ruins of the old Priory as a background. Among those who joined the members were the Vicar and the Mayor and Mayoress of Christchurch. The Vicar and the Mayor extended a welcome to the Guild, and a vote of thanks was accorded to them on the motion of Mr. F. W. Rogers, who also thanked Mr. George Preston, captain of the Christchurch ringers, for having made possible the success which had attended the gathering.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION AND LEEDS SOCIETY MEET.

The quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire Association and the monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society were held at Idle on Saturday, June 25th, when members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bolton (St. James'), Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Northowram, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Keighley, Leeds Parish, Lightcliffe, Liversedge, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Rotherham and Idle, a large company taking advantage of the delightful weather. The bells were kept going to various methods, and tea was served in the schools, where the business meetings were held. The vice-president (Mr. J. Cotterell) presided over the Yorkshire Association meeting, at which nine new members were elected on the motion of Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. W. Mouncey, viz., Messrs. G. F. Swann, R. C. Ingram and W. F. Froggart, of Birmingham; Willie Abbott, Geoffrey Crossley and Jack Slitson, of Drighlington; E. Farrar, Lightcliffe; J. W. Feildhouse, Armley; and Miss H. Holmes, of Dewsbury.

There being only one nomination for the vacant seat on the committee, Mr. T. W. Strangeways, of Rothwell, was elected.

An invitation to hold the September meeting at Mirfield was accepted, providing that the date was altered so as not to clash with the Yorkshire general meeting, which was being held on the same day. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson and seconded by the chairman.—Mr. F. Skirrow replied on behalf of the Vicar, who had expressed his regret at being unable to be present.

The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the ladies and the local company for the splendid way in which they had entertained the visitors, and to this Mr. J. Hill responded.

In opening the Leeds and District meeting, Mr. W. H. Senior, the president, associated himself with all the votes of thanks which had been passed. It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Drighlington.

The tower was then again visited until 9 p.m. Mr. J. Cotterell made an appeal to all those who did not take 'The Ringing World' to do so, and thereby help the Exercise to have a bigger and cheaper paper.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Market Weighton on Saturday, July 2nd, and was attended by about 25 ringers and visitors from Easingwold, Goole, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Pontefract, Selby, Sutton and the local company.

The ring of six was kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

Service, fully choral, was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Ferguson, M.A.), who gave an interesting address, and also extended to the ringers a very hearty welcome.

Tea was served in the Railway Refreshment Room, followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar.

Three new members were elected—Messrs. H. Marson, M. J. Baker and D. L. S. Kerman, all of Kirk Ella.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and his address; also to the choir and organist, and to the local company for arrangements.—These were replied to by the Vicar and Mr. Kneeshaw, the local captain.

It was decided to make a presentation to the late secretary, Mr. A. B. Cook, and members are asked to subscribe to the fund as early as possible in order to make the presentation at the next quarterly meeting, which is to be held at Patrington in September.

The secretary and Mr. Cryer (the vice-president) appealed to those present to do all in their power to persuade members to support 'The Ringing World' by taking a copy each week.

This closed a very pleasant meeting, members returning to the tower for further ringing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, July 2nd, at St. Mary's, Woodford. Proceedings commenced shortly after 3 p.m. with ringing on the new eight, and continued at intervals until 5 p.m., when a short service was conducted in church by the Rector of Woodford (the Rev. F. J. Albery, M.A.). Tea was then served in the Parish Church Memorial Hall.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Rector took the chair, supported by the District Master (Mr. J. A. Waugh) and the District Secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior).

The business was of a routine nature, and was soon finished. Four new members were elected, and the place of the next meeting was left for the secretary to arrange.

A return was then made to the tower and further ringing took place until about 8.30 p.m., methods rung ranging from Grandsire to the Surprise methods. This was the first visit paid by the association to Woodford, and it was generally agreed that the experiment was fully justified.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT DARLEY DALE.

Situate in ideal surroundings, amid gorgeous scenery of hills and dales, the Parish Church of Darley Dale, Derbyshire, was the venue of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, July 2nd. A fine sunny afternoon helped to make the visit more attractive still, and the forty-odd members who attended were well repaid. The bells (8) were kept going to various methods during the afternoon and evening, but some anxiety was felt by the non-arrival of the president and general hon. secretary at the time for committee meeting, and when half an hour had passed and still there was no sign of them, an S.O.S. message was about to be broadcast, when they rolled merrily in. The truth of the matter was that Colin in his folly wanted to see 'Smalley's folly' on the heights from another mountain and got lost! Still, after retraversing some three miles backwards downhill, the aforesaid officers duly arrived. The committee met immediately in the vestry under the ringing chamber and carried through their routine duties, while those above enjoyed their ringing. Various items of expenditure were agreed to, and the conversion of the War Loan investments duly authorised.

Tea was served later at the Church Inn and members were present from each of the eight centres of the association's activities. The President (Mr. E. Denison Taylor) reviewed the work done during the past quarter, and stated that peals had been rung quite up to the average, and consisted of all standard and several Surprise methods. A new method called Shilton Major had been rung at Earl Shilton, composed and conducted by the general hon. secretary. He regretted the passing on of two valued original members, Mr. E. I. Stone, of Burton, and Mr. S. Maskrey, of Derby, and paid tribute to their memory. They had also lost by death Mr. F. W. Turner, of Long Eaton; Mr. J. R. Bartram, of Melton; Mr. G. Dickinson, jun., of Leicester; and Mr. T. Atkins, of Croft; and he asked those present to stand a moment as a silent tribute to their respected memory.

Apologies for absence were received from the Vicars of Bakewell and Tideswell, but the local Rector came along later. The hon. secretary reported an unusual number of new members elected since Easter, viz., 30 ringing, six rejoined, four honorary and three life—a most satisfactory sign of the progress in that direction.

Mr. J. H. Swinfield gave a very interesting review of the Central Council meeting at Plymouth, and, arising out of this, stressed the need of support for 'The Ringing World.' This matter was also spoken of at length by the general hon. secretary, Mr. W. Wallace, of Derby, and Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough.

The secretary will shortly circularise all towers in the association's area, urging ringers to take the paper and further display an interest in their art by this means.

At this point the Rector of Darley Dale came in, and in a very appropriate speech welcomed the association. He urged the younger members to go on and persevere in their art. Although he did not understand the methods they rang, yet he understood fully the message they pealed forth from the belfry, and each ringer should bear in mind the fact that they had many listeners, and while they—as ringers—gloried in their art for its own sake, they should be ever mindful of the message they gave to the English countryside, and should do all to the glory of God.

Mr. Taylor replied on behalf of the visitors and thanked the Rector for coming at some inconvenience to thus welcome them.—Mr. G. H. Paulson and the local society were also thanked for making the meeting such a success.

E. M.

MEMORIAL TO FAMOUS FOUNDER.

TABLET PLACED IN OXFORD CHURCH.

A tablet cast in bell metal has recently been placed on the tower wall of St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, in memory of Robert Taylor, the founder of the famous Loughborough firm, who, in 1820, came from St. Neots, Huntingdonshire, and established his foundry in the parish of St. Ebbe.

On Tuesday, 21st June, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the present head of the firm, and great-grandson of Robert Taylor, visited St. Ebbe's Church, where a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted to commemorate the placing of the tablet in the church. The peal, unfortunately, broke down about half-way, but was successfully accomplished on the following Tuesday.

The site of the old foundry in Blackfriars Road was located, although the tombstone in St. Ebbe's Churchyard could not be found.

After the ringing, Mr. Taylor, who had already made a generous gift of handbells to the tower, entertained the band to dinner at Stewart's, and kept them keenly interested till closing time with stories of Robert Taylor and his connection with Oxford.

The tablet is worded as follows:—

In memory of
ROBERT TAYLOR, Bellfounder,
Born at Riseley, Bedfordshire, 1759.

His foundry was at St. Neots, Huntingdonshire, until 1820, when he came to St. Ebbe's Parish, Oxford, with his two sons, William and John.

He was buried in St. Ebbe's Churchyard, April 7th, 1830.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on the 28th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service on the 17th, at 5.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 21st, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GREAT NESS, near Shrewsbury. — The augmented ring of 6 (tenor recast and 3 new trebles added and rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Friday, July 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea and refreshments provided at the Vicarage after the service. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. L. Moxon, Vicar of Newport Pagnell, and chairman of North Bucks Branch. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Harlington, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow, in Church Hall. A hearty welcome to all.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. Business nominations for general and branch officers. For tea notify Mr. J. Robinson, North End, Halewood. Please make a special effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea follows.—H. Baxter, Bredon, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maiden Newton and Cattistock on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. The Cattistock carillon will be open for inspection. Other bells available, Bradford-Peverell, Frampton, Stratton and Sydling.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON. — The ring of six bells restored by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on Saturday afternoon, July 16th.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, July 16th. The restored ring of 8 will be available all day. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m., 9d. each.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Please come and try this fine peal. All ringers welcome. Tea can be arranged for in the village. There are several outstanding subs. Will those who have not yet paid kindly pay up and be 'sports'?—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The July quarterly meeting will be held at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, at a moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. Visitors will be welcomed.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weare on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open 2.30. Divine Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

CHRIST CHURCH, ALSAGER.—The ring of 8 bells, having been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on July 16th. A meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild will be held on the same day. A short service and opening at 3.30. Tea about 5 p.m. Bells available until 9.30 p.m. Further particulars on circulars. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield (8 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A ring for all. — D. Brown, Branch Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on July 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. There will be a service and tea. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Good attendance requested. Further business re the Haigh Memorial and Library. —H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Rothley (5 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. All ringers and friends welcome. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGE.—The ring of 6, rehung with new fittings in a new frame by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea, by invitation, to those who notify the Rev. C. E. O. Finch, Swavesey Vicarage, Cambridge, by July 21st. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Wickham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at 1s. per head to those who notify me not later than July 18th. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival at Truro, Saturday, July 23rd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), Cathedral (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. only. The Guild will attend Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (free to ringers) 4.45. Opportunities for ringing will be given to odd ringers, but late entries cannot be included in the programme.—W. H. R. Trewhella, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Major P. H. G. Powell-Cotton, the summer meeting will be held at Waterloo Tower (12), Quex Park, Birchington, on Saturday, July 23rd.—Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in the tower.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow, Those requiring tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Huish Episcopi on Saturday, July 23rd. Langport bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, July 20th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., in the George Hotel. All requiring tea please notify by July 21st. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who send me their names not later than July 18th.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Heckington on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 1/6 per head, at 5, followed by business meeting. For tea please notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Lincs, by July 20th. This is important. All welcome.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Vicarage Room. Meeting to follow. Will secretaries please notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.)—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to Mr. S. Baron, 40, West Street, Drighlington. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided (by kind invitation of the Rector) at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Rogers' Café, The Borough, 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to be sent by Wednesday, 20th, to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Poslingford, nr. Clare, on Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing on the bells (5) from 3.30. Meeting at 5.15. Tea 6 at the Shepherd and Dog. All welcome.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., Sudbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer meeting at Brancepeth on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells of St. Brandon (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available after 3. Tea in the Village Hall at 5. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than July 20th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne St. John on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by July 16th.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

HERTS, MIDDLESEX AND BEDS ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting between districts of the above associations will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, July 23rd. Cathedral bells available from 2 until 4 p.m. and after tea. St. Peter's also, but ringing until 5 p.m., when a service will be held at this church. Tea at the Clarendon Hotel. Cheap tickets from all stations on L.M.S. to St. Albans, also Green Line and numerous bus services from all parts. A p.c. to either of the undersigned from intending visitors would greatly help with tea arrangements. Everyone welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield; C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4; A. E. Sharman, 199, Hitchin Road North, Dunstable; Dis. Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Tea 1s. per head. Those intending to be present please notify me before Wednesday, July 19th.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec. Duddage, Twyning, nr. Tewkesbury

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Newington on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea generously provided by the Vicar, Church Council, and bellringers, followed by business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly inform me without fail by Tuesday, July 26th?—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

RANMORE.—On July 30th, combined meeting of the Surrey Association (N.W. District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District). — Well-known bells and scenery, and Sunday and Monday to get back home. Tower open at 3 o'clock, tea at 5. Same place, but under new management, so please let me know early how many will require tea.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

RINGERS' GARDEN PARTY at Barnsley. By the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon A. E. and Mrs. Hone, the Rectory grounds will be open to all ringers and wives on Saturday, July 30th, at 2 p.m. Bells available all day. Barnsley, St. Mary's (8), Monk Bretton (6), Darton (6), Service 4 p.m. Photographs 4.45. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. It is most essential that applications for tea, or by any band wanting to ring at a certain time, be sent to Mr. W. Carbutt, 17, Sackville Street, Barnsley, not later than Wednesday, 27th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30, everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Farmer, 17, Pollitt Street, Barnsley, not later than first post Tuesday, July 26th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Southwold on Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells (8) available all day. Tea at Chapman's Restaurant at 4.30, 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Crewe on Monday, August 1st. Service in Christ Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Warrington. Business meeting, Christ Church School, 12 noon. Luncheon at the Euston Restaurant, 1 p.m. Tickets, 2/- for non-members, 1/6 members, may be had from the Branch Secretaries, or the General Secretary, the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich Vicarage, Cheshire.

HERTFORD.—Practice at All Saints' (10 bells) on Monday evenings, 8 o'clock during summer months. All ringing friends will be welcome.

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Under the auspices of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild, a special visit was paid to St. Michael's Church, East Teignmouth, on Tuesday evening, July 5th. A good muster of ringers turned up at the appointed time, and the bells were well utilised until 9 o'clock, some capital touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung.

On Sunday evening, July 10th, at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, for evening service, a quarter-peal of 1,344 Grandsire Triples from J. J. Parker's Four-Part was rung in 45 minutes by F. Wills 1, A. L. Bennett (conductor) 2, J. Hosgood 3, W. A. Wills 4, F. Wreford 5, E. Hill 6, E. W. Biffen 7, A. H. Goad 8.

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THE RIGHT TO NAME A METHOD.

Have a band who ring the first peal in a method the right to change the name which the author has given it? This question arises by the claim of the company who rang a peal at Beddington and, it being the first peal in the method, which was previously known as Lincoln, decided to publish it as Beddington Surprise. In our opinion this is going somewhat beyond the recognised latitude given to ringers to name methods. In former days, when the production of new methods was a comparatively rare event, the composers attached their own title, and the names were fixed for all time. Later, however, when method production became more common, authors, in passing on their figures to some band to ring, occasionally extended to the ringers the privilege of applying whatever title they chose if they rang the first peal, and in that way quite a number of names have been given to methods. Then came the mass production of methods by mathematical formulæ, and the principle became generally accepted that the first to ring a method should name it. But there have been exceptions even to this. After the confusion and the discussions over the titles of the methods in the Minor 'Collection,' the Methods Committee named all the methods in the Major 'Collection' and in the enlarged new edition of Minor, which, at any rate as far as they were the authors, they had a perfect right to do. They did it with the double purpose of avoiding the risk of duplicate names being applied, and to secure suitable titles for the methods.

The Central Council have not, we think, any definite resolution on the subject, but they have always recognised as an unwritten law the right of an author to give a title to his work and the privilege of the ringers of the first peal to supply the name if the author has failed to do so. This, we believe, is the accepted view, and as the late Mr. Arthur Craven, the author of the method now rung as Beddington Surprise, gave it the name of Lincoln when he published it, with others, in 'The Ringing World' of August 22nd, 1924, we think the Beddington ringers will, on consideration, agree that the original title should remain. Unfortunately, Mr. Craven is no longer with us to uphold his claim to name the method, but we feel sure that if he were, he would make out a specially strong case for retaining the right to call it Lincoln, because of his own association years ago with that city. He produced the method Lincoln before the late Rev. H. Law James gave us Lincolnshire, a title which he adopted after he had first called it Lincoln and it had been pointed out to him that a method of that name was already in exist-

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ence. There are special circumstances, therefore, why the name applied by Mr. Craven should be retained, and we feel confident that the Beddington ringers will, on this ground alone, be content to let it remain. There are thousands of other Surprise methods to which the name of Beddington can be given.

There is, however, the question of principle, which goes beyond this particular case. Ringers, of course, can, if they insist, call a method what they like for their own purpose, but public opinion in the Exercise dictates a certain course of action, and for future guidance, therefore, the Central Council might well define by resolution the accepted practice in this matter. When matters like this crop up there is usually someone to remind us that ringers can do as they please; but, while that is fully admitted, there is also the reply that the Exercise can refuse to recognise the action of individuals, and it is becoming increasingly apparent that ringers as a whole are more and more ready to accept the considered opinion of the Council if they conflict with individual ideas.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ...	...*Treble*	JOHN WALDEN	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... ...	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	9
CHARLES T. COLES	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	10
MRS. R. RICHARDSON... ...	5	WALTER AYRE	11
JOHN A. FREEMAN	6	MRS. E. K. FLETCHER	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

TEN BELL PEAL.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*ARTHUR H. REED ...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM C. SHUTE	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	JAMES HUNT	7
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN... ...	3	WILLIAM A. CAVE	8
*SIDNEY A. RICKETTS	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE...	9
*HARRY J. SANGER	5	*THOMAS J. SETTER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)
On Sunday, June 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*HARRY RIDGWAY ...	...*Treble*	LEONARD A. SMITH	5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT... ...	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	6
*JOHN A. GREEN	3	FREDERICK C. CASE	7
MAURICE SMITH...	4	ALBERT J. GREEN... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. J. GREEN.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major for the Towcester Branch of the Guild.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWARD BROWN	...*Treble*	SAMUEL YATES	5
GEORGE WORTHY...	2	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ...	6
MISS LANCASTER	3	J. C. POLLARD	7
THOMAS LANCASTER	4	THOMAS METCALFE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 4th and tenor.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. E. BANKES-JAMES' ODD-BOB TWENTY-PART.
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

HAROLD G. CASHMORE	...*Treble*	STEPHEN H. HOARE	5
MISS ELSIE K. FULTON ...	2	JOHN E. ROOTES	6
RONALD H. BULLEN	3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ...	7
EDWARD ASHBY	4	GEORGE HUGHES... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, July 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS	*Treble*	JOHN T. KENTISH	5
*JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ...	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
*FREDERICK DIGBY	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, July 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	*Treble*	JAMES H. LUCAS	5
*THOMAS SMITH	2	PERCY E. JONES	6
EDGAR HANCOX	3	FRANK CORKE	7
EDGAR G. SWIFT	4	CHARLES E. NICHOLLS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on the bells since being rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being very satisfactory.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*PERCY H. GRINDEY ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ...	2	JAMES MARTIN	6
†EDWARD C. BIRKETT... ...	3	EDWARD CAUNCE	7
ARTHUR LINTOTT	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.

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NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, July 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ERNEST STONE	...*Treble*	JOHN MORTON	5
ERNEST YORKE	2	JOHN THOMPSON	6
WALTER THOMAS...	3	ALFRED KING	7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN... ..	4	HAROLD ARGYLE	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HAROLD ARGYLE
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. Walter Martin, 33 years a ringer at this church.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN W. JONES	...*Treble*	CHARLES H. PERRY	5
WILLIAM PIKE	2	FRANK ROWSELL	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	ALFRED W. HEATH	7
PERCY JONES...	4	FREDERICK NEVILLE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	2	JOHN WHEADON	6
JOHN H. CHESMAN	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	FREDERICK CULLUM, JUN.	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY
Herbert E. Audsley's 100th peal on these bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ...	...*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT...	5
GEORGE WIFFEN...	2	*ALBERT WIFFEN	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
JOHN G. NASH	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY CARTER	5
GEORGE GRAY	2	JOHN WELCH	6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	3	JOSEPH LADLEY	7
†STANLEY CARTER	4	BARNARD PATMORE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. PALMER	5
WILLIAM J. THYNG	2	WILLIAM BIGGIN...	6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS...	3	THOMAS E. LEE	7
NORMAN C. LEWIS	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	..*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
First peal on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ERNEST L. SHELTON...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR BIGLEY	5
JOHN J. MAWBY	2	HARRY CHAMBERS	6
WALTER PERKINS	3	JAMES T. WARD	7
†AMOS SMART	4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 144). Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method and first attempt.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	...*Treble*	PERCY NEWTON	5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	2	FRANK WEST...	6
HENRY C. ALFORD	3	F. DONALD BOREHAM... ...	7
PERCY E. CLARKE	4	ROLAND BIGGS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. C. Darnell.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN	...*Treble*	DOCTOR SPENCER PHILLIPS	5
WILLIAM LINCOLN	2	ARTHUR HEAD	6
REGINALD C. THRIFT ...	3	GEORGE GREEN	7
PERCY GREEN	4	FRANK PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.
* First peal of Grandsire. This peal was specially arranged for Miss Snowden, of Halstead.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EAST MALLING, KENT.
On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, in nine different callings.

W. COLLEN	...*Treble*	R. RAYFIELD	4
R. PALMER	2	H. OLIVER	5
C. USHER	3	J. CLARK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. RAYFIELD.
First peal for all the band.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SWINDON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,160 of Grandsire and 960 each of New Doubles, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*RAYMOND OCKWELL ...	...*Treble*	*THEO PORTLOCK...	4
JACK VINCENT	2	ALBERT TRUEMAN	5
WALTER TRUEMAN	3	*ALBERT AUBREY... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. TRUEMAN.
* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Rev. L. L. and Mrs. Jeeves, and to commemorate the fiftieth and sixtieth anniversaries respectively of a surpliced choir and a band of ringers being formed at this church.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Wednesday, July 13th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. J. Dadds (first attempt at a quarter) 1, W. Trussler 2, J. Hylton 3, F. Reeves 4, T. R. Dennis (Cambridge) 5, F. W. Brinklow (Oxhey) (conductor) 6, A. A. Saxby 7, F. Gadsden 8.

HOLT, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, July 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. W. C. WEST ...	...*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	4
WILLIAM C. WEST	2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... ...	5
JESSE FRANCIS	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS...	...*Tenor*

28ᵗᵒᵒ8 Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
Rung on the twelfth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. West's wedding.

CORSLEY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, July 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD G. COWARD...	...*Treble*	*NORMAN KNEE	4
*HARRY MOODY	2	EDWARD F. MARLOW... ...	5
ERNEST F. WHITE	3	*THOMAS BOTTON... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD F. MARLOW.
* First peal. First as conductor, and first peal of Doubles. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Marquis of Bath, patron, on the eve of his 70th birthday.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's, different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY AMOS...	...*Treble*	GEORGE SLAUGHTER	4
JOHN R. NICHOLS...	2	JAMES BLUFF	5
RONALD RUSSELL...	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
First peal of Minor on the bells, restored and augmented to six in 1906.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	1-2	*MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ...	5-6
WILLIAM BARTON	3-4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ...	7-8
†JOSEPH THACKRAY	9-10		

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Caters in the method.

A NORTH COUNTRY TRIP.

The ringers of St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, accompanied by the Rev. P. N. W. Strong (Vicar), the Rev. F. E. Marples (curate) and a few other friends, had a most enjoyable trip for their annual outing. Starting from Sunderland by motor charabanc at 9 o'clock, Hexham was reached shortly after 11, and Mr. Robson having made all ready for them, the beautiful bells of the Abbey were soon set going to touches of Stedman and Double Norwich. At noon the journey was continued, via Haydon Bridge, and through lovely scenery, to Allendale, and after an excellent lunch at the Dale Hotel, the six light bells of St. Cuthbert's Church were tried. The next objective was the old-world village of Blanchland, with its Priory Church, and the whole district which is made famous by Sir Walter Besant's 'Dorothy Forster.' A very pleasant hour was spent here before going on to Shotley Bridge, where an excellent tea awaited the party at the Crown and Cross Swords. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, hearty thanks were given to the churchwardens for their contribution to the expenses, the health of the visitors was drunk, and thanks expressed to all who had contributed to the success of the outing. Blackhill was next visited, and the light eight of St. Aidan's were tried, while the visitors also admired the beautiful park near the church, the view being rather of a lovely 'groen' hill than a Blackhill. Chester-le-Street, about eight mile across country, should have been reached in about half an hour, but, owing to the driver mistaking the road, a detour had to be made to Gateshead, and it was after 8.30 before the bells of SS. Mary and Cuthbert were set going to touches of Double Norwich, etc. The tone and 'go' of these bells is all that can be desired, and half an hour's ringing formed a very happy conclusion to one of the best of the many outings St. Ignatius' ringers have had.

ACROSS ENGLAND FOR A WEEK-END.

CHESHIRE RINGERS AT LINCOLN.

Eight members of the Chester Diocesan Guild recently spent a ringing week-end in the Lincoln district. The advance party, Messrs. H. W. Wilde, R. Sperring, J. Morgan, J. Swindley and W. Thomas, left the ancient city of Chester early on a Friday afternoon, and, passing through the countryside with all speed, they soon espied the famous Cat and Fiddle Inn, where they deemed it necessary to stop and inquire the way from the landlord. Eventually they learned that, when visibility was good, the towers of Lincoln could be seen from the door of the inn, but as the day was yet young, the travellers could see nothing of so distant a place! After pausing at Chesterfield to inspect the crooked spire, they at last reached Southwell, where they were joined by the remainder of the party, Messrs. A. E. Richards, W. Bibby and J. W. Clarke, who had made a cross-country dash unhindered by landlords or crooked spires. By very kind permission of the Minster authorities, the old-fashioned ring in this beautiful Norman building, with its quaint ringing chamber, were available for ringing during the evening. At Lincoln, Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Cathedral company, met the visitors and saw them safely installed at the Queen Hotel, where plans for the morrow were eagerly talked over.

In glorious weather an early start was made on Saturday morning for Gainsborough. With a tenor just under the ton, this ring is reputed to be the finest eight in the county. Their pleasing tone and smooth running certainly made the touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge a real pleasure, and gave the feeling that the day had begun well. A short run brought the party to the pretty little Church of St. Helen, Willingham, with its equally pretty ring of six rung from the ground floor. Touches of Cambridge, London and Oxford were much enjoyed, and it was with reluctance that the bells were finally lowered.

Mine host at the Queen provided that kind of lunch which produces the 'forty winks' feeling, but Mr. Freeman had everybody at Washingborough, and quite wide awake, shortly after two. Here another party of ringers—from Sutton-on-Trent—were already well established, and the only shortage was one of ropes! However, Bob Major, Cambridge, Oxford and Grandsire were rung in turn, until the swift passing of time and an appointment at Blankney made it imperative to depart.

St. Oswald's Church, Blankney, undoubtedly has an ideal setting, typical of the English countryside at its best. Built of the local grey stone, the church is surrounded by a beautifully kept churchyard, with an approach bordered by well-trimmed lawns and a background of stately trees to complete the picture. The interior is equally pleasing and well worthy of a pause, even though ringing be keenly anticipated. The bells are a fairly light six, easy going and pleasant in tone, and responded nicely to Kent, London, Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor and Stedman. It is interesting to note that the frame is built to complete the octave with space for a new treble and tenor.

The charms of Lincoln and its glorious Cathedral claimed the attention of the visitors during the early part of the evening until, after viewing that part of the Cathedral of peculiar interest—the Ringers' Chapel—they ascended the south-west tower to the bright and airy ringing chamber. The Cathedral company had very kindly transferred their practice from Thursday, so that there was a good gathering. The evening passed pleasantly enough, with touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Cambridge Royal and London Major, and 9 o'clock came all too soon. On descending it was found that Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, had arrived, and a pleasant half-hour's conversation ensued. A cordial invitation to visit Surfleet on Sunday morning had, unfortunately, to be refused on account of the distance. So ended a really excellent day among the bells.

Sunday morning's programme included a visit to St. Botolph's and St. Peter's in the city itself. Both towers contain useful rings of six, and, as service time was not the same at each church, it was possible to enjoy touches of Cambridge, Kent and London at St. Botolph's, before proceeding to St. Peter's for Double Oxford and Stedman Doubles, the local ringers being good enough to hand over the ropes to the visitors. Mr. Freeman came along shortly afterwards, and the remainder of the morning passed quickly enough, with the usual topics of bells, peals and compositions.

And now the time of departure drew near. Bags were packed and strapped on the cars, and, after an early lunch, the return journey was begun. A halt was made at Macclesfield, where the travellers were able to join in the ringing of a course of Grandsire Cinques and three leads of Treble Bob Royal. Chester was reached shortly before nine after a most successful and enjoyable week-end.

An examination of the details produced the following list of methods rung: Stedman Cinques, Caters, Triples and Doubles; Grandsire Cinques, Caters, Triples, Minor and Doubles; Treble Bob Royal, Major and Minor; Cambridge Royal, Major and Minor; London Major and Minor; Plain Bob Major and Minor; Double Norwich Major; Oxford Treble Bob Minor; Oxford Bob Minor; and Duffield Major.

This account would not be complete without a word of appreciation and thanks to all those who so willingly came forward and helped to make the occasion the success it was; and especially to Mr. J. A. Freeman, who so earnestly entered into the task of making arrangements and doing so much for the welfare of the visitors. J. W. C.

DEATH OF AN OLD MANCHESTER RINGER.

'FATHER' OF THE CATHEDRAL BAND.

With the passing of Mr. Ralph Ravenscroft, Manchester has lost another link with the past. Mr. Ravenscroft was 75 years of age, and was a member of the Lancashire Association for the greater part of his ringing career. He was a member of the Manchester Cathedral company for 58 years, and was the 'father' of the band after the death of his old friend, Jack Eachus. Although not a prolific peal ringer—he had rung in ten, all on ten bells—he will be remembered for his voluntary work as tutor. For 25 years he guided the beginners at the Cathedral, and was never happier than when he had a boy at a rope. Owing to failing health he retired from business some five or six years ago, and suffered a trying illness for some months before his death. Among the floral tributes at the funeral was a beautiful cross from the Manchester Cathedral ringers, who were represented by Mr. Chas. Bridgford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday, July 2nd. There was a fair attendance, ringers being present from Newcastle, Blaydon, Sunderland, Durham, Chester-le-Street, Whickham, Houghton-le-Spring, Tanfield, West Hartlepool, and the local ringers. Ringing took place during the afternoon, after which the ringers found a substantial tea awaiting them in the Anchorage adjoining the church.

A short meeting was held, Mr. R. L. Patterson presiding.

Mr. J. W. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and said that the ringers were delighted to have both the Rector (Canon Stephenson) and his curate, Rev. Parry Evans, at tea.

Mr. H. Tyson proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing such a bountiful tea, and this was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Parker proposed that the next meeting be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, August 27th, and this was agreed to.

Ringing was again indulged in until 8 p.m., the methods rung being Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, and thus another happy meeting came to a close.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Wotton Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Stone. There was a very fair attendance. Several touches were rung on the six bells during the afternoon. Special service for the occasion was held in the church, the Rev. T. Veal officiating. After service, the Vicar very kindly entertained the ringers to tea in the schoolroom. A short business meeting followed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Thornbury, provided the secretary could make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. H. W. Fussell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of his bells and for his kindness in providing tea. The Vicar, in responding, said he was pleased to do all he could to help on such a useful branch of church work.

The ringers afterwards returned to the tower, where the following methods were rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung during the evening: M. Malpass 1, F. Roberts 2, F. Oakhill 3, F. Handoll 4, O. Hill 5, H. V. Robinson (conductor) 6.

DEATH OF A NUNEATON RINGER.

With deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Walter Martin, of Nuneaton, who passed away on Saturday, July 9th, at the age of 64 years. He learned to ring at South Wigston, and came to Nuneaton 33 years ago, when he joined the Nuneaton Society, of which he had been a member ever since. He was not a great peal ringer, but was very regular in attendance both for ringing and services of the church. Of a quiet, unassuming disposition, he will be greatly missed by his fellow-ringers.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, July 12th. The first part of the service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon White). The organist and choir were in attendance. Among the floral tributes was one from the Parish Church ringers and another from the ringers of Chilvers Coton. During the evening a muffled peal of Bob Major was rung. T. W. C.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third annual visit to Withernsea of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was made on Saturday, July 9th. The weather was glorious, blazing sunshine greeting the visitors, some of whom took advantage of a visit to the seaside to bring with them their wives and families. Although the meeting was not so well attended as in previous years, the following towers were represented: Selby Abbey, Hull, Holy Trinity, Sutton, Patrington and Withernsea, the local company also being delighted to welcome a visitor from Bishop's Stortford in Essex, who was staying in the district. The bells were kept going in the afternoon and evening, various Doubles and Minor methods being rung. Tea was served as usual in the Select Cafe.

BY BUS TO THE PICTURES.

HOW I DISCOVERED A NEW LINCOLNSHIRE INDUSTRY.

[By Our Special Investigator.]

'Pictures' have grown from a novelty to a craze, and from a craze to an indispensable part of existence—with some people. Fortunes have been made by the few out of the pocket-money of the many; Hollywood has been built upon it, and the stars in their courses have thrilled millions, and sometimes bored them. 'Pictures are one of the new industries of the modern world, and are fast becoming one of the new industries of Lincolnshire, hitherto devoted mostly, I believe, to potatoes and flowers. A new 'producer' has arisen; new stars are appearing above the horizon; a new super-cinema is in the making.

Last week-end I penetrated the wilds of England's second largest county to obtain first-hand information of this new development which threatens even to disturb the equanimity of the ringing Exercise. I found it at Surfleet, and, I may as well tell my readers the worst, there is a horrible fate in store for some of them, if they do not watch their step. Unless they are careful they will learn, when it is too late, that they are 'on the films,' not in all the glory of a Constance Bennett or a Douglas Fairbanks, but looking just their foolish selves. The reason is that this new producer has a way of his own. He doesn't stage his subjects—he pops round the corner and takes a quick one before they know it's happened, and when the victims see themselves on the screen they realise Bobby Burns need not, after all, have written:—

'Oh wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourscls as others see us!'

Those who visit Surfleet can see themselves as others see them all right, and I can promise that, for not a few, it may prove a rude awakening. And it is at that moment they will realise the full significance of the producer's smile when he has finished his 'shot.'

Sometimes, of course, there are set pieces. While I was at the studio a budding Helen Wills and never-will-be 'Bunny' Austin were filmed trying to get a ball through a net with tennis racquets. By means of the 'pictures' they will go down to posterity, but in the matter of skill they are more likely to achieve immortality at the end of a bell rope. Indeed, both of them later in the day did very well in this respect, as I discovered, after a frantic chase across the Lincolnshire wolds. Scenting something of a mystery when the Producer set off with his Director, his Misdirector and most of his stars, I followed warily as far as Gosberton, where they stopped at the church, but it was only to pull the bell ropes in practice, as I was to learn later, for something much more pretentious. And then the great Buick roared away again, pulling up eventually outside the Cathedral at Lincoln. Here, at last, I thought, is the stage for a top-line picture. What was the subject to be? Some great historical play? Or a tragedy, perhaps? Producer, Directors, Stars (irreverently described as 'brass hats') and supers gathered from various places for the occasion, climbed the tall tower of St. Hugh and locked the door behind them. Then in the fastness of that wonderful old building they rang the bells. I waited with patience for nearly four hours for the scenes to be 'shot,' but not once did the camera click. The Producer explained afterwards that you can't ring a bell and operate a 'movie' camera at the same time. He was engaged all the while in ringing the tenth. It was a pity, however, that he could not have got a few feet of the would-be Helen ringing the tenor behind to Stedman Cinques, and of the never-will-be Austin sorting out the trouble when one of the supers was a bit slow when he should have been quick. A 'talkie' would have been even more interesting.

But all were quick enough when the ringing was over; quick at getting out of the tower; quicker still at parking quite a lot of bottled refreshment, and quick on the road back to Surfleet. They were nearly too quick for me. The Buick with the Directors and the brass hats, and the Rolls with the supers, roared away through the night; I in full chase. From Lincoln to Surfleet is 38 miles, and, as one of the supers said, it went in a flash. My ancient bus nearly busted her cylinders to keep the rear lights of the stars in view. She cornered on two wheels, took hump-back bridges with a jump, and pulled up on the bridge at Surfleet hot and bothered, but, happily, whole, or nearly so (the number of missing nuts, bolts and odds and ends has not yet been counted).

I then learned the reason for all this haste. A nearly-midnight picture show was to take place, and in the new super-cinema, where the audience recline on settees and lounge chairs, and the operator can sleep while the electric dynamo does the work, we saw some of the fruits of the Directors' labours. 'Shots' at the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild meeting at Christchurch, with semi-slow motion handbell ringing; the Master's first introduction to the movie camera; a hungry Fidler at tea; and the Misdirector teaching her father how to paddle. Then we saw well-known Sheffield men trying to ring handbells; a brass hat engaged on such a humble task as a snail-hunt; Walthamstow ringers enjoying themselves at Ramsgate, and (let us say it with bated breath) the bachelors among the ladies at Isleworth. They were all good (the pictures, I mean), and some day generations yet unborn will be able to look at them and say, 'What a funny old lot the bellringers of 1932 were.'

It is understood that some of the 'stars' are hoping to negotiate contracts to appear at Hollywood.

GOOSNARGH VETERAN HONOURED.

PRESENTATION TO MR. WILLIAM CLARKSON.

What was undoubtedly the largest gathering of ringers at a meeting of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association was held under ideal conditions in beautiful country, at the old Church of Goosnargh, on Saturday week. Goosnargh is fairly widely known for its Goosnargh cakes.

The meeting was the result of a special invitation to the branch by Mr. Wm. Clarkson, of Goosnargh, in connection with the celebration of his eightieth birthday, which occurred on July 3rd, when a birthday peal was rung by members of the branch.

There was an attendance of nearly seventy ringers and friends, who partook of an excellent tea provided by Mr. Clarkson. The Rev. Bingley Boss presided over the gathering, at which no less than fourteen towers were represented.

Amongst the business items was a report of the general committee meeting held at Churchkirk recently, in which the arrangements for the annual meeting were announced.

The Secretary read the circular issued through the association appealing for increased support for 'The Ringing World,' copies of which were distributed to the towers.

Various speakers spoke on the matter of trying to increase the sale of the paper, and it is hoped it will have beneficial effect.

Other items discussed were the nominations for president, general secretary, and Central Council representatives.—The Rev. Canon Elsee and Mr. W. H. Shuker were nominated for their present positions, and Mr. Wm. Taylor, of Penwortham, for the Central Council.

The business having been disposed of, a 'social' was enjoyed. Mr. J. H. Gartside opened the programme with a pianoforte solo played in his usual efficient manner, and he also accompanied the various artistes who sang.

Songs were rendered by Mr. F. G. Bradley ('Young Tom of Devon,' and for an encore 'Come to the Fair'), Mr. W. H. Hutchinson (a Lancashire song, entitled 'A Lift on the Way' and 'The Crocodile'), Mr. A. T. Parker ('Annie Laurie'), and Mr. Wm. Holmes (the humorous song, 'On Monday I met Mary Ann'). Another item which caused much hilarity was a recitation by Mr. Billington, entitled 'The Carrot Cutter,' given in a very droll manner. A course of Bob Minor was rung by three of the members.

FATHER AND SON BRIDGE NEARLY 100 YEARS.

During an interval, in the unavoidable absence of Canon Elsee, Mr. J. R. Taylor, a past vice-president of the association, made a brief speech. They were gathered together that day, he said, in honour of Mr. Wm. Clarkson, who was eighty years old, and was well known to most of the members, as he still attended the meetings. Mr. Clarkson and his father between them had been connected with ringing in that area since 1840, which was nearly one hundred years, and he hoped that the family connection would continue. Mr. Taylor added that as far back as 1860 there was a band of ringers at Goosnargh who could ring Treble Bob, which was no mean achievement in those days. Mr. Taylor went on to say that, after Mr. Clarkson had invited the branch to Goosnargh, it was thought that it would be nice if the members could make Mr. Clarkson a present to mark the occasion of his eightieth birthday (as he remembered them doing the same thing to Mr. Clarkson's father 32 years ago on the occasion of his eightieth birthday). Subscriptions were invited from the various towers, and they could see the result in the beautiful timepiece before them. It was an eight-day chiming clock, which could be regulated to play either the Westminster or Whittington chimes, or, if desired, could be made silent. Amid applause, Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Clarkson to accept the clock with the best wishes of all the members of the branch.

Musical honours were accorded for Mr. Clarkson, followed by 'three cheers,' and one each for his wife and grandson.

Mr. Clarkson, who was overcome by emotion, thanked the members for their gift. He added that he had always tried as far as lay in his power to keep a band together, and he hoped to continue to do so as long as he was able.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Madely said it was very encouraging to have a clergyman present at the meeting, and especially when they didn't get a lecture about going to church every time. His experience was that ringers as a body went fairly often.

Mr. Bradley, in seconding the vote, said how pleased he was to see the Rev. Bingley Boss present, and he was sure it was appreciated by all present.—The Chairman, in reply, said he was only too pleased to welcome the ringers to Goosnargh, and would always be delighted to do all he could for them.

The secretary desires to extend the best thanks of the branch to the artistes for their services.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. E. Wiseman 1, E. Stitch 2, G. Chappell (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, W. J. Nurton 4, C. Mathers 5, C. Jones 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8. First attempt for the treble ringer, who hails from Biddisham, Somerset.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESS OF THE HAIGH MEMORIAL SCHEME.

The midsummer meeting was held at Everton on Saturday last, when glorious weather and the splendid peal of bells seemed to co-operate in drawing a good attendance at this somewhat outlying village, which is on the extreme boundary of the county, and involves longs journeys for some ringers. Members were present from Bolsover, Ranskill, Thorne, Edwinstowe, Misson, Treeton, Sutton-on-Trent, West Retford, Ordsall, Gamston, Sheffield and Misterton, together with a full band of local ringers.

The tea was served at 5 p.m. in the Village Hall, when everyone was most generously provided for. Mr. G. Swindin must be thanked for the arrangements for this meal, and the lady workers for providing it.

The Rev. F. B. Wardle, Vicar of Everton, presided over the business meeting, and gave the association a hearty welcome to Everton. He said that in his youth he did a little ringing.—The Vicar was elected a vice-president of the association, and Ernest Rogers, of Everton, and John Laister, of Misson, were elected ringing members.

The Secretary stated that the next meeting should have been held at Ordsall on August 27th, the day of the annual cup contest, but in the meantime he had obtained permission to ring Newark parish bells on August Bank Holiday, and he thought all members ought to support this. He explained that the Vicar of Newark was willing for the meeting to be held on a Saturday, but the tradesmen of Newark complained so much about ringing on that day that he was forced to refuse ringing on Saturdays.—It was then agreed that Newark be visited on August Bank Holiday.

The Secretary referred to the Haigh Memorial, which had been so liberally subscribed to by honorary and ringing members. This fund had now £6 4s. 6d. in hand. He stated that all arrangements had been made to place this memorial in Ordsall tower, and that the library would be better furnished than at first thought, for since the appeal was made gifts of books, as well as money, had been received from ringers.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding over the meeting, and to Mr. G. Swindin for his excellent arrangements for the ringing and tea.

The ringers again visited the tower, and methods were rung from Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor. All present admired the way in which a certain gentleman rang two bells at once to 120 of Stedman Doubles, this being perhaps the first time this feat has been done within the association's bounds.

A NOVICE ON A RINGERS' OUTING.

BY THE VICAR OF MOULTON.

On Saturday, July 9th, I was inveigled into joining a ringers' outing. I went. The party was got up by Mr. J. Taylor, foreman of St. Giles', Northampton, and the 'Safety' coach was well filled. By the glint in their eyes I saw they meant having a good time. There were several ringers' wives present to give the party a tone and to keep them in order. We made for Lichfield, getting on to Watling Street, after passing close by the Rugby aerials. After a peep in the Cathedral, the party divided, some making for St. Mary's and others for St. Michael's. The treble bell of the former seemed unusually noisy. Then on to Walsall. What a climb up that hill, which required time before commencing to ring those lovely 12 bells, for we were out of breath. The local band were there to meet and welcome us. To those of us who were more used to six and eight bells, it seemed a tremendous long time before the 11 bells came round for our turn. I heard fierce cries, 'Keep that tenor up.' It is wonderful how fierce ringers can be when at the ropes. But it kept us wandering among the treble bells. On arriving at Wolverhampton we were ready for that glorious lunch prepared for us. Then on to the church, where the local band gave us a kind reception. Here we had 12 bells again, and the same old game of bell control. There was, however, some good ringing. On leaving Wolverhampton we made for Brewood with eight bells, and were again under normal conditions. It was here I heard the prettiest music on the bells.

I believe it was a touch of Stedman Triples or Superlative, I forget which, but I longed to hear it again. Leaving Brewood we drove to Penkridge, where we found another ring of eight, very fine indeed, but a tremendous long draught of rope, quite awe-inspiring. I do not like long ropes myself; it makes one feel as if it is going to loop round one's neck. From Penkridge we went to Stafford, where the kind-hearted Rector (the Rev. L. Lambert) met us, and we found a most excellent tea provided for us in the schoolroom. Then up to the spacious belfry with its ten bells, on which we had some good ringing. What struck me most was the large table in the centre with its five-octave set of handbells, 61 altogether, a set such as I had never seen in my life before. Half a dozen youths performed exploits on these handbells, which were delightful to listen to. Then home by way of Cannock Chase, a most picturesque route. We were all glad to get to bed, and we slept well after that most delightful day. Such is the experience of a novice of a ringers' outing.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Croucher 1, F. Leason 2, T. E. Sone (conductor) 3, Mrs. H. Baker 4, W. Wenban 5, H. Baker 6, B. Baker 7, W. Rofe 8.

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On August Bank Holiday, eight members of the Hertford County Association hope to attempt a peal of Bob Major (18,144 changes) at Bennington, Herts, starting at 7.30 a.m.

The longest peal on eight bells rung up to the present by eight men only is 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major, accomplished at Heptonstall on April 18th, 1927. That peal took 10 hours 51 mins.

The previous 'best' of Bob Major was rung as long ago as 1793 at Aston. This was 15,360, which occupied 9 hours 31 mins.

The hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild put up a fine performance on Saturday, when she rang the 24 cwt. tenor at Lincoln Cathedral to a peal of Stedman Cinques. Already mere man had few strongholds left to him in the ringing world. Another has now gone. A lady on the tenor in a twelve-bell peal! It's enough to make some of the martinets of the past turn in their graves, and the martinets of the present shrink into their shells.

The restored ring of eight bells at Christ Church, Alsager, Cheshire, were reopened on Saturday at a special service. There was a large attendance of ringers from many towers.

Several eligible bachelors were present at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild. It is said that they visited Isleworth in the hope of meeting Kate.

'TOM' METCALFE.

AN ACHIEVEMENT AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

All friends of Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, the ever-popular secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, will be delighted to learn from our peal columns that he has at last achieved his ambition of conducting a peal of Superlative rung by his own Middlesbrough band. This is the first peal of Superlative he has conducted for 33 years.

It is no small achievement to bring a band up to this high standard, and, as practically all the ringers have been taught by Mr. Metcalfe, ringers will unite in congratulating 'Tom' on his success.

Many instances of lengthy service in the art of bellringing have been instanced of late, but that of 'Tom' takes some beating. He started ringing when he was 12 years old at Sharow, near Ripon, and for three years got nothing other than the first 12 changes and 'Queen's.' He is now 67 years old, but he is a young 67, in spite of 55 years' arduous service as a bellringer.

He has been secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association for 23 years—a record unbeaten in the history of the association.

Long may he live to give the younger members of the art the benefit of his many years' experience! J. C. P.

FIRST PEAL AT SOUTH KILWORTH, LEICS.

DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME BY PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE.

In his enthusiastic endeavour to ring complete peals of 5,000 and over at all churches in Leicestershire, Mr. Ernest Morris has had many adventures—thrilling and otherwise! He has now completed no less than 117 towers in the diocese, and the latest—South Kilworth—was not achieved easily. On the first attempt a year or two ago, the peal was stopped after two hours through a gentleman being thrown from a horse and receiving concussion very badly, and the Rector came and requested the cessation of the bells.

The next endeavour was a fiasco, first through illness and death nearby not being notified to the band until too late to stop them trying to gather for the attempt. The day chosen was the one on which the thickest 'pea souper' fog of the season chose to come, and, after hours of delay by trains, etc., two of the party turned up at Kilworth for nothing!

The conductor and peal arranger found their way to Lilbourne nearby, where they had a very inglorious wait in the murk, fog and gloom for half a day, eventually each returning home in the evening, hours late.

On Saturday week—the hottest day for years—the conductor chose to walk 4½ miles from Lutterworth Station, arriving first, minus coat and vest, and dripping with sweat. E. Whitehead cycled from Leicester and arrived in a similar condition. The peal, however, was completed successfully, although the sun poured down on the last-named for two hours. Thus another notch is made in the record of Leicestershire towers to be conquered—the 117th, a record for any one county.

BIRTHDAYS.

On Monday, June 13th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Sevenoaks, a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council): P. Turley 1, R. Baker 2, H. J. Ford 3, W. Turley 4, E. L. Taylor 5, H. D. Ford 6, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 7, F. Paige 8.

On Thursday, June 16th, at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox 1, H. Bennett 2, Rev. C. A. Phillips (first quarter-peal of Triples) 3, E. Waters 4, C. Forfitt 5, F. E. Pitman 6, A. V. Dent (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Dear 8. A compliment to the treble ringer on his 22nd birthday anniversary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.

ANNUAL MEETING AT OXFORD.

The 51st festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Oxford. About 100 members and friends gathered in the Mother Church of the Diocese for the re-dedication of 'Hearts and minds and hands and voices' to their work for the glory of God. The service was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), and an able sermon preached by the Rev. L. Moxon, Vicar of Newport Pagnell, chairman of the North Bucks Branch.

The preacher took for his text 1 Cor. x. 41, 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God,' applying the words to the ringers' work in the House of God, and to the ringers' life amongst the people of God. As the clear call of the bells draws people to church, so should the ringer's life and example draw others to the Lord he serves. The Te Deum and the Blessing pronounced by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw brought the service to a close. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 15s. 6d. Such a service in such surroundings brings home with renewed force from year to year the privilege that attaches to membership of such a society.

The business meeting, attended by an unusually large number of young people and representing all 15 branches, was held in the Chapter House and conducted by the Master with his usual expedition and address.

In moving the adoption of his report, the Master referred to the proposed record of attempted peals. The response to the proposal had been poor, only 37 being sent in. If lost peals were not sent in to Mr. Caudwell, 49, Cousdale Road, Oxford, as faithfully as completed peals were to 'The Ringing World,' the experiment would be discontinued. The Master again impressed on the meeting the vital importance of 'The Ringing World' to the Exercise, and urged that every tower should have its copy, and, wherever possible, every ringer have his own.

The General Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) spoke of the peals achieved, embracing 'Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, and Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus,' with a special commendation for the 'budding conductors.'

The Treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright) reported a smaller balance, £112 2s. 8d., as against £160 odd the previous year. The extra expenditure had been caused by the jubilee festival, and had proved well worth it. Though the Restoration Fund was low at present, there was no doubt that calls upon it could be met, and that fresh funds would be forthcoming in due course from the branches, all of which had good balances.

The reports and balance sheet were adopted.

The Master proposed, and Mr. A. D. Cullum seconded, the conversion of the Guild's holding of War Loan stock, and this was carried.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Master, the general secretary and the hon. treasurer were all re-elected, amid applause.—In response, the Master reassured the Guild 'that, as long as it was the wish of the Guild, he would serve it to the best of his ability.' The secretary acknowledged the applause of all present, with an appreciative, 'That's right. The old dog likes a pat better than a kick.'—The twelve elected members of the committee were re-elected en bloc.

In connection with the election of four members to the Central Council, the Master reminded the Guild of the rules brought before the Exercise for consideration. First, that all associations should become members by affiliation; this step was taken by the Oxford Guild last year. Second, that non-resident life members should not count in the numbers used for representation. Third, that the four possible members should be paid for whether they go or not.

The Master expressed his thanks to the two retiring members, Mr. F. Hopgood and Mr. John Evans.

Mr. A. D. Cullum proposed that the Master, Canon Coleridge, the general secretary, and Mr. H. Sear should be elected. As both Mr. H. Sear and Mr. W. Sear felt it impossible to undertake the position, the Master proposed Mr. A. E. Locke.—The motions were seconded by Mr. J. Evans and Mr. R. White respectively, and carried with applause.

Canon Coleridge, responding, expressed his appreciation at being re-elected to the proud position he had held for 40 years—that is, since the first formation of the Council.

The general secretary asked for the confirmation of 197 new members, a number only exceeded once before, and urged foremen of towers 'not to let the little fish slip off the hook'; 150 or so new members were admitted annually, but the Guild only grew by a steady 10 or 12.

The recommendation of the committee, that the 1933 festival be held in Oxford, was proposed by Mr. W. Sear, seconded by Mr. A. E. Locke, and carried, there being no other nomination.

The committee also recommended that grants of £2 2s. each be made to Cumnor and Cropredy for restoration. This was approved.

GRANT TO DAVIES MEMORIAL.

In connection with grants, the Master called on Canon Coleridge to speak on the Davies Memorial Fund. Canon Coleridge gladly responded, as, he said, he could claim to have been one of Mr. Davies' oldest friends—fellow-student at Oxford in 1876, best man at his wedding, married three of his daughters, baptised several grandchildren, and buried him in Cloister Garth, under the shadow of that great Abbey he had loved and served so well, and where now, in recognition of his work, a worthy memorial was to be erected. Though not entirely in sympathy with the memorial as at present planned, the Canon proposed that £5 5s. be granted.—This was seconded by Mr. A. D. Cullum and carried.

The Rev. J. C. Cohen reported that Harwell bells were now being rehung, and invited all ringers to the dedication service on Saturday, August 6th. A thanksgiving service and the re-admission of the ringers would take place on Sunday, August 7th, when Canon Girling would preach. The tower would be open for ringing after evensong on Sunday.

Canon Coleridge gave a short and interesting précis of the events at the meeting of the Central Council at Plymouth, dwelling on the excellence of the arrangements made by the secretary, and the beauty of the place of meeting. He reported that the largest number of books and pamphlets had been sold last year, thus rejoicing the librarian's heart, the Minor methods proving particularly popular, and that a new pamphlet on the handling of a bell and good striking was now in course of preparation.

In closing the meeting, the Master gave a warm welcome to Bishop Shaw, and expressed his thanks to the Dean and Chapter for granting the Guild the privilege of meeting in such glorious surroundings, to the Rev. L. Moxon for his inspiring sermon, and to the organist. He gave notice that luncheon would be served in the College Hall, and thanked the steward for making the arrangements.

Bishop Shaw, replying, said the Dean and Chapter were very glad to welcome the Guild. The Cathedral was a real Cathedral, for the use of the diocese in such functions as these, and was not a college chapel alone. Continuing, the Bishop spoke of the Oxford University Society, of which he was president, and its work. Many a young man got an insight into ringing for the first time at the University, and in giving an opportunity to future clergy to learn something of ringing, bells, ropes and towers, the society was fulfilling a useful purpose. For instance, Canon Coleridge himself had been a member 'some hundred years ago' (laughter).

One of the most beautiful halls in England was then sought, where lunch was admirably served to 135 members by the college staff. But who, unaccustomed to salt cellars of such dimensions, salted his fruit salad? The customary toast of 'Church and King' was honoured in the usual way, and the happy party dispersed to the various towers.

A river trip cannot always be enjoyed on a ringing outing, but the party going down to Iffley managed to look pleasant, even in the absence of the steward. And was it the beauty of the tulip tree in flower that caused certain ladies to 'shirk' in its shade?

Who was it who could not pull off the tenor at Magdalen owing to the extent of his 'slimming'?

The heavy thunderstorm that broke over the city was not all sorrow, for many ringers were making merry over a cup of tea—or was it wine of a headier kind?

Amongst the sweetest memories of the 51st festival will be the mingled scent of flowering limes and meadowsweet, together with the music of the bells, which, to one walking in Christ Church meadows, seemed to form a fitting crown to the city of towers and spires.

PROGRESS IN THE BANBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Great Tew, one of the prettiest villages in Oxfordshire, on Saturday, July 9th, in glorious weather. The one peal of eight were set going at three o'clock, and ringing continued until the service at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Macfarlane, who is vice-chairman of the branch. The Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, preached, and took as his theme, 'Workmen that need not be ashamed.'

After service, ample justice was done to the tea kindly provided by the Vicar; the business meeting followed, with the Rev. C. F. Cholmondley in the chair. It was particularly gratifying to note the branch secretary's report and balance sheet, which showed what good progress had been made, both financially and (if we may be allowed the word) campanalogically. Seven new hon. members and twenty-one new ringing members had been obtained during the year, and more towers had joined the branch.

The officials were re-elected en bloc, and the usual votes of thanks were passed to them. Mr. Pearson, the branch secretary, was congratulated on the good work he had done during his first year of office.

Deddington was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) and Mr. A. J. Wright (general treasurer of the Guild) were present, also the incumbents of several churches in the district.

After the meeting, more good ringing was obtained at Great Tew, while other members went on to Enstone and Sandford-St.-Martin, the towers of which had been kindly placed at their disposal.

ARCHBISHOP DEDICATES HOWDEN BELLS.

RESTORATION AFTER GREAT FIRE.

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, October 9th, 1929, a destructive fire occurred at Howden Church, Yorkshire, the parts most affected being the tower and the transepts. The fire began at the old ringing chamber level, and destroyed the various floors and the roof of the tower, besides causing irreparable damage to the organ in the transept below, and to the sanctuary and the side screens of the altar. So thorough was the work of devastation that, in spite of the fact that the restoration was taken in hand at once, nearly three years have been required to carry out the reconstruction and renewals, involving a sum of £32,000, and even now all is not done.

The fire caused the peal of eight bells to crash to the ground, and these were irretrievably damaged. It was to dedicate the new peal and other parts of the work of reconstruction that His Grace the Archbishop of York visited Howden on Thursday, June 30th, and performed the ceremony before a crowd of worshippers estimated to number 1,000, a goodly number of ringers being amongst those present.

During the course of his address Dr. Temple said that in all ages men had sought to make beautiful places of worship, because worship would make beautiful the character and life of all who took



HOWDEN CHURCH AND ITS IMPOSING TOWER.

part in it. So the beauty of such a church as that bore silent witness from generation to generation, far more potent than any living voice, to the majesty of God, and the aspiration of men's hearts towards Him. We do right to set great store by it and love it, provided always that the love of it quickens our perception of its meaning instead of dulling our eyes to the glory of God which should be filling it. All through the life of the Church, the Archbishop said, we set apart one day in the week to keep holy, not because other days should not be holy, but to represent and remind us of the sanctity of all time. There had come from what seemed a disaster the opportunity for the expression of love towards the House of God, and also the opportunity for rendering it secure in its beauty, as they trusted, for many generations yet to come. That opportunity had been wisely and energetically seized on and utilised, and they gathered that day to give thanks for the accomplishment of a great task, Dr. Temple continued. It was true that it was not necessary to come to church to worship God. They could worship anywhere. But the trouble was they would not. There were those who told them they preferred to worship God under the blue dome of heaven, as they expressed it. They might prefer it of the two, but they did not seem to like it. At any rate, they did not seem to do it when they got under the said blue dome.

The ringing arrangements were in the hands of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, and all ringers present had the opportunity of having a pull.

Inside the tower the sound of the bells is heard with just that clarity which is the joy of all ringers who love good striking, while outside their tones announce to all that the glorious tower stands once more secure, restored to the beauty the men gave it, of whose spirit the Archbishop spoke.

The new bells have been cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have installed a noble peal, the grandeur of which will be appreciated by first-hand contact.

The bells, hung some 40ft. lower in the tower than the former peal, is at the level of the sills of the very lofty decorated windows which are one of the outstanding features of the tower, and the ringers are accommodated on a floor about 20ft. below. This ringing room is excellent in every respect.

The old metal of the bells, which was salvaged from the fire, has been utilised in the making of the new peal, the tenor of which weighs a little over 22 cwt., and sounds a rich E flat. The original inscriptions have been reproduced on the seven smallest bells, whilst the tenor has been made a 'bell of record.' The inscriptions read:—

Treble.—Although I am both light and small,
I will be heard above you all.
Recast in 1869 and 1931 by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

2nd.—If you have a judicious ear you'll own
My voice both sweet and clear.
Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775. Recast 1931.

3rd.—Such wondrous pow'r to musick's given,
It elevates the soul to heaven.
Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775. Recast 1931.

4th.—Ye people all who hear me ring,
Be faithful to your God and King.
Recast in 1869 and 1931 by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

5th.—Peace and good neighbourhood.
Recast 1909. G. T. W. Purchas, Vicar; C. Bland, C. Wilkinson, Churchwardens. Recast 1931.

6th.—Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness,
Be sober, merry, wise, and you'll the same possess.
Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775. Recast 1931.

7th.—In wedlock hands all ye who join with hands your hearts unite,
So shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite.
Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775. Recast 1931.

Tenor.—This bell replaces one of a peal of eight which hung in the tower of the Church of St. Peter, Howden, and were damaged and in part destroyed by fire on October 9th, 1929. The previous bell was cast by Pack and Chapman, of London, in 1775, James Godmond being then Vicar, and Isaac Brabbs and Edward Day Churchwardens. It was recast by J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in 1869, William Hutchinson being then Vicar, and Francis John Maw and John Saville Churchwardens. It was recast in 1931 after the fire from the old metal by the aforesaid J. Taylor and Co.
Arthur Waring, Vicar and Rural Dean.
John Cuthill Hall, Herbert Matthews, Churchwardens.

Howden was formerly noted for its secular college, founded in 1266 by Bishop Robert, of Durham, and it is interesting to note that the present Bishop of Durham, Dr. Hensley Henson, took part in the thanksgiving services for the restoration of the church. Dedicated to St. Peter, the building is a cruciform structure with a central tower rising 135ft. above ground level, the base being now the sanctuary. The east side of the church is entirely in ruins, having been destroyed by the army of Oliver Cromwell when on the way to Wressal Castle; the south side is the Chapter House, an octagonal building, erected by Bishop Skirlow, and is inferior only in dimensions to the Chapter House at York.

Ringing parties touring Yorkshire should not forget to include Howden in their itinerary, which is another of those places in the county of broad acres which has a peal of bells worthy of the name and of the church in which they are installed.

The founders of the peal were represented at the dedication by Mr. John Oldham and Mr. J. P. Fidler.

VISIT TO THE MINSTER OF THE MOOR.

The ringers of St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield, accompanied by a few ringing friends from the Cathedral, wives and lady friends, had a very enjoyable outing on Saturday, July 16th. The journey was made via Dore Moor Inn, Froggatt Edge, Carver Sough, and through the beautiful ravine known as Stoney Ridge and Stoney Middleton to the noble church (the Minster of the Moor) of Tideswell. Owing to the mist, the distant view was but dimly seen, but such glimpses as could be obtained gave great pleasure. The party were met at Tideswell Church by Mr. G. Chapman, who conducted the ringers to the tower, where several touches in standard methods were brought round, the ladies and some ringers meanwhile inspecting the church and surrounding district.

After tea a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Chapman and friends who had joined in making the outing a success, was heartily accorded.

Mr. S. F. Palmer, replying for the visitors, expressed their appreciation at being invited to the first outing of the company, and hoped, as it had been such a success, the excursion would become an annual event.

A few more touches on the bells, and the return journey was made by way of Eyam and Foolow to see more of the beautiful Derbyshire moors. The excursion was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part in it.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Isleworth on Saturday, July 9th. The attendance was not up to the usual standard, only 14 members being present, but it was gratifying to note that all districts were represented. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and was much enjoyed in spite of the heat. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Isleworth.

After tea, the business meeting was held, with the president (Miss E. Steel) in the chair.

Three new members were elected—two from Isleworth and one from Winchester. Miss Steel was re-elected president and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer. The two Central Council representatives were re-elected, viz., Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.

The Secretary reported that during the year the central district had been revived, and other districts had held regular meetings, most of which had been fairly well attended. There was, however, still room for improvement.

The accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure of 13s. It was decided that reports should be printed this year, and that during the year the service forms be revised by the general committee, and a new stock printed next year.

The sum of £2 2s. was voted toward the memorial to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and a further £1 1s. toward the Stedman Fund. The Secretary reported on the Central Council proceedings at Plymouth, and urged the members to do their part towards increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'

The next annual meeting will be held at Christchurch, Hampshire.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of Isleworth bells and for conducting the service, to the organist, and to Mr. Lidbetter, the steeplekeeper, who had everything in readiness for the visitors.

BRASTED BELLS REHUNG.

SUCCESSFUL RESTORATION IN A KENT TOWER.

The bells of the Parish Church of St. Martin, Brasted, Kent, have not been properly rung for some years, owing to the bad state of the bearings. There did not appear to be much chance of putting them in order until recently Mrs. Brightling, of Brasted, offered to meet the cost of rehanging in memory of her husband. The Parochial Church Council gladly accepted the offer, and decided to have them tuned at the same time. The present six bells were cast in 1881 from six which were cast in 1730. These former six were probably cast from four larger bells, judging from the evidence of the old timber frame. There is a 'post' frame to hold four bells of larger diameter than the present back four, with two pits for the trebles obviously added in the 18th century.

The bells have been rehung on ball bearings in the old frame, the old clapper staples have been drilled out and the clappers adjusted, and the bells very much improved by tuning by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The bells were rededicated by the Bishop of Rochester before a large congregation during choral evensong on the afternoon of Sunday, June 26th. Immediately after the rededication and before the sermon by the Bishop, 120 Stedman Doubles were rung, 360 Bob Minor was rung as the congregation came out, and, later, a date touch of Minor. This consisted of 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 492 Bob Minor, rung by: Dr. E. L. Taylor 1, F. M. Mitchell 2, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher 3, Stafford H. Green 4, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 5, G. W. Fletcher 6.

Brasted has not in living memory been a change ringing tower. It was, therefore, desirable to avoid anything in the nature of a 'practice,' and to take care that the change ringing was struck at least as well as the best call change ringing to which the village had been accustomed in the past. It is hoped later to have an open day on which visitors may sample this very handy six with a tenor just under 10½ cwt.

A cast bronze tablet, recording the gift of Mrs. Brightling, has been placed at the base of the tower.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting held of the Western Division at Redbourn, on Saturday, was well attended. The old church, which dates back to the 12th century, has a roomy tower and a peal of six bells. Ringers came from Apsley, Dunstable, Harpenden, Hemel Hempstead, Willesden, Gaddesden, Tring and the local company. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Berry), and tea was partaken of in the Girls' School. The meeting which followed was presided over by the Vicar. One new member was elected, and Berkhamsted was proposed for the next meeting in September, but if the bells at Tring were in ringing order by that time, the latter should have preference. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. D. Totton, the Vicar's warden, for his generosity in providing tea, was heartily accorded. Further ringing took place in the evening

BARNSLEY ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.

SHELLEY'S GOOD PERFORMANCE.

The annual shield contest of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Penistone on Saturday, July 9th. Eight bands competed, which were drawn as follows: No. 1, Felkirk; No. 2, Darfield; No. 3, Bolsterstone; No. 4, Shelley; No. 5, Hoylandswaine; No. 6, Sandal; No. 7, Wath; No. 8, Cawthorne. Mr. W. Idle of Dewsbury, was the judge.

The day being fine, the attendance was good, and some excellent ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening. Tea was served in the schoolroom, about 80 sitting down. About 8.30 p.m. the last of the bands completed the test piece, which was 600 true changes of any method on six bells.

The Vicar (Rev. E. B. Carleton) presided at the business meeting, when Cawthorne was selected for next place of meeting. The judge then read his report, the result of the competition being as follows:—

	Faults.	Penalties.	Total.
Shelley	75	10	85
Sandal	137	—	137
Bolsterstone	132	20	152
Wath	159	—	159
Felkirk	212	5	217
Hoylandswaine	256	10	266
Cawthorne	284	15	299
Darfield	225	20	Rung out

Shelley's performance was a particularly good one. Mrs. Carleton presented the prizes, the winners receiving the shield, which they hold for one year, and six trays; 2nd, six cruets; and the 3rd six jam dishes and spoons, and a special prize by Mrs. Ricketts, of Wath-on-Dearne.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all the generous workers and helpers towards the success of the occasion, and this brought to an end one of the most enjoyable contests which the association has held.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TWO BRANCHES SHARE IN COMBINED PRACTICE.

An excellent practice, arranged by the Dorchester and Wimborne Branches, was held at Wyke Regis on Saturday week, some 33 members taking part. The bells were first raised in peal at 2.30 by the ringers from Bath Abbey, who were visiting Weymouth for their outing. The Wimborne Branch members arrived by motor coach, having started from Bournemouth and picking up en route. Touches were rung until 6.30, and while evensong was held in the church the members adjourned for tea. This over, they again visited the tower, and continued their practice until 9.15, when the bells were lowered in peal. Welcome visitors came from Salisbury and Yeovil, and included the North Dorset 'fans,' who go all over their own and adjoining counties to assist in the art. Several members rang their first touch of Grandsire or Stedman Triples, also Major up to Cambridge, and were highly pleased. Everyone was willing to assist, and all agreed it was one of the best practices ever held in Dorset. It was a glorious day, and the ringing quite appropriate, as Weymouth was gay in preparation for the visit of His Majesty the King. The genial and popular hon. secretary of the Wimborne Branch was greatly missed—he happened to be taking his holidays, but sent his good wishes. The Rector, who welcomed the members, and at the finish wished them all 'Good-night' and a safe return home, was thanked for his kindness in granting permission for the use of the bells.

BROOKFIELD RINGERS' OUTING

The ringers of Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, Manchester, held their 12th post-war picnic on Saturday, June 18th, the venue being Southport. Arrangements had been made to ring at Ormskirk on the outward journey, where the visitors were pleasantly surprised to meet Mr. 'Dick' Deal, of London, who was in the district on business. He was duly pressed into service and cordially invited to accompany the party to Southport. After a slight 'catastrophe' at tea time, another's hour's ringing was indulged in at Emmanuel Church, Southport, and the writer would like to thank the Vicars and ringers of the two churches for permission to ring and for having everything in readiness. Thanks again to being blessed with fine weather, everybody had an enjoyable time, and it was decided (as last year) to send a donation to the Stedman fund.

MARRIAGE OF MISS K. JACKSON.

Miss Kathleen Jackson, who was well known in Northern and Midland ringing circles, was married to Mr. Isherwood at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Paddington, on Wednesday, June 8th. The ceremony was a quiet one. The bride was given away by her brother. The happy couple spent their honeymoon at Harrogate, and they will carry with them to their distant home in North Africa the good wishes of many friends.

In honour of the wedding a touch of Double Norwich, containing the Whittington's and Queen's changes, was rung at St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Putney, conducted by W. Malins.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

The annual outing of the Cambridge Youths took place under ideal weather conditions on Saturday, July 9th. The journey to Northamptonshire was made all the more enjoyable, as the three members who each own a car conveyed their less fortunate brethren in comfort, each car carrying three.

The secretary, with his 'perambulator,' safely packed in the two 'infants,' and made sure before starting that the 'Singer Junior,' which was to bring along the Ringing Master and a member from Sawston, had safely arrived from Fulbourn. The 'Singer' was sent on, having its load, and when at last the 'mighty Fiat' rolled up, this was also sent ahead to pick up the two 'heavy weights' at the Dry Drayton cross-roads.

This was soon out of sight, and the 'perambulator' then hopped along in hot pursuit, and overtook the 'mighty Fiat' at the cross-roads.

The route was a most picturesque one through Huntingdon to Thrapston, where a handy ring of eight bells were soon set going to the tune of Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, etc. Having arrived about 15 minutes before scheduled time, a move was made about 10.50 for Kettering, where the fine ring of ten were soon heard rolling out Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal. At 12.45 there was a 'Plain Hunt' to find some 'Cross Keys,' which turned out to be a restaurant, where lunch was to be served, and, as appetites were good, the 'course ends' rolled up well, and 'Go' was called for Rothwell at 2.15. Having heard a good report concerning the bells of Rothwell from a member who, unfortunately, was unable to join in the outing owing to business, the company were not disappointed, as they are certainly a splendid peal, and were kept going for the greater part of an hour to Stedman Triples, Cambridge Major, Double Norwich, Bob Major, etc.

Burton Latimer was next visited, and here some good touches were brought round. The next on the list was Higham Ferrers, but before ringing there, pangs of hunger had to be satisfied, so the 'mighty Fiat' was relieved of a little of its weight of sandwiches. Then to the ropes, and after a few short touches a move was made for Raunds. Ringing continued here for the rest of the time, as this was the last call before making for home. The 'mighty Fiat' and the 'Singer Junior' came home via Kimbolton, but the 'perambulator' refused to be 'pushed,' and went its own way home via Thrapston and Huntingdon. H. J. H.

A DAY AT HUYTON.

On Saturday, July 2nd, the ringers of Bootle and West Derby, with a few other friends, journeyed to Huyton and spent a pleasant day there, ringing on the newly cast ring of six at St. Michael's Church. The steeplekeeper, Mr. Tickell, met the company at the church and left them to make what use they could of the bells. Afterwards the Vicar (Rev. Mercier) came into the belfry and stayed with the ringers some time. He also took those who were not ringing round the church and explained to them all the interesting features of this old building. The ladies were delighted with a trip through the Rectory gardens, which were really beautiful, and, during this time, a 720 of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob was rung, and, strange to tell, it proved to be the first in the method for all the band, and incidentally included such old stalwarts as Messrs. E. Caunce and James Martin, and also Mr. Hargreaves, who is nearly eighty years old, the touch being conducted by J. Brown. The young ones also had a say in the matter, and immediately afterwards Miss Gladys Davies, daughter of the local association secretary, took part in double-handed handbell ringing along with her mother, and brought home successfully a course of Grandsire Doubles. In the evening, the same little girl rang double-handed a course of Triples. After tea, the party were again met by the Vicar, who very kindly offered to give a short service, which was much appreciated by all. It is not always that visiting ringers are treated with so much hospitality and made to feel so much at home by the incumbents, when the gathering is not an association meeting, and such thought and welcome should not pass unnoticed. The day was brought to a fitting conclusion by ringing a 720 Cambridge Surprise, and at half past eight the bells were dropped in peal and all returned home well pleased with the time spent at Huyton and with a fine peal of six bells. J. B.

WIDECOMBE FAIR—NEW VERSION.

The monthly practice for June of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Burnham, and amongst those present were:—

'Bill Fletcher, Bill Henley, Arthur Hoing, Frank West, Henry VIII., Old Uncle Tom Fowler and all, the party from Cookham and all.'

'His Majesty' was in an instructive mood, but even kings have to bend the knee on occasions. An excellent tea was enjoyed, and it was noticed that the thirsty member was unwilling to leave even when the others had gone.

The methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge. Superlative was tried, but was not successful. An invitation to Amersham for July has been accepted, and another cheerful meeting is expected.

FRESSINGFIELD BELLS RENOVATED.

The bells of Fressingfield Church, Suffolk, have recently been overhauled. It is many years ago since they received attention, and they are now in perfect working order. The Bishop of the diocese paid a visit to the parish on Friday evening, July 8th, when quite a number of parishioners attended church to hear his address. After the service a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung by William Riches 1, Robert Barber 2, Ernest Plummer 3, Robert Rayner 4, Albert Riches 5, James Riches 6, Walter Riches 7, Robert Riches (conductor) 8.

The ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, July 9th. They visited and rang at Lowestoft (St. Margaret's), Southwold, Yoxford, Leiston, Aldeburgh, Framlingham and Dennington.

DEATH OF MR. ALFRED PALMER.

On Wednesday, July 13th, another good old Kent ringer passed away in the person of Mr. Alfred Palmer, of Sittingbourne, Kent. Owing to ill-health and his business ties, he had not done much ringing of late years, but in his time he was an excellent striker and conductor, and equally at home on either a light or heavy bell. He had rung many peals for the Kent County Association, several times turning in the Maidstone tenor to a peal. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral took place on Saturday, July 16th, at Sittingbourne, and after the committal service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: A. Burley 1, J. Bottle 2, S. Taylor 3, H. E. Simpson 4, W. Spice, sen., 5, E. J. Dobbie 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, L. Dobbie 8.

Mr. Palmer was 65 years of age, and leaves in bereavement a widow, one daughter and three sons.

ACCIDENT DELAYS OUTING.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Michael's Church, Braintree, took place on Saturday, July 2nd. The party left Braintree at 7 a.m., but Baldock, the first tower on the route, was not reached until 10 a.m., a slight accident at Bishop's Stortford putting the coach out of commission. Fortunately no personal injuries were sustained, but a delay of an hour occurred before another coach was obtained. Hitchin and Luton were later visited, and at Dunstable the party was met by Mr. A. E. Sharman, hon. secretary of the Beds Association.

After lunch and ringing at Dunstable, the company went on to Woburn, and, after tea, Husborne Crawley and Biggleswade. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents of the churches visited for the use of the bells, and also the steeplekeepers for having the bells ready. The company finally reached Braintree again about 11.15 p.m., after a very enjoyable day.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on the 28th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGE.—The ring of 6, rehung with new fittings in a new frame by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea, by invitation. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Tea 1s. per head.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec., Duddage, Twyning, nr. Tewkesbury.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival at Truro, Saturday, July 23rd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), Cathedral (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. only. The Guild will attend Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (free to ringers) 4.45. — W. H. R. Trewhella, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Major P. H. G. Powell-Cotton, the summer meeting will be held at Waterloo Tower (12), Quex Park, Birchington, on Saturday, July 23rd.—Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in the tower.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Huish Episcopi on Saturday, July 23rd. Langport bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Rogers' Café, The Borough, 5 p.m.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Vicarage Room. Meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne St. John on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. — Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Poslingford, nr. Clare, on Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing on the bells (5) from 3.30. Meeting at 5.15. Tea 6 at the Shepherd and Dog. All welcome.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., Sudbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer meeting at Brancepeth on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells of St. Brandon (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available after 3. Tea in the Village Hall at 5.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., in the George Hotel. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Wickham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at 1s. per head. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Heckington on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 1/6 per head, at 5, followed by business meeting. All welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. —A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTS, MIDDLESEX AND BEDS ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting between districts of the above associations will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, July 23rd. Cathedral bells available from 2 until 4 p.m. and

after tea. St. Peter's also, but ringing until 5 p.m., when a service will be held at this church. Tea at the Clarendon Hotel. Cheap tickets from all stations on L.M.S. to St. Albans, also Green Line and numerous bus services from all parts. Everyone welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield; C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4; A. E. Sharman, 199, Hitchin Road North, Dunstable; Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided (by kind invitation of the Rector) at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild. — A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Wednesday, July 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.—Geo. Siddle, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Newington on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea generously provided by the Vicar, Church Council, and bellringers, followed by business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly inform me without fail by Tuesday, July 26th?—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

RANMORE.—On July 30th, combined meeting of the Surrey Association (N.W. District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District). — Well-known bells and scenery, and Sunday and Monday to get back home. Tower open at 3 o'clock, tea at 5. Same place, but under new management, so please let me know early how many will require tea.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30, everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Farmer, 17, Pollitt Street, Barnsley, not later than first post Tuesday, July 26th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

RINGERS' GARDEN PARTY at Barnsley. By the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon A. E. and Mrs. Hone, the Rectory grounds will be open to all ringers and wives on Saturday, July 30th, at 2 p.m. Bells available all day. Barnsley, St. Mary's (8), Monk Bretton (6), Darton (6), Service 4 p.m. Photographs 4.45. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. It is most essential that applications for tea, or by any band wanting to ring at a certain time, be sent to Mr. W. Carbutt, 17, Sackville Street, Barnsley, not later than Wednesday, 27th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. —A meeting will be held at Great Budworth (8 bells) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, at a small charge, at 5.30. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me on or before Thursday, July 28th. All ringers welcome.—H. Parker, Hon. Sec., 3, London Road, Davenham, near Northwich.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. — Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, 27th inst. Frequent bus service from Tramway Centre (Colston Street). Return fare 1s. — Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Cottenham on Saturday, July 30th. Usual arrangements. Please look up Ely Delight. I will send diagram to anyone who applies to me for same. —K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at Oldham Parish Church. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lichborough (6), near Towcester, on Saturday, July 30th. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. The Bolton police again invite ringers and friends to their Bowling Green, Bromwich Street, on Saturday, August 6th. Usual arrangements for food. Names, please, not later than August 3rd, to Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting for the election of officers will be held at Titchmarsh (8) on Saturday, July 30th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped all members will make an effort to attend. — J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Selston (Notts) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday, July 27th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Southwold on Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells (8) available all day. Tea at Chapman's Restaurant at 4.30, 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Crewe on Monday, August 1st. Service in Christ Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Warrington. Business meeting, Christ Church School, 12 noon. Luncheon at the Euston Restaurant, 1 p.m. Tickets, 2/- for non-members, 1/6 members, may be had from the Branch Secretaries, or the General Secretary, the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich Vicarage, Cheshire.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop (8 bells) on Bank Holiday, August 1st. For tea please notify Mr. Johnson at meeting. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittlesey on Bank Holiday, August 1st. The bells of St. Mary's (8) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available during the day. Service at St. Andrew's at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who let me know by Tuesday, July 26th. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

HINTON WALDRIST, FARINGDON. — Grand fete on August Bank Holiday for Church Funds. Tower (6 bells) open all day to ringers. Bells recently rehung by Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND NOTTINGHAM SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will be held at Newark-on-Trent on Monday, August 1st. The bells (10) will be open for ringing at 2 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark. It is hoped that a nearby 6-bell peal will be obtained for ringing on the day. Good attendance requested.—F. Blood and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6th, at Hythe. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Westerham on Saturday, August 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, August 3rd? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—Dedication of peal tablet will take place on August 6th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (free). Those intending to be present please notify me. All ringers welcome. — H. C. Jones, The Gardens, Chequers, Ellesborough, Bucks.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.—Dedication of the augmented ring of 8 on Saturday, August 6th, at 3 p.m., by Right Rev. Bishop Roscow Shedden, D.D. Visiting ringers requiring tea are asked to notify Rev. J. C. Cohen, Harwell, near Didcot, not later than Wednesday, August 3rd. Tower open for ringing after tea. Thanksgiving services, Sunday, August 7th, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Ringers welcome.

HERTFORD.—Practice at All Saints' (10 bells) on Monday evenings, 8 o'clock during summer months. All ringing friends will be welcome.

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ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. Holder 1, S. Russell 2, A. Lewery 3, E. Bishop, jun., 4, E. Bishop 5, W. A. Kitchenside 6, C. Brasier (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. Hammond 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of treble, third, fifth and sixth.

SEVENOAKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1,288 changes): H. Comber 1, E. L. Taylor 2, P. Turley 3, W. Turley 4, S. Comber 5, H. J. Ford 6, E. H. Lewis (cond.) 7, F. Paige 8. First quarter of Little Bob by all except the conductor. Rung to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Sevenoaks School.

WICKEN.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Ridgway 1, T. Roberts 2, J. A. Green 3, F. Case 4, G. Whitehead 5, L. Smith 6, R. Foddy 7, A. J. Green 8. First quarter of Bob Major by ringers of 1, 3 and 5.

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In our grandfather's time, Surprise peals were few and far between, in fact they were looked upon as 'crank' performances, and it was not until the Burton men tackled Surprise ringing that peals in these higher methods began to claim serious attention. Even then the scope was limited to Superlative, Cambridge and London. It was the band at St. Peter's, Brighton, in the 'nineties' of last century, who first broke away to any extent from the three old Surprise methods, although the Burton ringers rang a peal or two of New Cumberland. But the Brighton men achieved the first peals in several newly constructed methods, including Bristol, Gloucester, Westminster, Norfolk, Oxford, Champion, etc., and thus departed from tradition. Some of these methods had but a short life, but one or two like Norfolk and Bristol have survived and have established a definite place in the scheme of things. In those days, however, these fresh methods appeared at more or less lengthy intervals. The ringing of a new Surprise method was something of an event; indeed, a Surprise peal in any method was a performance to be proud of. To-day they are a commonplace. Instead of being rung in just two or three towers by a handful of men, there are hundreds of Surprise ringers and the methods are constantly growing in number. Within the last month or so the first peals of at least four Surprise methods have been rung, and what would our grandfathers have said to find published in one issue of a weekly journal peals in half a dozen Surprise methods by eight different bands? But that is what happens this week in 'The Ringing World,' and it is not an uncommon thing either. Truly we are advancing, but it is very noticeable that, despite the many new methods which have been introduced in the last ten or twelve years, very few have taken the popular fancy. No Surprise methods seem to make the same general appeal

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TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30¾ cwt. in D.

RONALD H. DOVE ...	...*Treble*	*ALFRED J. CLAYTON ...	... 6
*DAVID WRIGHT	... 2	ROYDON DAVIES... ...	... 7
*FREDERICK L. LEEKS	... 3	DANIEL COOPER	... 8
FRANK E. DARBY ...	... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	... 9
HERBERT J. SKELT ...	... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON (adapted). Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to the old Surrey veteran, Mr. David Wright.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in C sharp.

*ROBERT TOOLEY... ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MAYERS ...	... 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN ...	... 2	WILLIAM E. BASON ...	... 7
*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD	... 3	*WILLIAM J. LEE...	... 8
*HERBERT C. COLLYER	... 4	BERTIE J. HOWCBIN ...	... 9
*ALFRED MOY	... 5	*NOLAN GOLDEN	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal of Bob Royal. The conductor has now completed the circle, and is the first to have done so in this tower. All have been 10 and 12-bell peals.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN ...	...*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN ...	... 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ...	2	ERNEST MANSELL ...	... 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	... 3	JOHN NEAL	... 8
ALBERT WALKER	... 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT	... 9
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	... 5	JAMES BETTERSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

A PEAL OF SPLICED GRANDAM AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

WALTER THOMAS	...*Treble*	JAMES MORGAN	... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ...	... 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ...	... 6
HENRY W. WILDE ...	... 3	JAMES SWINDLEY	... 7
ALBERT E. RICHARDS ...	... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Lord Bishop of Chester, who has resigned from the diocese. First peal of Spliced Triples by all the band and first in the county of Cheshire. The first half of this peal was rung in the Grandam Variation of the method. It is the first time that Holt's ten-part has been rung with all the parts called alike, and with ordinary Grandsire Singles half-way and end. Mr. J. Morgan's 200th peal.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. W. PARKER'S ODD BOB FIVE-PART, No. 72. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
EDWARD C. GOSBY	2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE	6
MAURICE SWINFIELD	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	JOSEPH BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
This composition is now rung for the first time.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S ODD-BOB FIVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	...*Treble*	REGINALD S. NEWMAN	5
HENRY HODGETTS	2	WILLIAM SEELEY	6
EDWARD ASHLEY	3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	7
STEPHEN H. HOARE	4	WILLIAM CROSS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
The treble ringer has now rung each of these bells to a peal.

LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F.

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	...*Treble*	DANIEL COOPER	5
RONALD H. DOVE	2	ROYDON DAVIES	6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
H. BERNARD WELLS	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
Rung by a band of 'respectable' and 'eligible' bachelors of an average age of 27, with compliments to Kate.

HANBURY-ON-THE-HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGA,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. CARTER'S FIVE-PART, No. 22. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MAURICE SWINFIELD	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	SIDNEY AINGER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Friday, July 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF EDMUNDSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
The first peal rung in the method and rung at the first attempt.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS	...*Treble*	ROYDON DAVIES	5
*FRANK E. MITCHELL	2	*THOMAS G. BANNISTER	6
ALFRED J. BULL	3	TONY PRICE	7
DANIEL COOPER	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in the method.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

JOSEPH BROADLEY	...*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
*MAURICE HODGSON	2	GEORGE W. STEEL	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON	3	FRED HODGSON	7
GEORGE ROBINSON	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells and by all the band, except the ringer of the fifth.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN	...*Treble*	ARTHUR PANTHER	5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER	2	HAROLD CHANT	6
CHARLES POULTENEY	3	T. COLIN RYDER	7
ARTHUR GILL	4	ALBERT NASH	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by A. NASH.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

GEORGE GILBERT	...*Treble*	GORDON R. CAULDWELL	5
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	ALAN R. PINK	6
*SYDNEY TAYLOR	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
*RICHARD A. POST	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	...*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master John Beeson (son of W. T. Beeson). The ringers were met and congratulated on their ringing immediately after the peal by the Rector (Canon B. Long).

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM C. DOWDING	5
THOMAS HEMMING	2	JOHN SMITH	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
HECTOR G. BIRD	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
First peal of Major on the bells, also the first peal of Lnodon Surprise in the county. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Major-General Sir John Gatacre, K.C.B.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM RIGBY	...*Treble*	*WALTER LONGMAN	5
*JOHN E. WHEELDON	2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	ERNEST BENNETT	7
THOMAS HURD	4	JOHN WORTH	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged and rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. W. England, who was inducted on Thursday, July 7th, when a peal was attempted but came to grief; also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 6th bells. Mr. W. Stevenson's 50th peal, all of which have been rung with the conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the extent with the sixth and fourth as 7th and 6th place bells respectively.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEORGE BUTCHER ...	...*Treble*	HARRY HOVERD	5
JOHN H. CHESMAN	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	6
*JOHN BURLES	3	*EDWARD J. BEER	7
ERNEST W. FORBANK ...	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

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

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS	...*Treble*	EDGAR G. SWIFT	5
WILLIAM WELLING	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
FREDERICK K. BIGGS	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A peal of welcome for the new Rector. The last six bells of this octave have been in use for 180 years.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

The late DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS	...*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
CECIL E. CARR	2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	6
PERCY L. HARRISON	3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE	7
HARRY L. SMITH	4	JOHN GRANT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

W. H. Clarke's 100th peal; the same conductor also called his first peal.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED HANDLEY	...*Treble*	RALPH PARTON	5
PERCY HANDLEY	2	VICTOR HUBBLE	6
JOHN BASS	3	REGINALD GHANCE	7
CHARLES WM. COOPER ...	4	HUBERT LEE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED HANDLEY.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*CHARLES A. READ ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR H. SMITH	5
JOHN BEAMS	2	WILLIAM J. WHITING	6
GEORGE MARRINER	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
ARTHUR C. OTWAY	4	GEORGE H. COLDMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITING.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, GRANTHAM

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	...*Treble*	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	5
WILFRED J. MOSS	2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	6
NORMAN HEAPS	3	JOHN POTTER	7
ARTHUR RIDYARD	4	JOSEPH HALL	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. R. G. Parsons as Bishop of Southwark.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY HALL	...*Treble*	DAVID CRACKNELL	4
FREDERICK DEARING	2	JAMES WARDLEY	5
ALFRED WATSON	3	JOHN HALL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

Rung as a wedding peal for Miss Castleden, daughter of the Rector.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

*S. BAYLISS	...*Treble*	C. HAYLINGS	4
C. CAMM	2	F. HAWKES	5
E. MAUND	3	J. HILL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. HAYLINGS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as the quarterly peal for the association.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

H. JIM RALPH	...*Treble*	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	4
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ...	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
*ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN	3	EDWARD G. COWARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells, and the third rung on them. They were augmented to six by the addition of three trebles in 1848 by C. and G. Mears, London.

BENTHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

*ALBERT E. COATES ...	...*Treble*	*RICHARD WILSON	4
DAVID G. BATESON	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	5
ERNEST OVERSBY	3	JOHN N. KIRKBRIDE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal and belong to the local band. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Beatrice M. Garrad (second daughter of Canon and Mrs. R. Garrad) to Mr. Charles H. Scott, of Bradford.

CHILVERS-COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on Monday, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 41 mins.: E. Stone 1, C. E. Rayson 2, J. Draycott 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Thompson 5, H. Harris 6, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 7, J. E. Moreton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, after a futile peal attempt.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HENRY M. WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	*BERTRAM H. HEAD	4
*WILLIAM G. HEAD	2	*JOSHUA H. NEWSOME ...	5
GEORGE CASE	3	HORACE W. OVERTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE CASE.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the patronal festival.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BOWELL	...*Treble*	ERNEST DURRANT	4
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY	5
GEORGE A. ANDREWS	3	SIDNEY CARTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

A TOUR IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES.

LEEDS RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 9th, the band of St. Michael's, Headingley, Yorks, accompanied by friends, making up a party of nineteen in all, made a flying motor tour to some of the more remote, but beautiful and historic, Yorkshire dales. The day being a tropical one, a lovely run up through Leeming Lane brought the party via Swaledale to the historic and delightful old town of Richmond. While some went to view the fine ruins of the ancient castle, with its splendid keep, others paid a visit to the Parish Church of St. Mary, where the handy peal of eight was set going to Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative. After an excellent lunch at the Bishop Blaize Hotel, a start would have been made for another tower, but the ladies of the party had disappeared. Explanations were ultimately made, and Middleham was reached after a magnificent run through Wensleydale. In the tower of the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda hang a beautiful ring of eight by the famous Loughborough founders. They are magnificent in tone, with a tenor 18 cwt., and 'go' like the proverbial tops. Touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, and London were greatly enjoyed, and this lovely ring was left with regret. After a bountiful tea at the Commercial Hotel, a visit was paid to the neighbouring mighty ruins of the Castle of Warwick the King Maker. Time being all too short, a start was made for Sharow, near Ripon, where the handy light peal of eight were rung to a variety of methods and greatly enjoyed. Another fine run via Harrogate brought the party to Leeds at 10.30 p.m., after a delightful and pleasant day. Opportunity is here taken of thanking the various clergy and steeplekeepers for their kindness and courtesy. Incidentally, it would be interesting to know what caused Bob to make a single, what was the cause of the half-turn at Richmond tower, and who fell asleep at Middleham?

P. J. J.

A THAMES-SIDE EXCURSION.

The St. Giles', Camberwell, outing was this year taken to Henley-on-Thames and Marlow, Bucks. The journey was made on one of the beautiful days of the summer, with glorious sunshine. The party trained to Henley, and here an hour's ringing was enjoyed, with touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major. This was followed by a short stroll along the river bank at Henley whilst waiting for the bus to take the party to Marlow. A lovely ride among the narrow and beautiful lanes of Berkshire was much appreciated, and was followed by tea. The ringing at Marlow included a non-conducted touch of Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. When the ringing was brought to a close, the party, with one exception, helped themselves to more exercise on a very warm evening by rowing on the Thames. This was much appreciated, and brought to a close one of the best outings of the society. The secretary wishes to thank the clergy and others concerned for the use of their bells and for having everything in readiness.

THIRTY-EIGHT SURPRISE METHODS.

At Burton, Cheshire, on July 5th, 720 Norfolk Surprise Minor: A. E. Richards 1, J. W. Clarke 2, R. Sperring 3, J. Morgan 4, J. Swindley 5, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 6. Also 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: A. E. Richards 1, R. Sperring 2, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 3, J. W. Clarke 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan 6.

First 720's in the methods on the bells.

This company has now rung 38 of the Surprise methods as given in the new Central Council Collection.

THE BOB MAJOR RECORD.

TWO BANDS OUT FOR LONGEST LENGTH.

Last week the announcement was made in our columns that on August Bank Holiday eight members of the Hertford County Association intended to attempt a peal of 18,144 Bob Major at Bennington.

We have now been requested to make the following announcement:—

'By kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. D. A. Townend, eight members of the Kent County Association hope to ring a peal of 22,176 Bob Major at Harrietsham on August 13th. Start 6 a.m.'

If this latter attempt is successful, it will be the longest peal ever rung by one set of men. The greatest number of changes previously rung by one band is 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 1922, and the longest length on eight bells the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall in 1927.

The tenor at Harrietsham is 13½ cwt., and it was at this tower that James Barham, the famous old Kent ringer, rang many of his peals.

SUFFOLK GUILD TRY OUT DEBENHAM BELLS.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT DISTRICT MEETING.

A by-meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Debenham on July 16th, to enable all who wished to do so to try the newly restored peal, which has been rehung on ball bearings in a steel frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Over fifty ringers attended the meeting, and the bells were kept going almost continuously from two o'clock until 9.30, the methods ranging from Grandsire and Plain Bob to London and Bristol Surprise Major. Everyone was delighted with the easy running of the bells, while the improved tone of those which have been recast was commented upon very favourably. Tea was partaken of at the Parish Room, and Mr. Chas. Sedgely, Ringing Master of the Guild, congratulated the people of Debenham upon the first-class peal of bells now in their possession. He also urged the necessity for a wider and increased circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and it is to be hoped the appeal will not fall on stony ground.

A collection taken on behalf of the bell fund realised the sum of 12s. 6d., and further subscriptions in the tower later on brought the total to 17s. 6d.

The bells are some 10 or 12 feet lower than they were before, consequently the noise in the immediate vicinity of the church is not so great, while they are heard better in the distance.

The visitors were from a good many parishes, including St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Ufford, Leiston, Earl Soham, Framlingham, Stowmarket, Eye, Sudbury, Framsden, Helmingham, Otley, Grundisburgh and Wetheringsett, thus making the meeting truly representative of the Guild.

The bells will be available for peals at reasonable intervals, due allowance having to be made for public tolerance in this direction. It may be stated that considerably more than 5,000 changes were rung during Saturday afternoon and evening.

The following further donations to the fund are acknowledged with thanks: C. T. Bradley 5s., R. W. Daniels 5s., David Vincent 10s. 6d.; per Rev. Armstrong: W. G. Crickmer 5s., W. E. Maulden 2s. 6d., Wm. Flory 2s. 6d., and B. C. Ellis 10s.; Geo. Pryke 2s. 6d., E. E. Lanham 2s. 6d., collected at meeting 12s. 6d. Previously acknowledged £6 16s. 6d., total £9 14s. 6d. The fund is still open, and contributions should be sent to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association was held at Madresfield on Saturday, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. J. W. Greaves).

The bells were raised shortly after 2.45 p.m., and the service, which followed was conducted by the Vicar of Newlands, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Mardesfield.

Some of the members afterwards availed themselves of the opportunity of looking round the beautiful gardens of Madresfield Court, while others thoughtfully obtained quite a large piece of 'Madresfield' stone and placed it in the secretary's case! The secretary would like to thank the 'donor,' and wonders whether it really came from a 'Wall'!

An excellent tea, kindly arranged by Miss Knowles and helpers, was partaken of.

The Master, Mr. R. G. Knowles, took the chair at the meeting which followed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Peter's Church, Droitwich, or, if not there, at Dodderhill.

The Chairman urged the members present to buy 'The Ringing World' regularly, adding that, with increased circulation, they were promised a larger paper, and, in time, at a lower price.

A collection was made for the Belfry Repair Fund.

After the meeting the ringers further inspected the gardens, and were taken through the maze. When the roll call was subsequently taken, fortunately all were 'present.' The rock gardens were visited, and then the ringers again adjourned to the tower. The methods rung included Grandsire Doubles, Stedman and London and Cambridge Surprise. One member facetiously remarked that the bells were kept going the whole of the afternoon and evening without a 'Holt.'

EARLY INVESTIGATIONS INTO STEDMAN TRIPLES.

INTERESTING ADDITION TO GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD LIBRARY.

An interesting 'first edition' has come into the possession of the Guildford Diocesan Guild library, through the kindness of Mr. A. H. Pulling. It is the twenty-page folio, published in January, 1828, by Mr. I. P. Powell, of Quex Park, Kent, setting out his investigations into Stedman Triples. At that time the compositions available were those which consisted chiefly of bobbed or singled sixes, and very few plain sixes, the plan adopted being to keep one pair of bells together behind as long as possible. Efforts were constantly being made to reduce the number of calls, and Shipway wrote, in 'Campanalogia' in 1816, that he had 'paid great attention to the subject, but hitherto without effect; he has therefore chosen to relinquish it for the present rather than delay the publication of the work.' Shipway went to Quex Park as an instructor, for a time, and Mr. Powell, who built the Waterloo tower and installed the bells, evidently became intrigued with the problem which had baffled Shipway. Apparently he devoted some years to experiment, and then decided to publish the results.

His folio is 'dedicated, with permission, to the College and Cumberland Youths, and the different companies of Change Ringers throughout England and elsewhere.' As a frontispiece there is a print of 'Waterloo Tower, containing a peal of 12 bells, the tenor between 15 and 16 cwt., situated in Quex Park, the seat of I. P. Powell, Esq., 1828,' and attached to it is a 'tipped-in' slip, printed as follows:—

'The Author's Reason for not fixing a Price to this Publication is, that he would consider it a degradation; and that the merit or demerit should be ascertained as coming down from the hands of an amateur only, and to be considered as a Gift.'

He opens his 'Observations' with the following:—

'Professors in the Scientific Art of Change Ringing have, for many years, been endeavouring to compose a whole Peal of Stedman's Tripples, which might be considered the most perfect, by having the fewest number of bobs and singles.

'Shipway's principle appears to me to be the best adapted for that purpose, but all attempts on his principle have failed, as yet. There is a very curious Peal I have seen, composed at Birmingham, which has the 7th Bell at home at each Course End, and really is an extraordinary and ingenious production altogether. I have myself, as an Amateur, been much interested towards the accomplishment of this Peal; and although having studied it for these last six or seven years, and having experienced a vast deal of difficulty and perplexity, have also failed. I have, however, been successful in a few touches, which I have great pleasure in sending forth for the gratification and amusement of all the above societies.'

The author then goes on to give 'specimens of my productions, which, having regular Part Ends, will all repeat 4 times.' He explains the devices he has adopted to extend the possible length of the touches, which are built up principally with odd bobs, and singles of three kinds, the common single with the three back bells lying still; Holt's single with the four back bells lying still, and the Birmingham single, with the bells lying still in fourth's and fifth's places.

Three thousand three hundred changes was the longest length which the author could produce on Shipway's principle, but he gives one touch of 3,480. 'An odd thing occurred in composing this touch,' he says. 'After the second Bob, I had made up my mind to try the effect of three Bobs together; but in making the 2nd Bob of the three I found it would not go, therefore made a Single, which determined me to try a **Single between 2 Bobs**, and was **bona fide the first Touch I composed with this Passport.**'

Thereafter the 'Passport' is frequently used, but the desired end of a peal having 'the fewest number of bob and singles' finally eluded the author, who concluded: 'Feeling, now, a conviction of having pursued every plan where I have entertained any idea or possibility of success, and having failed, I do no farther hesitate to pronounce this most harassing and perplexing Peal of Stedman Tripples is totally **unattainable** on Shipway's principle, either in five parts, or if in ten, having a Single at the end of the first half to turn it; and the same number of bobs and singles in the 2nd half, and in the same places as the first half.'

The remainder of the folio consists of the touches, set out by the six-ends, which were the result of the investigations.

As a matter of historic interest, it may be added that in December, 1830, a peal by Thomas Day, with 420 bobs and 22 Holt's singles, was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and the composition is officially recorded as 'the greatest improvement made up to this period, inasmuch as no two bells were kept dodging behind more than eighteen changes.'

HARD LUCK!

On Thursday week an attempt for a peal of Surprise Minor at Isham was lost in the last two courses, owing to a rope breaking, after ringing 720 each of Beverley, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham, and 500 of Cambridge: J. Mawby 1, C. W. Clarke 2, Miss E. Steele 3, A. Smart 4, F. Ball 5, W. Perkins (conductor) 6. After the ringing, the band were kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. and Mrs. Atkins.

A MEMORIAL WINDOW.

SERVICES BY THE LATE MR. G. H. PAGETT AT STOURBRIDGE.

A stained glass window has been placed in the south wall of the nave of St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, in memory of Mr. George Henry Pagett, who for more than 50 years was a chorister at the church and a member of the band of bellringers. The window, which is the gift of Mrs. Pagett, is the work of Mr. Henry Payne, of Amberley, Gloucestershire, as are all the other windows in the nave of the church.

Mr. Pagett having been a chorister and bellringer, it was the idea of the artist to make a representation of music and bellringing in the window. The major portion of this is taken up by a group of three angels, each of which is depicted playing a musical instrument. The idea of bellringing is cleverly suggested by the three bells, which can be seen near the top left-hand corner of the window. At the base of the structure is the inscription, 'To the glory of God, and in loving memory of George Henry Pagett, bellringer and chorister for 50 years, died September 27th, 1931, aged 73.'

The window was dedicated on Sunday week by Dr. Moore Ede (Dean of Worcester), who, in his subsequent address, said the bellringers of that diocese went every Easter Monday to Worcester and held a meeting in the Chapter House. Over those meetings he had had the privilege for many years of presiding, and George Henry Pagett, who came from Stourbridge, occupied generally one of the front chairs, and so he was glad to have the opportunity of coming there that evening, and as one connected intimately with bellringers, though not a bellringer himself, to have the privilege of dedicating that window to his memory and to the honour and glory of God and the beautifying of that church.

The Dean went on to speak on 'service,' and said if we were followers of Christ we must serve; we must find some means of service. George Henry Pagett, who was commemorated in that window, for 50 years did serve. He served in the choir, and also as a ringer in the belfry. Real service must cost them something, and a man did not attend regularly there year in and year out to practise and ring in the belfry and to practise and sing in the choir without a great deal of self-denial, giving up a good deal of time and giving up many amusements with which he might otherwise have occupied his time. As a bellringer, George Henry Pagett called people living round that church to worship, as a choirman he helped to lead the praises in that church for 50 years—half a century—and he ventured to say he had his reward in life, not in hard cash but in soul, in the inward satisfaction of rendering service to God. He did it because he believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and loved Him. Now he had passed away from both choir and belfry; he had been called home, and one could feel sure he was one who would hear the welcome sentence pronounced, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

The church bells were rung prior to and following the dedication service, the ringing including a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. W. Gibbs 1, L. W. Turner 2, Jas. W. Smith 3, N. G. Leech (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, H. T. Amphlett 5, A. L. Dunn 6, A. E. Whatmore 7, A. Reynolds 8.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

VISIT TO STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

A rare event in the history of the Warwickshire Guild took place on Saturday, July 16th, when a meeting was held at Stratford-on-Avon. Visiting ringers are discouraged there, but, permission having been obtained to ring the bells at intervals, good use was made of the concession, and a number of ringers journeyed to Stratford from all parts of Warwickshire. Various methods were rung during the afternoon until five o'clock, when ringers and friends adjourned to the Riverside Cafe for a splendid tea arranged by Mr. A. W. Wright, the enthusiastic captain of the local band.

The business meeting was held upon the return to the belfry. Mr. J. Chandler (Rugby) was voted to the chair, in the absence of the president and the Ringing Master. Apologies were received from the president (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.), Messrs. J. H. W. White, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Adams, E. Pearson, J. Hinde.

The following meeting places were arranged: Southam for August, Burbage for September, to be a joint meeting with the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association, and Stoke-in-Coventry for the October quarterly.

Three new members were elected, one from Stratford, one from Rugby, and one from Ilmington, Shipston-on-Stour, while three names were ratified after their election prior to peals.

Mr. A. H. Beamish gave notice of motion that he would propose at the next quarterly meeting that the sum of one guinea be allocated to the Davies Memorial Fund.—This was seconded by Mr. J. B. Fenton.

The Chairman asked if the members present would do their best to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World' in their own towers.

Mr. T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton) spoke of the loss of Mr. Walter Martin, he being the third of that band to 'pass on' in the last eight months. A few moments' silence was observed.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar and to the local captain. Ringing continued after the meeting till about eight o'clock.

THE LATE MR. ALFRED PALMER.

MR. C. F. WINNEY'S REMINISCENCE.

'By the death of Mr. Alfred Palmer, recorded in your last issue, one is reminded,' writes Mr. C. F. Winney, 'of Lord Lonsdale's pugilistic prowess. He once knocked out John L. Sullivan, and on another occasion stopped a motor van driver for being rude (in road manners) to a lady who was nearly wrecked in trying to pass him. The noble lord dragged him off his van and gave him a good hiding. "The e'rl bain't a man, 'e be a demon sledge 'ammer," was the battered man's comment.

'One night, walking home to Maidstone from Aylesford, Alf Palmer and I were busy talking, when a man asked him for a light. Alf politely told him he had not got one, whereupon the impatient man struck him and broke his pipe in his mouth. Almost before I realised what happened, Alf had floored the intruder and followed this up by knocking out his companion, a sailor, who had come to his assistance. Palmer was a powerful man and very lovable. Both he and Tom Mannering were correct handlers of a bell.'

AN EXPERIMENT WITH TWELVE BELLS.

MINOR ON FRONT AND BACK SIXES.

The imposing, privately owned Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, was the scene of the summer meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association on Saturday last, by the kind permission of Major P. H. G. Powell-Cotton. The 26 members who attended the meeting formed a good representation of the district.

During the afternoon an interesting experiment was tried out with the twelve bells. They were set going to two sets of Minor, the leading bell in the last six striking in 7th's place, after the back bell of the first six, and the leading bell of the first six leading off the back bell of the last six. Although the attempt came to grief, owing to the back six encroaching upon the first six's field, enough was rung to show the sceptics that such a manner of ringing 12 bells was, after all, possible.

Three new members from Wickhambreux were elected: R. Dixon, A. G. White and R. Walter.

Before the meeting closed, the secretary was asked to convey to Major Powell-Cotton the meeting's appreciation and thanks for the use of the tower. A vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. Spice, who acted as chairman.

Lyminge was selected for the next meeting.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The July meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Drighlington on Saturday. Owing to the holiday season, the attendance was not up to the usual standard. The business meeting was held in the tower. The president being unavoidably absent, the chair was taken by Mr. H. Marsden (vice-president), and 32 members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bolton, Bradford, Calverley, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, Northowram, Pudsey, Rothwell, Queensbury, Idle, Almondbury, Headingley St. Michael's, and the local company.

Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. Garner, J. Newton and F. Boothroyd, of Almondroyd, J. Palfreyman, of Bolton, Bradford, and Miss Mary Jagger, of Northowram.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Drighlington for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the other arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. Baxendale, seconded by Mr. J. C. Carter, and acknowledged by Mr. J. Stitson.

DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

On Tuesday, July 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on the back eight bells, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1,932 changes) in 1 hour 17 mins.: E. C. Birkett 1, T. Hammond 2, J. Martin (composer) 3, E. Caunce 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, L. L. Gray 6, J. C. E. Simpson 7, A. Lintott 8.

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(231456)			x	x		—
356412		x	x			
543162		x	x		x	
642153		x				
453126		x	x			

The last four courses four times repeated.

This date touch is interesting because of the fact that it not only works out to a complete six, but to a complete course.

At Middleton, Lancashire, on July 12th, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. F. Stansfield and Miss M. I. Cox, a date touch of Bob Major (1,932 changes) in 1 hour 5 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, N. Bastow 4, J. Smith 5, T. A. Ogden 6, T. K. Driver 7, J. H. Bastow 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The names of eight Harolds have been received for a 'name' peal, and Mr. Harold Marcon, of 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln, would like to hear of four more to make up a band of twelve. It is suggested that the peal should take place at Leicester on Saturday, September 24th.

There is competition for the smiles of Kate. A band describing themselves as 'respectable' and 'eligible' bachelors, whose average age is only 27, have rung a peal in London. Kate, however, should not be beguiled too easily. Most of the company have already been ensnared, and wedding bells will ring for one of them, at any rate, next Monday.

Since, according to Mr. J. A. Trollope, Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire is obsolete (presumably on account of its Singles), the new method of ringing the peal, arranged by Mr. H. W. Wilde, may commend itself to the Methods Committee when they publish their new book on Triples.

By the way, lots of fun has been poked at ringers over 'Grandfather's Triples'; there will be even more scope for the humorists if the inverted method becomes permanently named as now suggested, for we shall then have Grandmother's as well as Grandfather's Triples.

Writing in the 'Daily Express,' Melson Godfrey, of Luton, suggests that no church of the twentieth century should have a tower unless it is to serve some useful purpose. The original uses of church towers have become merely history. What, therefore, he asks, is to be the use of Guildford's new Cathedral tower?

Some day, Mr. Godfrey, we hope it may contain a peal of bells, even if you think their uses are obsolete. In any case, it may help to hold the roof down, or form a landing place for those who go to the Cathedral by airplane.

RINGERS AND THE S.P.A.B.

ST. BENEDICT'S RESTORATION DISPELS CHANCES OF FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDING.

The fifty-fifth annual report of the committee of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, which has just been issued, contains interesting reviews of works of restoration and preservation in which the society has been concerned, and it is illustrated by numerous striking photographs.

The only quoted instance of bell restoration is that at St. Benedict's, Cambridge, carried out by the ringers of England in connection with the Stedman commemoration, and the report is specially interesting in view of the conflict of opinion which sometimes arises between the society and those who have to deal with church bells from the point of view of practical use. The report says:—

'The bell-ringers of England have not in the past always approved of the society's recommendations regarding ancient "rings," bell cages and bell towers. A newspaper representing this fraternity has sometimes used its weight and perhaps displayed a little acrimony in criticism of the society's recommendations and beliefs in this matter. The confliction of opinion eventually led to personal meetings when the common interest in bells, bellringing and bell hanging proved, because of its genuine character, the means of stilling mere controversy. The evidence of this better understanding was shown by the action of the president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, together with the Editor of "The Ringing World," when they informed the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings that it was proposed to put the bells of St. Benedict's Church tower, Cambridge, in proper ringing order in commemoration of the great campanologist, Fabian Stedman, who was born in 1631, and developed there the English system of "change ringing."

'The society welcomed this approach, and the joint bodies caused a report to be drawn up upon the tower and bells showing how the work could be done. This report was approved by all authorities concerned, and the work has been completed in accordance with it.

'The sentiment which bellringers have for these bells, which the great Stedman, father of that Exercise, swung full circle in rhythmic motion, is akin to that which members of this society have for old buildings; and the way in which the problem of the bells at St. Benedict's was approached by both parties has done more to dispel the chances of misunderstanding than could have been effected by a process of reasoned argument.'

METHOD NAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have several times published methods without names, so that any band ringing the first peal might name the method; and on other occasions, where a method had been named, I have given permission for those ringing the first peal to alter the name if they wished to do so.

It was impossible for the Beddington band to ask Mr. Craven's permission, but, seeing that there is already a 'Lincolnshire' Surprise, I think Mr. Craven would have willingly agreed, had he been alive, to the name given by the Beddington band.

That there is a precedent for the name of a method to be changed is part of my experience. In March, 1900, I published a method in 'Bell News' which I called 'Brighton Court Bob'; when the first peal was rung in September, 1922, without asking any permission from myself, the name was changed to 'Cambridge Court Bob.'—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

THREE ASSOCIATIONS FRATERNISE.

JOINT MEETING AT ST. ALBANS.

At least thirty-five towers—there may have been others—were represented at a meeting held at St. Albans on Saturday, when the members of three associations fraternised—the Hertford County Association receiving the Bedfordshire Association and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. Unofficially, also, the Ladies' Guild shared in the proceedings, and altogether there were about 80 ringers present.

St. Albans has some distinct attractions for ringers: its fine old Abbey with a peal of eight bells; St. Peter's Church, with a ring of ten, which once were twelve; and two rings of six. Only the Abbey and St. Peter's bells were available on Saturday, but they amply served the visitors, and touch after touch followed in quick succession in each tower during the afternoon and evening. While ringing at St. Peter's one wondered if the day would arrive when the spacious tower—surely one of the larger parish church belfries that can be found—would once more house a ring of twelve bells. Modern founding could easily provide trebles of balance and quality to harmonise with the rest, and modern engineering would ensure, if there be any doubt about it, the safety of structure.



ST. ALBANS ABBEY

Where the members of three associations rang together on Saturday.

The climb to the heights of the Abbey tower is characteristic of most of our cathedrals, but if the final stairway were built by the monks for their own use, they were not of the spaciously rotund variety so commonly depicted: indeed, we heard of one London ringer—unhappily now no longer with us—who had to be literally pushed through the final stages of that staircase. The ringing room, formed in one corner of the tower among the heavy timbers that carry the bell frame, is unlighted except by artificial means, but from a gallery outside the low door the imposing length of the nave roof provides the foreground of an expansive view.

St. Albans was once a Roman stronghold, Verulam, and the Abbey was built in the eleventh century, in connection with the monastery that was founded some centuries earlier, in memory of Alban, one of the first Christian martyrs in England. The building is remarkable for its great length, measuring 548 feet from east to west.

VISITING ASSOCIATIONS WELCOMED.

After the afternoon's ringing on Saturday, the ringers assembled in St. Peter's Church for service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the customary form of the Herts Association being used. The hymns used were, 'We love the place, O God,' 'Glorious things of thee are spoken,' and a ringers' special hymn—

'Hark, the bells are softly pealing
From the steeple, dark and high.'

The blending of so many men's voices in the singing was something to be remembered. The Vicar gave a short address, in which he extended a special welcome to the members of the visiting associations. Basing his remarks upon the words from the lesson, 'Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God' (Isaiah xl. 1), he referred to the power of Christian fellowship, and urged ringers to seize every opportunity they could to spread abroad the message of Christ in this very materialistic age.

Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer of the Herts County Association and one of its earliest members) presided over the tea served at the Clarendon Hotel, and among those present were Miss Steel (vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association and president of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president of the Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Pickworth, Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the Middlesex Association), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Coles, Mr. A. E. Sharman (hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association), Mr. W. Pye (Master of the Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Pye, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. A. W. Coles (Master of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association), Mr. G. R. Goodship (assistant secretary), Mr. W. Nash (district secretary of the Herts County Association), etc.

The Chairman said that was the first time the three associations had met in once place and practised together, and on behalf of the Hertfordshire Association he extended a hearty welcome to their brothers of Middlesex and Beds. He apologised for the absence of the secretary of the Herts Association (Mr. G. W. Cartmel), who was away on holidays, and also the president. He hoped that meeting would not be the first and last of its kind, but that they would meet again in some place or other. Such gatherings, as Mr. Cartmel had written to him, renewed old friendships and established new ones. He was very pleased to see so many young ringers present. It was astonishing what they could do if they liked to try, but it was only by coming out and taking part in ringing at other towers that they could become known to one another.

Mr. Walter Ayre endorsed the welcome expressed by the chairman to the Middlesex and Bedfordshire Associations, and regretted that there were so few representatives of the Herts Association present.

JOINT MEETINGS IMPROVE RELATIONS.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in acknowledging the reception extended to the visitors, said when they first instituted joint meetings a few years ago they started with a small gathering at Northaw; since then they had gradually grown. The Middlesex Association had combined with the Hertfordshire Association in meetings at North Mymms, Hadley and Barnet, but that gathering at St. Albans had beaten the lot in size and enthusiasm. He was pleased indeed to see so many present, especially of his own association. While it was the first meeting of the three, he saw no reason why it should be the last, but as it might be difficult for Bedfordshire ringers to get to Middlesex, or Middlesex ringers to get to Bedfordshire, he suggested it would be convenient to continue to meet in Hertfordshire. It was Mr. Nash's idea to meet in the central city of the diocese. He was pleased to see present so many prominent members of the Ladies' Guild, including the president and the hon. secretary, so that they might almost say that it was a meeting of four associations. Joint meetings were like spliced peals—they grew—and he did not see why they should not splice in even more than three associations at a similar meeting. He thanked the Hertfordshire Association for their welcome, and said the joint meetings had been the means of extending the cordial relations between the two associations and removing the little jealousies that used to be caused when they rang in each other's territory.

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A CAMBRIDGESHIRE RING REHUNG.

SWAVESEY BELLS IN A NEW FRAME.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the reopening of the rehung six bells at St. Andrew's Church, Swavesey, Cambs, took place, great interest being displayed in the event. Ringers were present from Buckden, Cambridge, Chatteris, Cherryhinton, Harlow (Mr. G. Dent), Histon, Oakington, Over, Springfield (Mr. and Mrs. E. Runter), Sutton, Somersham, Trumpington and Willingham, with a good muster of Swavesey ringers. The bells, a fine ring cast at the former St. Neots foundry, date back to the year 1753, and have been almost silent for nearly ten years. Great joy was manifested among the parishioners when they heard their cheerful note once again. Many people attended the dedication service, which was intoned by Rev. C. E. O. Finch, M.A. (Vicar), attended by the Rural Dean (Rev. A. C. Hair, M.A.) and Rev. F. G. Weston, M.A. The dedication ceremony was performed by Bishop Price, of Ely, and as the choir and clergy proceeded to the chancel rounds were rung by six local ringers: H. Key 1, E. Prior 2, B. Hodson 3, T. Fromant 4, F. Hemington 5, R. Mitham 6. The lesson was read by Rev. A. C. Hair. In his address, based on the words, 'Freely ye have received, freely give,' the Bishop explained how the church had been handed down from generation to generation, and it was the duty of all to keep it in a state of good preservation. Much had been done to this church of late years, and here was another instance of more good work in placing a new frame, etc., for the bells in the tower.

Tea was provided at the Vicarage, the local ringers doing their finishing rounds and rejoicing on the bells. After tea, Mr. F. Warrington (Over), acting on behalf of Mr. B. Hodson, selected a band for Stedman (the opening touch by request): Miss K. Willers (Trumpington) 1, G. Dent (Harlow) 2, E. Runter (Springfield) 3, A. J. Abrams (Chatteris) 4, F. Warrington (Over) (conductor) 5, W. Dyer (Croydon) 6. Everyone was very pleased with the 'go' of the bells, their verdict being one word, 'perfect.'

The work was done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon fame, and it reflects great credit on the firm, as the boring and balancing had to be done in the tower by hand, which is a test of skill and patience.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. C. Johnston (head of the firm), he was represented by Mr. W. Dyer, who also did the work of rehanging. Ringing was indulged in until about 9.20 p.m., the methods rung including Plain Bob, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Norwich and London Surprise, and rounds for the beginners. The approximate weight of the tenor is 14 cwt. Thus it has grown smaller, for it was over a ton according to local gossip years ago.

A very successful day was brought to a conclusion by the first 720 on the bells since rehanging: R. Smith 1, B. Hodson 2, D. Adams 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, M. Ginn 5, R. Mitham 6.

THREE ASSOCIATIONS AT ST. ALBANS.

(Continued form previous page.)

Miss Steel thanked the Hertford County Association for the invitation extended to the members of the Bedfordshire Association. They had enjoyed themselves very much, and it was very nice to be able to come to St. Albans. The annual meeting of the two associations always clashed on Easter Monday, but this meeting had given them the opportunity of meeting their Hertfordshire friends and ringing in the towers of St. Albans. It was also a pleasure to meet so many ringers from Middlesex, and she hoped, when next there was a joint meeting, there would be more Hertfordshire ringers present.

Mr. Coles expressed pleasure at the presence of the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' and made an appeal to all present to use every endeavour to extend the circulation of the paper, first of all because it was the only ringing paper, and they could not do without it; and, secondly, because if sufficient additional support were forthcoming they were promised a larger paper, and those who now were disappointed that they could not get their touches and small reports published would be disappointed no longer. Incidentally, Mr. Coles was able to 'get one back' on the Editor over the report which appeared last week in connection with certain happenings in Lincolnshire.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith spoke of the increased scope and value which could be given to 'The Ringing World' if the appeal now being made for wider support for the paper was adequately responded to.

Mrs. Fletcher acknowledged the greeting and welcome extended to the Ladies Guild, and the proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by the chairman, to the Vicar of St. Peter's, to the organist, to Mr. Nash, and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Further ringing brought the pleasant meeting to a close, but this report would not be complete without the recognition of the efforts of Mr. W. Nash in organising the local arrangements. Among the towers represented were the Abbey and St. Peter's, St. Albans, Bedford, Barton-le-Cley, Bromham, Cardington, Chalfont, Chipping Barnet, Deptford, Dunstable, Ealing, Enfield, Edmonton, Harrow Weald, Harpenden, Hemel Hempstead, Kilburn, Kimpton, Leytonstone, London (St. Margaret's, Westminster; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; and St. Giles-in-the-Fields), North Mymms, Pinner, Ravensden, Ruislip, Romford, Staines, Sittingbourne, Tring, Twickenham, Willesden, Woking, Woburn and Walthamstow.

GRANDAM TRIPLES.

A NEW WAY OF RINGING HOLT'S TEN-PART.

BY H. W. WILDE.

1234567
2143657
2416375
4261735
4627153
6472513
6745231
7654321
7563412
5736142
5371624
3517264
3152746

1357264
1632746

Grandam is the companion method to Grandsire. In this variation the bell in the hunt is coursing before the treble.

Third's place is made at the handstroke lead of the treble; the bells above 3rd's place dodge together.

At a bob, 3rd's place is made when the treble is in 2nd's place after leading; the bells above 3rd's make an extra dodge.

Single, same as Grandsire.

The following are the figures of the peal of Spliced Triples rung at Eccleston, Cheshire, as recorded in the peal columns this week.

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

1st half. Grandam. 234567	2nd half. Grandsire. 324567
752634—1	753624—1
346257—2	247365—2
236745—5	342576—5
726534—5	543627—5
457326—1	765243—1
347652—5	267354—5
526743—2	542736—2
756324—5	745623—5
376452—5	647352—5
436275—5	346275—5

Each to be repeated four times, Grandsire Single half way and end.

In this peal both halves are called alike (the calling must not be reversed for the second half or the peal will be false).

It is believed to be the first time Holt's Ten-part has been rung with the ordinary Grandsire Singles, also the first with all the ten parts called alike.

As the Bob at 1 in Grandam is made at the first row after rounds, the conductor should call it immediately after calling 'Go.'

This composition may be rung the other way about, Grandsire for the first half and Grandam for the second half; the Bob at 1 in the first part of the 2nd half then comes immediately after the Single is made.

The above plan may be adopted for peals in most of the regular seven-bell methods, such as Double Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and other methods.

The Grandam Variation is also very suitable for ringing on five bells, as six-scores can be got with all the ten different callings as used for Grandsire Doubles, and if the 4th's place Single is used there are sixteen different callings, as given in the new Central Council 'Collection.'

A large number of different six-scores may be got by ringing them on the spliced plan, half Grandsire and half Grandam.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

On Saturday, July 16th, about twenty members and friends of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild attended a very enjoyable meeting at Harlington. Ringing on the peal of six bells (tenor 8 cwt.) took place during the afternoon, and the church, with its fine Norman doorway and the yew tree, reputed to be over one thousand years old, in the churchyard, was much admired.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Hector W. Reindorp, and the lesson was read by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, vice-president of the association. The Rector, in his very interesting address, gave the association a warm welcome to Harlington.

After the service tea was ably served in the Church Hall by Miss Esam, Mr. C. Portsmouth, of the local band, and Mrs. Portsmouth. The chair was taken by the vice-president, supported by the Ringing Master, the hon. treasurer, the assistant hon. secretary and others, and the Rector was just able to partake of a cup of tea before leaving to fulfil another engagement.

At the business meeting which followed, discussions were held upon the Central Council resolution urging ringers to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and upon the attempts being made by the Vicar and parishioners of West Drayton to raise the necessary funds to recondition the six bells at West Drayton Parish Church. Both matters were adjourned for further discussion at the next meeting.

The Rev. L. E. Prout, Vicar of West Drayton, was elected a life hon. member, and the election prior to a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Mary's, Ealing, on May 28th, 1932, of Mrs. G. H. Cross as a non-resident member, was confirmed.

Cordial votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to Miss Esam and Mr. and Mrs. C. Portsmouth for preparing the tea, and to Mr. H. Payne, of the local band, and the members returned to the tower for further ringing.

DEATH OF MR. J. R. JERRAM.

A WILTSHIRE 'PIONEER.'

We deeply regret to announce the death at his residence, The Close, Salisbury, of Mr. J. R. Jerram, who passed away at the advanced age of over 80 years. Mr. Jerram, who had been in ill-health for a considerable time, was one of the original members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and only at the jubilee meeting in May was re-elected on the committee as a recognition of his long and valuable services and for the sake of his extensive knowledge of the work of the Guild.

Mr. Jerram's association with bells was intimate and almost life-long. He was an authority on bell archæology, and had a wonderful collection of rubbings of bell inscriptions and decoration. He had written many articles on bell history for 'The Ringing World.' He was for a long period librarian of Salisbury Cathedral.

In his younger days he was a keen change ringer, and took part in a number of early peals in Wiltshire and by the Salisbury Guild. He conducted the first 720 ever rung in the city of Salisbury. In 1883 he was appointed inspector of belfries and instructor in change ringing, but a year later handed over the duties of this latter office to Mr. Tom Blackbourn, on becoming general secretary of the Guild. He had also represented the Guild on the Central Council. Although he had ceased, for reasons of age and infirmity, to take any active part in ringing, Mr. Jerram maintained a close interest in the art up to the very end, and his death removes a distinguished figure from the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DELIGHTFUL DAY IN DORSET.

A very successful by-meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held on Saturday week, Maiden Newton being the centre and meeting place, with five other towers for practice, all of which are situated in country known as the Groom Valley. All six rings of bells were available during the afternoon and evening. Most of the members came in motor conveyances and rang at the churches en route. The first call was at Bradford Peverell, but, unfortunately, a crack in the spire had been observed, and it was found advisable not to ring there.

Stratton was the next place, and here the five bells were rung. At Frampton, the Vicar and local ringers were waiting to receive the members, and, following a few short touches on the six bells, the Vicar conducted them around his landscape gardens and the beautiful church, for which Frampton is noted, and where, it is believed, stood a Saxon church.

Maiden Newton Church has a large central embattled tower, and combines Perpendicular and Norman architecture. The pillars and chancel arch and north door are also Norman. Here some good practice was obtained. The six bells were rehung and tuned by Mears and Stainbank about five years ago, and 'go' like the proverbial top. A short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. B. J. Langham). He gave the members a warm welcome, and remarked it was the first time the Dorchester Branch had visited Maiden Newton. He thought it was only right they should have their beautiful service to ask God to give their work His blessing.

Tea followed on the Rectory lawn, 55 members and friends being present, representing 20 towers, while welcome visitors outside the Dorset branches were Messrs. C. W. Denyer and W. H. Viggars (Aldershot), J. H. Sheppard (Swindon), W. E. Proke (St. Giles-in-the-Fields), J. T. Fulford and F. C. Smith (Salisbury).

At the conclusion, the Rev. A. F. Godly proposed the usual vote of thanks, which was seconded by the hon. secretary, and especially referred to the kindness of the Rector in providing tea. The motion was carried with acclamation.

The hon. secretary gave all the visitors a warm welcome. As there was no business, the members at once repaired to the tower (while the friends were given permission to stroll round the Rectory gardens), and some good practice in Doubles and Minor was indulged in. By this time other parties had arrived to swell the number to nearly 80. Some went on to the other towers, the great attraction being Cattistock, where the members inspected the carillon and rang on the eight bells. Triples was the order of the day here, as the tenor was going none to well. The members were enraptured by this magnificent and ideal tower.

> 'The Frome, wi' ever-watered brink,
> Do run where shelven hills do zink,
> Wi' housen all a-closen roun',
> The parish tow'r below the down.'
>
> Barnes (the Dorset poet).

The bells were lowered at 8 o'clock, so that the carillon of 35 bells might be played by the clockwork arrangement, while the members assembled outside to listen. They then went on to Sydling, where the local band had everything in readiness, and the Vicar was also there to welcome them. Some good practice was put in with the North Dorset 'fans' and to the credit of one of them, who had rung in the peal of Stedman Caters at Yeovil during the afternoon, he was at the back end helping the learners. This was continued until about 10 o'clock, when a very happy day ended, some good spade work having been put in.

ANCIENT BELLS AT GREAT NESS.

AUGMENTATION AT A SHROPSHIRE CHURCH.

The dedication on July 15th of the augmented ring of six bells at Great Ness will not soon be forgotten in this small Shropshire village. Indeed it was of such importance to the inhabitants that special services were held on the following Sunday. Their enthusiasm must have been catching, as forty ringers attended the dedication service, some from more than forty miles away, this despite the fact that the service did not begin until 7.30 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Lichfield performed the dedication, and gave an eloquent address on the uses of bells through the ages, much to the enlightenment of the crowded congregation, and perhaps to many ringers present.

Up to a few months ago the fine old 13th century tower contained three bells, the frame and fittings of which were in a badly decayed and dangerous condition. The Vicar, the Rev. F. Brighton, recognised this, and called in the leading bell founders to give a detailed report and estimates for their restoration. The Vicar, and, indeed, the whole parish, have long wanted a suitable way to perpetuate the memory of benefactors to the village. They therefore decided to add three lighter bells to the existing ones for this purpose, and equip the whole with a new iron frame and fittings. It was decided to accept Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's tender.

When the old bells were dismantled it was found that the tenor was cracked in its crown, and had therefore to be recast. The old No. 1, which is now the 4th, is of great antiquity, probably 500 years old. Tradition says it came from the Valle Crucis Abbey. There are five words inscribed on it: 'Santa Marir Ora Pro Nobis.' Also six figures: The sign of the Cross, two grotesque winged figures, a lion's head with protruding tongue, and the heads of Henry VI. and Margaret Anjou.

The old No. 2, now No. 5, is inscribed as cast by William Clibury, 1634.

Because of the age of these two bells, special precautions have been taken to preserve their form by fitting the firm's patent canon retaining headstocks.

With the completed work, the church has now a ring of six with a tenor a few pounds under 8 cwt., mounted on a very massive iron frame, and all the latest design of fittings.

It was the unanimous opinion of all present that the 'go' is perfect, while the tone could not be surpassed. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on the wonderful way they have tuned the new bells to blend with the old ones.

After the dedication service, tea and refreshments were provided for the visitors on the Vicarage lawn. Meanwhile the bells were in continuous use.

Regrets were expressed that Mr. C. F. Johnston could not be present, owing to illness. Mr. S. R. Roper deputised for him.

On the following Sunday the services were conducted by the Rev. B. C. Dorrell, Vicar of Ruyton-XI.-Towns, and the Rev. P. A. Parrott, Vicar of Little Ness.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles was attempted during the afternoon under the conductorship of Mr. Bungay, of Ruyton-XI.-Towns, but unfortunately this came to grief after an hour's ringing.

A special appeal, from the pulpit, was made for recruits to form a band of ringers, the teaching of which is being undertaken by Mr. Bungay.

The Vicar and his parishioners are to be heartily congratulated on the results of their efforts and providing Shropshire with another good peal of bells.

The inscriptions and weights are as follow:—

			cwt.	qr.	lb.
1.	G sharp.	To the glory of God and in loving memory of Samuel James Lewis, of Wilcot Hall. Died August, 1919. And of John, his son, who gave his life in the Great War, September, 1918.	3	0	14
2.	F sharp.	To the glory of God and in memory of the Stephen Price family.	3	2	14
3.	E.	To the glory of God and in memory of F. J. Stanley, Vicar; J. Jones, Schoolmaster.	3	3	19
4.	D sharp.	Sancta Marir ora pro nobvs.	4	2	1
5.	C sharp.	William Hvghes, Iohn Hvmfresvs, Wardens, 1634.	5	1	15
6.	B.	William Broome, Iohn Woofe, Chvrch Wardens, 1655. This peal restored and enlarged 1932. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.	7	3	17

On bells 1, 2, and 3, 'Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1932.'

A UNIQUE QUARTER-PEAL.

A family quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Tunstall, Kent, on Sunday, July 24th, for divine service, the ringers being W. Spice, sen. (father), W. Spice, jun. (son), G. H. Spice (son), Mrs. G. H. Spice (daughter-in-law), E. H. Spice (son), Mrs. E. H. Spice (daughter-in-law), J. W. Unwin (son-in-law), and W. Gorman, who obliged with the tenor, in the absence of another Spice. The quarter-peal was fittingly conducted by the father of the family. Is this the prelude of a family peal?

BIG BEN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I listened in to the opening of the Ottawa Conference, and was struck by the harmonious chimes and clock bell, which were far more melodious than those of Westminster, now so familiar to listeners.

Is it not time that the authorities took steps towards recasting 'Big Ben,' whose inharmonious tone is unworthy of its prominent position and does no credit to its founder?—Yours obediently,

A 'RETIRED CLERIC.'

'OUR NEW VICAR.'

REJOICINGS AT FARNHAM ROYAL.

Considerable rejoicing took place amongst the inhabitants of Farnham Royal during the week ending Saturday, July 23rd, to celebrate the presentation and induction of the Rev. Francis D. Valsey, M.A., into the Rectory of Farnham Royal. On Tuesday evening a crowded church, with many of the neighbouring clergy and the Rural Dean, escorted by the churchwardens, gathered to witness the ceremony which was conducted by the Bishop of Buckingham. The actual 'knocking' at the door and handing of the key took place at the entrance to the tower; on the other side of the door a bright-coloured sally hung, and was employed for tolling the bell to signify his 'taking possession.'

Before service the bells were fully manned, with the help of three ladies, and a variety of musical touches rung under the leadership of Mr. J. J. Parker. As the congregation left the church, further joy 'peals' were rung, whilst the clergy unrobed at the adjoining schools and the parishioners gathered together at the Village Hall for the reception and social introductions all round.

Special permission having been granted to attempt a full peal on the bells (a rare event), this was successfully accomplished on Saturday, July 23rd, by a team of Oxford Diocesan Guild members, and the first peal of 'Cambridge' on these bells duly brought home. Thanks are due to the veteran towerkeeper, Mr. Parker, for organising the ringing and preparing bells and ropes, also for locking the band in the belfry in case of an 'attack.' The new Rector was educated at Tonbridge School, is an M.A. of St. John's College, Oxford, and was a layman at Bethnal Green under "Dick" Sheppard, who afterwards became Rector of St. Martin's and Dean of Canterbury, and has seen war service. At the conclusion of the 'peal of welcome,' an al fresco supper was enjoyed at the Crown Inn, with Mr. Parker in the chair. Mr. Martin thanked the authorities for the use of the bells and their hospitality. During the intervals of smoke and chat, it was gleaned that the author of the famous 'Twelve-part' had helped to 'ring in' six Rectors and to 'ring out' 60 old years, whilst his two sons and a daughter had mastered ringing, and now two grandchildren are trying their best to excel grandad. It is thus that 'Father Time' continues to ring his own changes.

W. H. F.

EDMUNDSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

12345678

21436587
12346857
21438675
24136857
42316587
24135678
42315768
24351786
42537168
45231786
54327168
45237618
42536781
24357618
23456781
32547681
35246718
53427681
54326718
45236178
54321687
53426178
35241687
53214678
35124768
53217486
35127846
31528764
13257846
31527486
13254768
13527486

Bob.
12357486

5,024 Changes.

23456	W.	B.	M.	H.
42356				—
35264	—	—	—	—
26354	—			—
32654				—
63254				—
56234	—			
23564	—			—

Twice repeated, calling the second part from

43265				
52436	—		—	—
64235			—	—
23645	—			—

The first peal in this method was rung by the Suffolk Guild at Helmingham, Suffolk, on Friday, July 22nd, 1932.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16th, a quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at Eling. Service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. Thistle). Tea and business meeting were held in the Loxby Club Room, presided over by the Rector of Dibden.

Two ringers from Dibden were elected members of the Guild.

Those present included the Vicar of Eling, Mr. E. E. Yeoman (churchwarden), Mr. G. Williams (vice-president) and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pullinger and members from Bishopstoke, Brockenhurst, Dibden, North Stoneham, Southampton and Eling.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the interesting address at the service. The methods rung were Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

The next meeting will be held at Romsey on October 15th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Hambledon on Saturday, July 23rd, when members were present from Bishop's Waltham, Hambledon, North Stoneham, Portsmouth, Petersfield, Swanmore, Titchfield, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd from Swindon.

The bells were available during the afternoon, and an excellent tea was served on the lawn of the George Hotel, after which the business meeting was held.

J. Wilcox and J. Pearce (Hambledon) were elected new members, and Shedfield was selected for the next meeting, to be held on October 22nd.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Hambledon (who was unable to be present) for the use of the bells and to the local band for having everything in readiness were accorded by the district chairman.

Methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

ENTHRONEMENT OF BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

PEAL IN CELEBRATION AT MANCHESTER.

The peal of Stedman Triples at St. James', Birch, Manchester, was rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. R. G. Parsons as Bishop of Southwark. Dr. Parsons was formerly Vicar of St. James', Birch, and also Bishop of Middleton, Suffragan of Manchester and Sub-Dean of Manchester Cathedral.

After the peal, the band, with the local company, were entertained to tea by Mr. E. G. L. Mosely and ladies of the parish, the Vicar being away at the enthronement.

During tea a telegram of congratulation was sent to Dr. Parsons from the company.

St. James' Church possesses a young and enthusiastic band, and they were given some sound advice and encouragement by the peal ringers, who urged them to keep together and become good, first-class men, both for the tower and ringing in general.

After tea, the handbells were got out, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples were rung.

Mr. Mosely thanked the visitors on behalf of the Vicar and the churchpeople for coming along to ring a splendid peal, which, he said, was a credit both in striking and music to all concerned.

The visitors replied, thanking the Vicar the ladies who provided the tea and waited on the party, Mr. Mosely, the local company for the use of the bells, and Mr. Richard Longden for getting the band together and making all the arrangements with the people of St. James'.

The peal is recorded elsewhere in this issue. The treble and 6th ringers belong to St. Mark's, Worsley, 2nd to Stretford, 3rd to St. Mary's, Eccles, 4th to Manchester Cathedral, 5th to St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, 7th to St. Paul's, Walkden, tenor to St. John's, Miles Platting.

MALDON RINGERS' OUTING.

The All Saints', Maldon, ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, June 18th, when they made a tour through part of Hertford. Leaving Maldon by coach at 7 a.m., a party of 23 ringers and friends journeyed to Bishop's Stortford, where breakfast was served at Long's Restaurant, and before starting off again the handbells were rung to short touches of Triples, Major and Caters. The towers visited during the day were Hunsdon, the Abbey and St. Michael's at St. Albans, Watford and Waltham Abbey. At St. Albans Abbey a diocesan children's festival was in progress in the afternoon, and the visitors had the privilege of helping to ring for the service. During the day touches of Triples and Major (Treble Bob and Double Norwich) were rung, with rounds on the twelve bells at Waltham Abbey. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' the Maldon ringers would like to thank those who so kindly met them and helped to make the outing such an enjoyable one.

DEVIZES.—On Thursday, July 14th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Hillier: J. Culley 1, G. England 2, W. Greenland 3, S. Smith 4, G. Winter 5, S. Hillier (conductor) 6, P. S. Smith 7, F. Edwards 8. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. John's, except P. S. Smith, who is from High Wycombe, Bucks.

THE BELLS O' LONDON.

BY 'CASCABLE.'

What would we do without them all'
I'd really like to know.
If silent were 'the noble "rings"'
Of 'Martin's,' 'Paul's,' or 'Bow.'
*Since 'Grandsire' or 'Bob Maximus'
No longer charmed their ears,
Those fat stone cherubs would, I know,
Turn laughing praise to tears.

The ghosts, themselves, would make a 'sett';
A most historic band!
Here, Adm'ral Francis Geary,
There, 'Butcher' Cumberland,
John Hardham, see, to 'prentice hands
His famous snuff confides,
While changing 'music for the nose'
To that rung out at 'Bride's.

With Slingsby-Bethel, Henry Tulse,
Or Watkin William Wynn.
Just pick them out of any year,
They would again join in;
We ringers with 'the second gift'
Would man the 'list'ning posts'
In Benet, Sermon, Distaff Lane,
And we would **hear** our ghosts.

No need for that. For yet we fill
The towers they have filled.
'Royal Cumberlands' and 'College Youths,'
With others of the Guild.
'Love of the thing'—our innate strength:
A harmony unmarred:
For, with 'The Exercise' it's ruled
'That politics be barred.'

* Note: As these methods were the Campanological Mellin's Food on which the infants were first brought up, I hope I may be pardoned for not mentioning the more advanced—and sometimes—indigestible fare.

A DATE TOUCH.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Mere, Wilts, on Thursday, July 14th, in 1 hr. 18 mins., a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,932 changes): A. Bunce 1, J. Ralph 2, H. Parsons 3, A. Trotman 4, J. Gray 5, W. Shute 6, E. Coward 7, W. Keates 8. Composed by H. Brown, of Bath, and conducted by E. Coward. Arranged for the ringers of the 3rd and 4th; also rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the third.

ELTHAM VETERAN'S DEATH.

The death occurred on July 16th of Mr. Francis Fraser, the veteran ringer at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Eltham, Kent, who passed away at the age of 82. Mr. Fraser had been connected with the church at Eltham for 64 years, and was laid to rest on Thursday, July 21st, in the churchyard not far from the tower and bells he loved so well.

In the evening, eight members of the Kent County Association rang a muffled peal to his memory.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCH.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Nelson Bourne (first quarter-peal) 1, C. H. Sone 2, B. Thirkell (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, H. Baker 4, J. Head 5, T. E. Sone 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, A. J. Honess 8. Rung on the 12th anniversary of the conductor's wedding at Staplehurst.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Gransden on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please advise how many will be present to tea by Wednesday, August 3rd.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots, Hunts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5, at moderate charge. All welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Newington on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea generously provided by the Vicar, Church Council, and bellringers, followed by business meeting. —Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

RANMORE.—On July 30th, combined meeting of the Surrey Association (N.W. District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District). — Well-known bells and scenery, and Sunday and Monday to get back home. Tower open at 3 o'clock, tea at 5. Same place, but under new management, so please let me know early how many will require tea.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30, everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. Carbutt, 17, Sackville Street, Barnsley. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

RINGERS' GARDEN PARTY at Barnsley. By the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon A. E. and Mrs. Hone, the Rectory grounds will be open to all ringers and wives on Saturday, July 30th, at 2 p.m. Bells available all day. Barnsley, St. Mary's (8), Monk Bretton (6), Darton (6), Service 4 p.m. Photographs 4.45. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath.

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at Oldham Parish Church. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. — Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. The Bolton police again invite ringers and friends to their Bowling Green, Bromwich Street, on Saturday, August 6th. Usual arrangements for food. Names, please, not later than August 3rd, to Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Frequent bus service from Tramway Centre (Colston Street). Return fare 1s.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Cottenham on Saturday, July 30th. Usual arrangements. Please look up Ely Delight. I will send diagram to anyone who applies to me for same. —K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lichborough (6), near Towcester, on Saturday, July 30th. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting for the election of officers will be held at Titchmarsh (8) on Saturday, July 30th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped all members will make an effort to attend. — J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. The next ringing meeting will be held at Selston (Notts) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at East Keal on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. All ringers welcome. John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Southwold on Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells (8) available all day. Tea at Chapman's Restaurant at 4.30, 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Crewe on Monday, August 1st. Service in Christ Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Warrington. Business meeting, Christ Church School, 12 noon. Luncheon at the Euston Restaurant, 1 p.m. Tickets, 2/- for non-members, 1/6 members, may be had from the Branch Secretaries, or the General Secretary, the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich Vicarage, Cheshire.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop (8 bells) on Bank Holiday, August 1st. For tea please notify Mr. Johnson at meeting. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittlesey on Bank Holiday, August 1st. The bells of St. Mary's (8) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available during the day. Service at St. Andrew's at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

HINTON WALDRIST, FARINGDON. — Grand fete on August Bank Holiday for Church Funds. Tower (6 bells) open all day to ringers. Bells recently rehung by Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND NOTTINGHAM SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will be held at Newark-on-Trent on Monday, August 1st. The bells (10) will be open for ringing at 2 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark. It is hoped that a nearby 6-bell peal will be obtained for ringing on the day. Good attendance requested.—F. Blood and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 4th, *The Coffee Pot on the 9th (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—Dedication of peal tablet will take place on August 6th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (free). Those intending to be present please notify me. All ringers welcome. — H. C. Jones, The Gardens, Chequers, Ellesborough, Bucks.

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HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.—Dedication of the augmented ring of 8 on Saturday, August 6th, at 3 p.m., by Right Rev. Bishop Roscow Shedden, D.D. Visiting ringers requiring tea are asked to notify Rev. J. C. Cohen, Harwell, near Didcot, not later than Wednesday, August 3rd. Tower open for ringing after tea. Thanksgiving services, Sunday, August 7th, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Ringers welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Next meeting Castleton, Saturday, August 6th. Church of St. Edmund (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.), available afternoon and evening. Tea 5 p.m., Payne's, Peak Cavern Road. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Owing to illness at Hythe the next meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, August 6th. Tower open 2.30. Travelling allowances will be allowed. Tea at 5 o'clock. A card would be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Meetings at St. Clement Danes', Strand.—Aug. 7th, Sunday morning service, 10 a.m.; Aug. 8th, practice, 7.30 p.m.; Aug. 22nd, practice, 7.30 p.m.; Sept. 4th, Sunday morning service, 10 a.m.; Sept. 5th, practice, 7.30 p.m.; Sept. 19th, practice, 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. O. Moore, Hon. Sec.

TALATON, DEVON.—The ring of 6, rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bermuda on Thursday, August 11th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after the service. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for visiting ringers. Notification to be sent to the Rector by Tuesday, August 9th.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Offley on August 13th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Green Man Inn. Mr. L. Fidler, 11, Victoria Road, Hitchin, will be in charge of ringing and tea arrangements, so will those persons requiring tea please note his address and send a card? Bus service from Luton and Hitchin every 20 mins.—Don Mears, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Tilbury (nearest station Low Street, old L.T. and S.) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me, in order that adequate arrangements for tea can be made?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar. For tea please notify Mr. J. Leather, Potter's Lane, Halebank, near Widnes. Please make a special effort to attend to support the new Vicar. Crosville buses half-hourly from Liverpool.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Eight Bells Hotel (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, August 16th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Book the date now. October 22nd, 1932. Pilgrimage of bellringers to Liverpool Cathedral by kind invitation of the Very Rev. the Dean of Liverpool. Meet in Lady Chapel 4 p.m. Short service. Conducted tour round the Cathedral. This will be followed by the first annual Lancashire hot pot supper and social evening at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets 4s. each. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester, the Very Rev. the Dean of Liverpool and the Ven. Archdeacon of Warrington will be present. Visitors welcome. Further particulars from Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool. (Stamped addressed envelopes please.)

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Anything which will get at the real root of the trouble is worthy of the consideration of the leaders of the Exercise. We have ourselves suggested a handbook for instructors to guide them in the right way, but Mr. W. A. Cave, who speaks from long experience, now puts forward a bolder and much more pretentious scheme, no less a suggestion, in fact, than the setting up of a School of Instruction. It would be an admirable means of ensuring a supply of super-instructors if it were workable, although there seem to be certain practical difficulties in the way of making it a success, but they are obstacles which might be overcome by concerted action. Not the least of these difficulties would be that of getting men to give up their time to attend such a course, even if they could afford to do so. In the collateral instance of the School of Musketry, which Mr. Cave mentions, the work is subsidised and without similar financial assistance we doubt if a School of Instruction for Ringers would be possible. As Mr. Cave points out, this school would not be for the tyro, but for 'seasoned ringers who would benefit by practical and theoretical teaching at the hands of experts.' If it were only possible to get a sufficient number of enthusiasts to give up a week or fortnight to such a scheme, it is quite certain that a vast amount of good would be done, because these men would return to their own associations and guilds, to pass on their knowledge to other would-be instructors, so that teaching would eventually be put on a uniform and proper basis.

Such a scheme as suggested by Mr. Cave might be possible if, say, each association would select one or more suitable candidates and undertake to pay their expenses. There are many of our associations who could well afford to do this, and it would be money well spent on one of the purposes for which associations claim to exist. One

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REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	3	LEONARD STILWELL	9
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	4	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	10
SYDNEY TAYLOR	5	RICHARD WHITE	11
RICHARD A. POST	6	WILLIAM STONE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

The conductor has now rung and conducted a peal on the three twelve-bell rings of the diocese with resident bands, and is the first ringer to do so.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. WOOD	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	GEORGE KENWARD	7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	8
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN.	4	†BENJAMIN F. BAKER	9
FRED A. LEESON	5	GEORGE WOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. ROGERS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	REGINALD BROWN	6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	2	*CHARLES J. FRAY	7
*JOHN A. HILL	3	*JOHN R. RODWELL	8
GEORGE PULLINGER	4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	9
EDWARD G. COWARD	5	JOHN L. DACOMBE	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. Rung as a welcome to Canon C. P. S. Clarke, M.A., who was inducted as Rector of North Stoneham on July 1st by the Bishop of Winchester.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

HORACE H. SMITH	...*Treble*	HARRY TYSOE	6
WILLIAM STAPLETON	2	*GEORGE W. HELEY	7
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	8
MISS EVELYN STEEL	4	HERBERT J. SHARP	9
ALBERT FLEET	5	*THOMAS HARPIN	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.
* First attempt for a peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KIRKBURTON, YORKSHIRE.
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

J. MELLOR	...*Treble*	*C. SMITHIES	5
*F. RICHARDS	2	*J. NEWTON	6
W. E. DRANSFIELD	3	H. RICHARDS	7
H. H. SMITH	4	B. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by H. RICHARDS.
* First peal. Ringers of 1 and 4 from Lindley, 2 7, and tenor from Huddersfield, and 3, 5 and 6 from Almondbury. First peal as conductor.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT E. EDWARDS	...*Treble*	ALBERT HOBDEN	5
WILLIAM HAIGH	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
GEORGE KING	3	JOHN O. WELLER	7
FRED J. LAMBERT	4	LEONARD A. TIDY	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY
First attempt as conductor on eight bells.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
On Sunday, July 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

KENNETH SNELLING	...*Treble*	OLIVER SIPPETTS	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	ALFRED J. BULL	6
WALTER CLAYDON	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
*LEONARD A. TIDY	4	NELSON ELLIOTT	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS
* First peal in the method.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, July 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four 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 18¼ cwt. in E.

JAMES BILEY	...*Treble*	SIDNEY HILLIER	5
JESSE FRANCIS	2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE	6
NORMAN V. ANDREWS	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR	4	SIDNEY FRANCIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.
Arranged and rung as a compliment to Sidney Hillier, the popular Ringing Master of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, July 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN G. AMES	...*Treble*	ARTHUR J. FARR	5
*GEORGE W. MILLS	2	*SYDNEY E. ANDREW	6
*RICHARD SMITH	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
*WM. HOLLINGWORTH	4	*STEPHEN MADDISON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment for Mr. George Ladd (hon. secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), on the 38th anniversary of his wedding. All the band, with the exception of the conductor, are Sunday service ringers at Spalding. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. J. A. Freeman for his co-operation.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM F. LINKSTED	...*Treble*	FREDERICK LEESON	5
CHARLES H. SONE	2	ERNEST SPILLER	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	BENJAMIN J. BAKER	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	*JOHN MARTIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal. Birthday peal for Mrs. T. E. Sone. Arranged as a district peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5728 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

MAURICE SWINFIELD	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	BENJAMIN GREATOREX	6
J. CHARLES DICKEN	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by MAURICE SWINFIELD
This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the longest length yet rung in the method. It has the extent of 4, 5 and 6 in sixth's place. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the fifth. Mr. James George has also rung a peal of Forward Royal and Maximus.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ALFRED J. BULL	...*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
KEITH HART	2	NELSON ELLIOTT	6
ROBERT SWIFT	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

HARRY SMITH	...*Treble*	RICHARD PAINE	5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ...	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	WILFRED ANDREWS	7
*THOMAS W. THIRKELL ...	4	JAMES L. HAYWARD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thursday, July 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN...	...*Treble*	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	5
JAMES BETTS	2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ...	6
RONALD BULLEN...	3	THOMAS W. LAST	7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.... ...	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.
First peal on the bells since their restoration by John Taylor and Co.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thursday, July 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

STANFORD J. WOLFE ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5
ALFRED KEEBLE	2	REGINALD C. KERSEY... ...	6
LEONARD P. BAILEY	3	JAMES G. RUMSEY	7
ROY A. WOODARD	4	JAMES M. BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY
Arranged for S. J. Wolfe, of Lincoln, who was on a visit to his native town.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	...*Tenor*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ...	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.... ...	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	HARRY HOVERD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.
First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*CLIFFORD PAGE... ...	...*Treble*	†ALBERT FLEET	5
GEORGE W. HELEY	2	HORACE H. SMITH	6
HARRY TYSOE	3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	7
MISS EVELYN STEEL... ...	4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal. The first peal on the bells.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	...*Treble*	JOHN BOOTH	5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	2	*THOMAS ROTHWELL	6
FRED RIGBY...	3	JAMES MARSH	7
EDWIN JENNINGS	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
* First peal of Oxford, and first attempt.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM BLACKHURST	...*Treble*	*BEN W. BRADLEY	5
JOHN H. BRIERLEY	2	CHARLES OLLIER	6
ARTHUR HAUGHTON	3	TOM WILDE	7
HARRY NORGROVE	4	ALBERT HOUGH	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by TOM WILDE.
* First peal. Rung to welcome home the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Sellar, M.A., and his bride.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST STONE	...*Treble*	JOSEPH B. FENTON	5
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH	2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	6
C. HENRY WEBB...	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
WILLIAM H. BUCKLER ...	4	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.
First peal in the method by ringers of 2nd and 4th. 100th peal on tower bells by C. H. Webb.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ...	...*Treble*	†GEORGE B. COLLINS... ...	5
JOHN ANDERSON...	2	ADAM DEAS...	6
*ALFRED J. HOUSE	3	JAMES BENNETT...	7
WILLIAM PYE	4	‡JAMES CLIFFORD... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

SAMUEL WARNE	...*Treble*	BASIL REDGWELL	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	JOSEPH JENNINGS	6
GEORGE WIFFEN...	3	ERNEST TOWNSEND	7
ALBERT WIFFEN	4	*CHARLES BUTTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. C. Wiffen, a ringer at the above church.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes): G. Went 1, L. Jones 2, E. W. Luff 3, A. L. Lucas 4, G. H. Knight 5, A. Hawkins 6, E. H. Stradling (conductor) 7, G. Hawkins 8. All are members of the local band of Sunday service ringers. First quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples by all, and first in the method on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOSEPH SAXTON	*Treble*	CHARLES MASON	5
JESSE J. MOSS	2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... ...	6
MISS G. BIRCHNALL	3	EDWARD ROBBINS...	7
MISS K. BIRCHNALL	4	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.
50th peal for the ringers of 3 and 4.

ADDERBURY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

FREDERICK NEALE	*Treble*	FRANK WEST	5
ERNEST PEARSON...	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	6
WILLIAM G. COLLETT ...	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
RICHARD A. POST	4	EDWIN HIMS...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY	*Treble*	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...	5
JOHN W. LAKE	2	JOHN CURRY	6
GEORGE LADD	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
JAMES OSBOURN	4	ARTHUR I. HOLNES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
First peal of Stedman on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. Ladd.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	*Treble*	*WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
WILLIAM J. WOOD	4	GEORGE WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HENRY WILLIAMS ...	*Treble*	HARRY MILES	5
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN	2	*WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ...	6
*MISS LUCY WILLOUGHBY...	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS	7
MISS HILDA F. MILLS ...	4	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
* First peal of Major. Ringers of 4, 5 and 7 from Farnham, Oxford and Kilburn respectively; the remainder from Truro Cathedral. Thanks are due to the Rev. G. B. Hooper, once a change ringer, for the use of the bells, and his kindly welcome.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Miller, 1,280 Bob Major: E. J. Cole (first quarter-peal of Bob Major) 1, W. C. Dowding 2, E. T. Allaway 3, H. H. Fearn 4, T. Miller 5, G. E. Large (conductor) 6, G. E. Fearn 7, John Neal 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED H PULLING ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN.	5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE	3	WILLIAM J. WALKER	7
WILLIAM J. WOOD	4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

GEORGE WASLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS BALDWYN	4
HUBERT SCRIVENS	2	WILLIAM WASLEY	5
HARRY WORRALL...	3	ERNEST MATTHEWS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWYN.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED MEE	*Treble*	E. FLETCHER	4
W. KIRBY	2	J. SADDINGTON	5
W. FLETCHER	3	B. ORTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. SADDINGTON.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ERNEST E. TAYLOR ...	*Treble*	*HAROLD ANDREWS	4
*REGINALD CUTHBERT ...	2	STANLEY WEBB	5
JOHN M. PICKERING	3	*DAVID FEWSTER... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY WEBB.
* First peal.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ...	*Treble*	CHARLES J. BALL	4
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2	HERBERT L. HARLOW... ...	5
TOM BARTRAM	3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.
Arranged for Mr. C. Ball, Biggleswade, hon. district secretary.

STANLAKE, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, July 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;
Forty-four six-scores with nine callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*B. D. COSTAR	*Treble*	*V. CLIFTON...	4
*C. BOWSHER	2	N. SPINDLOW	5
*P. TRINDER...	3	*B. R. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by N. SPINDLOW.
* First peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. C. B. Pearse, who was inducted on the same day.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Kingston, London Scholars', Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

CHARLES BRAMSON ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD WEST	... 4
EDWARD FROSSELL ...	... 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW...	... 5
WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	... 3	PEARL INSKIP ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4th and tenor.

GREAT NESS, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 sixscores with ten different callings.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in B.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD WOODVINE ...	... 4
G. LEONARD HEWITT ...	2	ALBERT WOODVINE ...	... 5
*FREDERICK W. ATTWOOD...	3	*WALTER T. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.
* First peal, also the first peal on the bells. Rung to welcome home Capt. G. Lewis, on leave from India.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ABEL EWER...	...*Treble*	THOMAS A. BLOW ...	... 4
†RICHARD G. BEDFORD ...	2	JOHN MALYAN	... 5
*ROBERT G. BEDFORD ...	3	FRANCIS KIRK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in more than one method.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 720 of Oxford and Kent spliced and two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN W. L. SLACK ...	...*Treble*	*STANLEY NOBLES ...	... 4
JACK TIPPER	... 2	JOHN WORTH	... 5
WILLIAM GAYES... ...	... 3	*JAMES MANIFOLD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in three methods, and Sunday service ringers at this church. The rest are from Christ Church, Macclesfield. It is thirty years since the tenor man last rang a peal.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Lancashire, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY	...*Treble*	WALTER PERKINS ...	... 4
JAMES WARD...	... 2	AMOS SMART...	... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by AMOS SMART.
First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells, also by the ringers of 2nd and tenor, and the first as conductor in seven Surprise methods.

WINDSOR.—At the Parish Church, on Monday, July 25th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. S. Smith 1, W. H. Fussell 2, Alan R. Pink (Dorking) 3, W. W. Phipps 4, G. T. Leader 5, A. Bateman 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, F. Simmonds 8. A birthday touch for the Rev. Canon C. H. Hamilton, Vicar for eleven years, upon his 55th natal day. Also a welcome to Mr. Pink, who has recently gone to reside in Windsor.

ALSAGER BELLS RESTORED.
CHESHIRE EIGHT REHUNG.

A special service to commemorate the restoration of the ring of eight bells in Christ Church, Alsager, took place on Saturday, July 16th, and a very gratifying feature of the proceedings was the large number of ringers present from various Diocesan Guilds. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Brunskill, M.A. (curate-in-charge), and an address was given by the Rev. A. L. Moir, M.A. (Vicar). As the congregation assembled, Mr. J. A. Holland (organist) played a descriptive voluntary, 'The Village Harvest Home,' introducing the ringing of a peal of bells, rustic music, rejoicings, hymns, etc., in effective style.

The Vicar took for his text the words, 'With one accord in the Temple' (Acts ii. 46). The festival that day, he said, happily coincided with the meeting of the bellringers' association. Men of the same craft or art met with one accord in the temple. That gathering marked a special occasion, the renovation of the bells. The instantaneous response to the appeal was a matter of congratulation. The priest-in-charge, wardens, etc., were all to be congratulated in seeing the work carried out. It was gratifying to their ringers, in fact to all ringers, that such a response could be made to an appeal on behalf of bells. It is an encouragement for the self-sacrifice entailed for that three-quarters of an hour before service. The labour in the belfry is done unseen. What was its value? The broadcasting of the Christian message, the remembrance of Sunday. Many gladly responded to the invitation to attend church. In others conscience might be stirred by a sense of guiltiness at misspent Sundays. Ringers reached the whole countryside, and so spread the message of bells over the whole of England like beacon fires of long ago—wordless messages. The art of bellringing had a fascination for ringers. To the outsider it was rather a mystery. Wherein lies this charm? In pulling a rope? The fascination lay in the sense of rhythm, in the fact of being one of a team, keeping time. Team work was an excellent thing for character. Organised Christianity was largely dependent on team work, the team work in every department of Church life.

Following the Vicar's address, the hymn, 'Lift them gently to the steeple,' was sung. This hymn, so well known to ringers, was composed by the late Mr. Charles Hemming, at one time verger of Christ Church, Alsager, and was first sung when the original bells were dedicated after being recast, and a treble added, in 1893.

A COSMOPOLITAN GATHERING.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were started by Miss Grace Maddock on behalf of her mother, Mrs. John F. Maddock, following which they were rung by the Christ Church ringers: D. R. Whalley 1, E. Peake 2, B. Fernyhough 3, H. Dixon 4, E. Moseley 5, R. Hodgkinson 6, F. E. Corfield (conductor) 7, R. Moseley 8.

Subsequently about eighty sat down to a sumptuous tea in the adjoining schools, and which was generously given by Mr. J. F. Maddock.

The Rev. J. R. Brunskill welcomed the company in a gracious little speech. He, however, regretted that the Vicar, who had another appointment at Arclid, was unable to be present, and he also regretted the absence of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Maddock and Miss Poole, who had so many times shown her practical interest in the work of the Diocesan Guild. Mr. Brunskill congratulated the people of Alsager upon their restoration of the beautiful peal of bells, and, in concluding, read a letter from Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, regretting that their Mr. Fidler could not be present. Messrs. Taylor hoped that a vast improvement would be found in the peal.

Mr. R. D. Langford, of Crewe, spoke in terms of appreciation of the comparatively short time (three months) the bells had been out of action. The promptitude in restoration was most gratifying. There were no fewer than 22 towers represented at that gathering, a fact that in itself spoke volumes for the interest displayed in ringing. Mr. Langford moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar for his address, to Miss Maddock for the opening ceremony, to Mrs. Maddock for the tea, and to every helper (applause).—Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton, in seconding, spoke of the cosmopolitan atmosphere pervading that gathering.

Miss Grace Maddock, in replying, regretted the unavoidable absence of her father and mother who, however, had eagerly waited to listen to the chiming of the bells that afternoon at their home. Miss Maddock thanked the company for their appreciation.

Mr. E. Moseley was elected to active membership of the Guild, and the Rev. J. R. Brunskill, M.A., and Major J. Quinton, M.C., were elected honorary members.

Among those present were ringers from Alsager, Acton, Nantwich, Barthomley, Burslem, Crewe, Davenham, Didsbury, Eccleston, Lawton, Market Drayton, Middleton, Christ Church, Macclesfield, Norton, Northwich, Nantwich, Pulford, Pendleton, Stoke, Uttoxeter, Wistaston and Wolstanton.

BELLS GO 'AS EASILY AS PULLING BOBBINS.'

The touches rung after the service included Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, etc.

The peal was thus thoroughly tested, and so well did the bells 'go' that two stays were broken. The new ball bearings worked (to quote one ringer) 'as easily as pulling bobbins.'

The original five bells at Alsager were installed in 1790, and were recast and rehung with the addition of one treble bell in 1893. Two other trebles, installed in 1902, completed the present peal of eight. They bear the following inscriptions:—

No. 1.—To commemorate the Coronation of Edward VII. R. & I. This Bell was dedicated June 26th, 1902. W. H. Bishop. James Edwards—Church Wardens.

No. 2.—In Loving Memory of His Sisters F. & H. P. Shaw, Rev. D. Shaw, Incumbent of Christ Church, Dedicates this Bell, June 26th, 1902.

No. 3.—To the Memory of Our Dear Father. This Bell is dedicated by John Francis, Thomas Corbett, and William Brundrett Maddock, 1893.

No. 4.—We Praise Thee, O God.

No. 5.—The Bells of Christ Church. Cast by John Rudhall, of Glocester, 1790. Recast by John Taylor, of Loughborough, 1893.

No. 6.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood, 1790.

No. 7.—Jno. Stringer, Undertaker and Builder of this Church, 1790.

No. 8.—This Church Built and Endowed at the Expence of Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Margaret and Mrs. Judith Allsager, 1790.

A STONEY STANTON VETERAN.

At Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, on the occasion of the visit of the Rev. Canon A. E. D. Disney, late Rector of Stoney Stanton, 1,120 Bob Major: Harry Briggs 1, C. H. Briggs 2, A. Ballard 3, C. H. Webb 4, T. W. Wright 5, W. A. Wood 6, L. Towers 7, P. A. Aldham (conductor) 8. The treble man, who is 83 years of age, rang in the first peal on these bells 41 years ago. One other ringer who took part in the same peal, in the person of Mr. John H. Swinfield, is still on the active list.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, July 31st, at the Church of St. John-the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Udell (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, F. J. Cullum 2, E. C. Patten 3, A. G. Hill 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. C. Nurton 6, F. A. Coley (first in the method as conductor) 7, W. C. Darke 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Croydon for the civic service held in conjunction with regatta week. All the above are Sunday service ringers at Erith.

AN OLD SHERWOOD YOUTH.

LAST LINK WITH ORIGINAL SOCIETY BROKEN.

The death occurred on July 22nd of Mr. Alfred Archer, the doyen of Nottingham ringers, at the ripe age of 85. He formed the last living link between the original Society of Sherwood Youths and the revived society. Members of the latter society arranged and carried out his interment, and for the first part of the burial service at St. Mary's he lay with his face looking up to the tower in which he had spent many happy hours.

The interment took place at Carlton, and the usual ringers' farewell was rung over the open grave on his own bells by: L. Clay 1-2, W. E. White 3-4, A. Coppock 5-6, R. Narborough 7-8. A half-muffled quarter-peal at St. Mary's in the evening unfortunately came to grief near the end.

Mr. Archer was one of the first members of the M.C.A., and with his demise that generation of Nottingham ringers becomes very nearly extinct.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT.

The Farnham District held a meeting on Saturday, July 23rd, at Farnham, when ringing commenced at 2 p.m. under the leadership of Mr. R. Hasted, the District Ringing Master. The towers represented were Aldershot, Ash, Farnham, Farnborough, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Seale, Swindon, Worplesdon, Maidstone, Ottershaw, Overton, Alton and Woking. The Rev. A. J. Dance conducted the Guild service, and Miss Murrell presided at the organ. Tea was served at Messrs. Rogers' Cafe, The Borough, a company of 37 sitting down. At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. Dance apologised for the absence of the Rector (Canon E. M. Girling), who had gone with the choir on their annual outing.

Notice was given that the next meeting would be held at Bagshot and not at Farnborough as previously arranged. Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., proposed votes of thanks to Canon Girling for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Dance for taking the service and for presiding at the meeting, to the organist and blowers, and to Mr. Hasted for making the arrangements for the meeting. Ringing was afterwards continued and some very useful practice put in.

BRENTWOOD.—On Sunday, June 12th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,248 changes): C. Street 1, A. Rainbird 2, H. Turner (conductor) 3, T. Street 4, B. Hines 5, C. Pryke 6, A. Pryke 7, R. Heazel 8. First quarter-peal of Oxford by the Sunday service ringers at this church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal on the bells at Eaton Socon, Beds, was rung last Saturday. This church, with the bells, was destroyed by fire, but it has been wonderfully restored. This applies equally to the bells. What used to be reputed as the worst six in Bedfordshire (with tenor about one ton) are now one of the best eights in the county (with tenor of 14 cwt.). Ringers travelling on the Great North Road should stop and inspect the church; it is well worth a visit.

Edwin Barnett III. has made a new record. He will not be fourteen years old until October 15th, but he has already rung peals in four Surprise methods, and has now added to his youthful laurels by calling a peal of Cambridge from a non-observation bell! It was, throughout, an excellent peal, and the most unconcerned member of the band was Teddy III. himself.

This evening, at Crayford Church, the Rector is going to dedicate a polished marble tablet which has been erected in the belfry, recording the boy's first peal at the age of 11 years and his first peal as conductor at the age of 12½ years.

The first peal on the bells at Great Ness, Shropshire, which have just been augmented to six, was rung last Friday to welcome home on leave from India, Captain G. Lewis, who arrived at Wilcot Hall in the evening. The new treble bell has been added in memory of his father and brother. A Great Ness ringer (Mr. W. T. Williams) rang the tenor to the peal, and the visiting ringers desire to thank him and the Vicar (Rev. F. Brighton) for their hospitality before and after the ringing.

Three ringers of Dunedin, New Zealand, were the guests of Christchurch Guild a little time ago, and during the visit some good, solid handbell practice was put in, including touches of Bob Minor and Major, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor and courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. When one remembers the wide distances that separate ringers in New Zealand, the interchange of visits of this description is interesting.

A certain church in County Durham has had its band reduced by accidents and removals, and at present a Surprise band is not available. Under the circumstances it was decided to try a fresh plain method called 'Hereward Bob.' Progress has been delayed, however, by the absence of one or the other of the two 'Bobs' the band possesses, the assistant bob-caller being the chief delinquent. This has raised a suggestion that the name of the method be changed by substituting 'away' for 'here,' making it 'A-wayward' Bob.

UMPIRES FOR PEALS?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For some considerable time I have been interested in ringing, and a point that has always puzzled me is, 'Why is a peal recorded as such without any other verification than that of the conductor, and also how many errors are permissible in such peals?'

To go more fully into the matter, peal ringing is the only exercise (game, sport or suchlike) in which a band of performers can lock themselves away from the public for a certain time and then publish as an established fact an event of which, frequently, there is absolutely no corroboration, no other ringer besides the conductor knowing the composition, or, if knowing it, capable of checking same from any save the observation bell.

In football and cricket, tennis and almost any game you can mention there are always referees, umpires, etc., not to mention spectators who know as much of the game as the performers, and who are nothing loth to express their disapproval if the referee or umpire gives an incorrect decision.

What finally decided me to write to you on this subject is the report of the Barnsley Association contest (page 487), in which Shelley's performance, with a total of 85 faults, is held to be particularly good, so it appears to me a great number must be allowed in some peals (600 changes to 5,000?).

This is a conversation, or at least an extract, I heard one Sunday morning about a year ago, and from this perhaps you can understand my query.

G.: 'Well, B——, how did you get on yesterday?'

B.: 'We started off all right and came home all right, but as X—— was on the 7th, and you know how bad she goes, the least said about the remainder the better.'

Also in two peals of Triples to my knowledge the tenor has dropped to sixth's place, and the shouts of 'Keep up, keep up,' were good to hear.

On front page of issue July 1st you point out the privileged position of ringers as regards maintenance of their instruments (bells). Surely, the associations could take the same steps as other sports associations and provide the means of checking (refereeing, umpiring) all peals or peal attempts, as to my way of thinking the present method of recording peals without corroboration would not be tolerated in any other sport or exercise.

Even in small villages, the local company has to pay or provide a certified referee for football, and also an umpire for cricket; at least the same ought to be done as regards ringing.

If you do decide to debate this subject in your journal, I shall be very interested in the views of the leaders of the Exercise on this matter, as I have never before heard it debated.—Yours, etc.,

M. A. D.

THE ESQUIRE YOUTHS.

AN EARLY AND EXCLUSIVE RINGING SOCIETY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The year 1660, the date of the Restoration of King Charles II., is an important one in the history of ringing. For years England had been governed by Oliver Cromwell and the Puritans. The Church had suffered from humiliation, defeat, and disaster, her services forbidden, her liturgy suppressed, and her ministers ejected from their livings. Church and Crown now came back again and the enemies of both were crushed by severe penal laws. As a result there was a great advance in ringing all over the country and the beginnings of modern method ringing may fairly be dated from about this time.

It would, however, be a mistake to suppose that the Civil War and the religious and political disputes which accompanied it had actually suppressed ringing. The effect of the puritan and sabbatarian ideas, which were so strongly held at the time, was to make ringing a purely secular sport and, much as the Puritans did to discourage sport of all sorts, they were never strong enough to suppress it altogether. The towns and villages were then much more self-centred and independent of outsiders than now, and so long as the war was not actually within their own boundaries they went on their own way and transacted their business and played their sports. Under the settled government of the Commonwealth, the church bells were rung, though the old church services were forbidden. And it seems certain that all through these troublous times the Society of College Youths never failed to hold their annual feast and elect their annual Master.

Nevertheless, the Restoration, which was accompanied by a greater freedom in sport, was the time of a very great development in change ringing. And that led to the establishment of many new societies. They were small bodies consisting of just one band and, as a rule, they were very short lived. Most of them disappeared without leaving the slightest trace or memory behind them, but of one of them I am able to give some account. It was called the Society of Esquire Youths, and was founded in 1662. It was an exclusive body, composed of lawyers and probably of persons holding minor appointments in the royal court, and apparently did not admit anybody beneath the rank of esquire—in those days a real rank and not merely a polite form of address.

The rules of the company and the names of the original members are extant, and the reason they have survived and come down to us is curious and rather romantic.

One of the early English poets was a man named John Skelton, who lived between the years 1460 and 1529. He was a clergyman of somewhat dubious reputation (he was Rector of Diss), who wrote a number of poems in a short vigorous metre. One of them was called, 'The Tunnying of Elynour Rummyng,' a fantastic description of an old ale wife and her guests, giving a coarse, graphic picture of the manners and morals of the low-class women who frequented that lady's establishment at Leatherhead. A manuscript copy of this poem belonged to King Charles II. It is written in an ornamental hand in a little book handsomely bound in leather and embossed with the royal crest—a crown and CRII. The poem filled up only a part of the volume, the rest was left blank, and when the Esquire Youths wanted something to write their rules in they took this book, turned it upside down, and used the blank pages.

How they got hold of it, I cannot say, but they were using it a few months after it had been specially bound for the king. Charles may have given it to them himself, or his librarian. Or the king may have tossed it aside carelessly after reading it, and some of the courtiers picked it up. Or the Esquire Youths may have gone into the royal library and helped themselves.

And I cannot say what happened to it after the society lapsed. Naturally it would be a book that people would value, for not only was it the property of the king, but Skelton's poems were rare. Eventually it came into the hands of Messrs. Southby, the Piccadilly booksellers, and on July 15th, 1870, it was purchased from them by the British Museum. It seems to have been entirely unknown to the men who have written on the history of ringing.

The rules of the society are in two distinct handwritings, and are partly in English and partly in Latin, with occasionally a sentence in Greek. The officers consist of a Generall or Principall, Treasurer, Clericus or Clerke, senior and junior Stewards, and senior and junior Wardens. Under each officer is a description of his duties. The treasurer was to gather steepleage at all 'extraordinary peals and forfeitures for use of yo company.' The stewards were to prepare for the yearly feast and to consult the treasurer on what moneys he can spare and what can be gathered. Mention is also made of a Warner, who, amongst other duties, had to give notice to the members on the marriage or death of any member, so that suitable peals could be rung.

Candidates for admission to the society were required to sign 'An Engagement for all those that are desirous to be Instituted members of the Society to be Subscribed unto: I doe declare and promise to keep and maintain all these orders to my full power and utmost endeavour as they are now established by the whole society, and further engage to have not now or hereafter any interest in any company but this of the esquires.'

Further on this form appears again with the names of the members written underneath. They are not, however, signatures, but all in the same handwriting. Provision was made for monthly and quarter (i.e., quarterly) peals, and the following form was provided to summon the members on these occasions:—

'Form of a Warrent.

'Whereas it is ye pleasure of the generall and his assistants to appoint the next monthly meeting place for the company at B. These are therefore to will and require you upon sight hereof to make yr. personall apparance at the aforesaid Church on Tuesday next, the 12th day of July, between 4 and 5 of ye clock by the same Church Clocke in the afternoon there to help and perform the sd. Peale to your best skill and utmost Indeavour and hereof you are not to fail on pain of forfeiture.

'A. B. Generall.'

Two of the rules are as follows:—

'None shall find fault with another's ringing but the generall, or whom he shall appoint. None shall prate or make any noise at peals.'

'None shall engage the Company in a Challenge without the generall's consent on pain of being amerced 2s. 6d., and in case the company shall be engaged every man shall lend his best assistance if required and contribute his equal share to the rest of his fellow-members.'

From this rule it seems that competitive ringing against another company for a wager was not unusual, but probably so exclusive a lot as the Esquires were particular as to whom they rang against.

The following two are unusual and suggestive. They may mean merely that politics were barred from the ringing meetings; but they may mean that nobody was to repeat anything that the king had said and which he had heard or had come to his knowledge in the course of his official duties.

'None shall offer to talke or occasion ye talke of his majestie or any state affairs on pain of being fined 8d.'

'None shall offer to talke or occasione ye talke of his maiestie or any state affairs, or none Concerning ye same among all ye Company to the disturbance of any on pain of being amerced 8d.'

The last entry in the book records a resolution altering the date of the annual feast. The day at first chosen was St. Bartholomew's Day, August 24th, but that fell in the middle of the Long Vacation, and as a large number of the members were lawyers, it was inconvenient to them, for they wanted then to be out of London among their friends in the country. The date was therefore altered to All Souls' Day, November the 2nd.

The rules are very reminiscent of those of the Scholars of Cheapside, so much so that it is evident either that the compilers had the old code before them, or that all the societies of the time framed their rules on the same model. The first supposition is probably the more likely, but it must be remembered that we have no original rules of the College Youths, and we cannot even be sure that the presiding officer of that body was from the first called the Master and not the General.

The first General of the Society of Esquire Youths was Sir Henry Chauncy. He was not a mere figure head, but an active ringer and probably the real founder and moving spirit of the company. He had joined the College Youths in 1660, but either he quarrelled with them or he did not think them exclusive enough. Born in London in 1632, he came of an old Hertfordshire family. He was educated at the High School, Bishop's Stortford, and at Caius College, Cambridge. It was probably at Cambridge that he first learnt to ring. He entered the Middle Temple in 1649, and was called to the bar in 1656. In 1661 he was made Justice of the Peace for the county of Hertford. In 1675 he was a Bencher of the Middle Temple, and in the same year he was made the first Recorder of Hertford. In 1681 he was Reader of the Middle Temple, and received the honour of knighthood from Charles II. In 1685 he was treasurer of the Middle Temple, and in 1688 Sergeant-at-Law. On the death of his father in 1681 he succeeded to the rich family estates, and about the same time he wrote 'The Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire,' a book which is now very rare and extremely valuable. He died at Ardeley on May 21st, 1719, and is buried in the church there. In his generation he was a man of weight and importance.

One of his judicial acts is of some historical interest. It was under his warrant that the last woman in England was arrested for witchcraft. An old woman named Jane Wenham had been accused of bewitching cattle and servant girls. She was tried at Hertford, convicted and sentenced to death, but a free pardon was granted by Queen Anne.

The list of members of the Esquire Youths contains twenty names. One of them, Griffiths Finch, was probably a brother of Heneage Finch, the Solicitor General, afterwards one of the counsel for the seven bishops in the famous trial of 1688.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

There is probably no diocese in the kingdom where there are greater difficulties in the way of holding meetings than in Cornwall. It consists of a thin backbone of rail and road, the remainder, especially the south side, being to all intents and purposes a series of islands. To get from a tower in one of these to another, perhaps only two miles away, necessitates nearly a day's journey. All credit to those, therefore, who helped to make the annual festival, held at Truro on July 23rd, a success.

Three towers were available—the Cathedral (ten), St. Kea (eight), and Kenwyn (eight), and, in addition to the local ringers, they rolled up from one end of the duchy to the other—Laneast from the extreme east, Gulval from the extreme west, and included St. Gluvias, Penryn, Tuckingwill, St. Newlyn East, Phillack, St. Hilary, Zennor, Redruth, Illogan, Lelant, St. Dennis, and oddments from Plymouth, Penzance, Falmouth and Mawnan, in all about 130 ringers, to support their president. It takes a bit of nerve for ringers from a light six-bell tower, as most of the Cornish ringers are, to tackle the Cathedral ten, but they all did it, and the ringing was surprisingly good. There is little half-pull done in Cornwall, but a slight revival is being experienced, and a taking to heart of the advice of the Central Council as to striking. It is not yet possible to emulate that wonderful peal at Truro rung during the Plymouth meeting, but there were some very creditable touches of Grandsire Caters at the Cathedral and Triples and Bob Minor at Kenwyn, whilst two six-bell towers, which have recently taken up the art, indulged in Grandsire Doubles.

It would be invidious to mention any tower by name, but one wishes that more ringers could have heard the rounds and call changes of a certain tower. In its own way it was as perfect an example of ringing as was the above-mentioned Cathedral peal—both absolutely perfect examples of the type of ringing they represent.

The Sub-Dean of Truro very kindly invited the ringers into the choir for evensong at the Cathedral, 'not as visitors,' as he expressed it, 'but as sons coming to their Mother Church,' and, after the regular service and the dismissal of the choir, gave them a hymn all to themselves, to which both they and the organ did full justice, and a most helpful address on the ministry of the ringers' office.

Is it true that sound never ceases, but is carried in waves on and on for ever? The last touch was, appropriately, at Kenwyn, the home of the Bishop, and it is pleasant to think that from this centre of the diocese the sound of bells is eternally circling round the duchy with a message of joy, brotherhood and welcome.

AROUND WEST SUSSEX.

Despite the fact that their own bells are unringable, the ringers of St. Mary's, Portsmouth, organised and held their annual outing. The party had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Ernest Brett (London), Misses Fletcher (Beaconsfield), and several of the Cathedral ringers. Leaving headquarters at 12.30 p.m. on a terrificly hot day, an excellent run via Petersfield, Harting, Midhurst and Cowdray Park brought the party to Petworth, the first tower on the programme. A fine ring of eight by the Croydon Bell Foundry were soon going to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples, which were thoroughly enjoyed. Leaving here reluctantly at three o'clock, an excellent drive via Wisborough Green and Billingshurst brought the visitors to Horsham. Here Mr. Paice had everything in readiness, and a fine old eight were soon being tapped to Cambridge and London Surprise and Stedman Triples, with wet shirts in the bargain. An excellent tea was enjoyed at Stuarts', Mr. Paice kindly adding to the number. At 6.15 the motor coach was again brought into use for the journey to Henfield, which was reached by an excellent run via Lower Beeding and Cowfold. No visit to Henfield is complete without the company of Mr. C. Tyler, who, despite the fact of having an arm in a sling, assisted the visitors in preparing the ringing chamber, a very important item on the programme. A fine musical eight of Taylors' were raised, and an hour's enjoyable ringing indulged in, which included Bob Major and Bristol and Cambridge Surprise. After the bells had been lowered in peal, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells in the churchyard by some of the enthusiasts. After refreshments, the return journey was commenced, and as some of the ringers mentioned 'that it was some time ago since they were at Brighton,' the route was diverted via St. Peter's and the Aquarium (not forgetting Harrison's, where some of the lads were recuperating) and along the front. The last lap via Hove, The Malipins, Worthing, Arundel and Chichester brought the party home again after a most successful outing, and the local ringers were heartily thanked for their share in the arrangements.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Middleton, Lancashire, on Tuesday, July 12th, a date touch of 1,932 changes of Bob Major was rung in 1 hour 3 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, Norman Bastow 4, J. Smith 5, T. A. Ogden 6, T. K. Driver 7, J. H. Bastow 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. F. Stansfield and Miss Cox, of Middleton.

A RINGERS' IDEAL HOLIDAY.

AND A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—To-morrow will commence what I have for a long time considered should be an ideal ringers' holiday, i.e., travel from church to church, village to village, town to town, or city to city, ringing on as many peals of bells as conveniently possible during the day, and finishing with a social hour together. It is now two years since I made enquiries with this end in view, and I have still the estimate from the transport people for reference. A long-standing engagement during next week prevents my joining the party this year, but were I free I should not hesitate to do so. May it be as enjoyable and successful as it deserves to be.

There is another scheme that I have had in mind for a still longer time, but have mentioned to only one member of the Exercise. It is largely bound up with the resolution proposed by Canon Coleridge and seconded by Mr. Dyke at the Central Council meeting at Plymouth.

I hold the view that faulty and careless handling of bells is largely the fault of so-called instructors. They should themselves be passed as qualified to teach before being appointed as instructors. The best lesson I have ever been a witness of was that given in the tower of Weston-super-Mare two years ago by Canon Coleridge himself to a youth who was visiting there from South Wales. I learnt something myself that day, and that I shall never forget. Fortunately for me I was apparently taught the right way, but I had not given the matter a thought before.

The result of that lesson was that the very first thing I taught my learners to do was to hold the rope correctly. I have since found that it is not sufficient to see that they hold the rope correctly at the start of the practice, but to be constantly on the look-out to see that they do not depart from the right way.

The scheme I had in mind some years ago was this: A school of instruction for ringers, on the same lines as the Hythe School of Musketry. Speaking of as long ago as 1902, it was usual to send battalion instructors to Hythe in order to synchronise the methods of instruction in Volunteer battalions throughout the country. They were not novices who went there, but seasoned men. So my school of instruction would not be for novices, but for those who would benefit by practical and theoretical teaching at the hands of experts. An out-of-the-way tower for practice is an essential (East Tytherly, in Hampshire, for instance). A set scheme for a course of instruction, which would embrace ringing, conducting and composing, and at examination at the end.

Perhaps, Mr. Editor, you will first of all give this your personal thought, and, if you think something on these lines might be done, you might publish your conclusions.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The summer meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at Sherborne St. John on Saturday, July 23rd, when 43 members were present. The bells were got going to Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor in the afternoon. Service in St. Andrew's Church was conducted by the Rector, Rev. Winser, who gave an excellent address on bells and ringing.

Tea was served in the school, and was followed by a short business meeting. The secretary (Major Stilwell) thanked Mr. G. C. Hammond for presiding and for arranging tea, and the churchwardens and friends for their generous hospitality. Thanks were also given to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service.

The Vicar of Monk Sherborne gave permission at very short notice for the use of his bells, which was very much appreciated, Bob Singles, Grandsire Doubles and Stedman Doubles being rung on this very good peal of five. The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

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The name of the Clericus is not given, but I imagine it to have been William James, a favourite scholar and afterwards assistant to old Dr. Busby at Westminster School. He died in 1659 at the age of twenty-eight, and was buried in the Abbey. A brilliant scholar, no doubt he was responsible for the Latin and Greek in the society's rules. Tradition afterwards connected Westminster School and the Exercise together. The College Youths were said to have given themselves that name because they had been 'school boys' at Westminster. (Note.)

The Society of Esquire Youths did not survive for long. After a few years it passed away, leaving not the slightest memory in the Exercise, and but for the chance survival of its rules we should have known absolutely nothing about it. Stedman gives a peal on six bells which he calls 'The Twelve Score Long Hunts or the Esquires' Twelve Score.' This, which marks the extreme limit of the development of plain changes, was, no doubt, the composition and favourite method of the Esquire Youths.

Note.—Mr. Daniell has accused me of being guilty of an anachronism when I said that 'College Youths' means 'School Boys'; but the tradition is an old one, certainly as old as the eighteenth century, probably as old as the seventeenth, and decidedly older than the explanation of the name which is usually believed.

A DEVON PEAL REHUNG.

A SEVENTEENTH CENTURY CALAMITY RECALLED.

Many of our readers are probably familiar with the magnificent church of the famous moorland village of Widecombe, Devon. Undoubtedly the tower is one of the finest in the West Country. It has a beauty of proportion which is said to be second only to that of Magdalen College, Oxford. If only this tower had been situated on one of the higher parts of Dartmoor instead of in a valley it would have formed a wonderful landmark.

On Saturday, July 16th, after a silence of several months the peal of six bells rang out from the tower, having undergone complete restoration by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The peal has been tuned and rehung in a new frame, provision having also been made for two more bells to complete the octave. A remarkable thing about these bells is that the tenor bell, cast by Pennington, 1632, is note E, yet weighs less than 13 cwt.!



THE STATELY TOWER OF WIDECOMBE.

Elaborate arrangements had been made to celebrate the re-opening of the peal—a noteworthy event in the history of the village—and a ringing competition was organised amongst the ringers of Moreton Deanery for the Penn Gaskell Cup. It seemed as though the elements had conspired to put the 'damper' on the whole affair, as Dartmoor was in a nasty mood, and staged a mighty thunderstorm, recalling the terrible calamity of October 21st, 1638, when the tower was struck by lightning during divine service, and when four people were killed and the bells damaged. The present two tenor bells were, at that time, only six years old, but have survived to celebrate their three hundredth anniversary.

In spite of the thunder and rain the re-dedication service was well attended, the Archdeacon of Totnes (Preb. Leake) and the Vicar of Widecombe (Rev. E. C. Wood) officiating. A numerous company of ringers was present, and following the service the Penn Gaskell Cup,

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A JOINT MEETING.

SURREY ASSOCIATION & GUILDFORD GUILD AT RANMORE.

Last Saturday the Leatherhead District of Guildford Diocesan Guild and the North-West District of the Surrey Association held a joint meeting at Ranmore. This event has become an annual fixture and forms a very pleasant reunion between the two organisations. A good many towers from both societies were represented, and ringing was done in all the commonly practised methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major. As Ranmore is at present without an incumbent, there was no service, and as these gatherings are purely social in nature, there was no business, but Mr. D. Cooper (hon. secretary of the North-West District of the Surrey Association) thanked Mr. A. H. Smith (Leatherhead District Secretary) for having arranged the meeting, and Mr. W. Dobinson for securing the use of the bells and having them in readiness.

Ranmore Church crowns the hills above Dorking, and was built by the late Lord Ashcombe, of Denbies, which the church adjoins. It has a curious tower with lofty spire, and the ringing room is octagonal. The walls are pierced on seven of the sides by window openings, but these are boarded up, light being admitted by eight small circular windows, like portholes, in each space. The bells are a nice peal of eight, with tenor about a ton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON BRANCH.

On Saturday last, despite the fact that it was Bank Holiday week-end, there was a well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association at St. Paul's, Walkden. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge were the methods rung.

At the business meeting Mr. John Potter took the chair. A special appeal was made for better support of 'The Ringing World,' and a circular was read which had been distributed to every tower. A discussion took place, and the secretary asked for suggestions which might be an aid to more interest being taken in the paper.

The following were nominations for the next annual meeting: President, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., Rural Dean; general secretary, Mr. William Henry Shuker; Central Council representatives, Rev. Canon Elsee, Messrs. W. H. Shuker, G. R. Newton and A. Tomlinson. For the branch offices, the secretary, Mr. Peter Crook, was again elected and thanked for his past services. Mr. T. B. Worsley having resigned from the committee, Mr. John Potter was elected to fill the vacancy for 12 months, the secretary being re-elected for two years.

The Vicar, who had sent an apology for his absence, was accorded a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and the local ringers were thanked for their reception.

Mr. John Potter replied on behalf of the local band.

An appeal was made for a large attendance at the forthcoming ringers' pilgrimage to Liverpool.

A SECRETARIES' PEAL THAT WASN'T.

A peal at Reading, on Monday, was originally intended to be a secretaries' peal, but wasn't. The 'best laid schemes,' as Bobby Burns or someone else once wrote, sometimes go 'up a creak.' This one did. It would have been all right if someone had not made up his mind to get married on this particular day—there were 365 others in this year he might chosen, but didn't—and carried off one of the scribes to give him moral support on the great occasion, when all the arrangements had been completed for the trip to Biscuit Town. Even that would not have mattered, perhaps, had it not been that holidays claimed all the possible substitutes, and as a result others who had promised to come for the special occasion had to have the offer of release. Three took advantage of this, but the rest stuck to their engagement, and the band, hurriedly completed, rang a common or garden peal, shorn of the glamour which twelve secretaries (or would it have been ten and two halves?) would have given it.

The ringers desire to thank the hon. secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for making the local arrangements, and, although he is reputed to be something of a martinet in matters of striking, we understand the ringing met with even his approbation.

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the gift of the lady churchwarden of Widecombe, Miss Penn Gaskell, was competed for by six teams. The ringing generally was of a high standard, and the previous holders of the cup, the Wolborough (Newton Abbot) team succeeded in retaining it.

The result of the competition was not announced until a substantial tea had been partaken of, generously provided by the Parochial Church Council.

The Vicar expressed the pleasure they derived from the presence of the company that day, and called on Miss Penn Gaskell who, with an apt and neatly worded speech, presented her trophy to the winners. Speeches were made by the representatives of the visitors, expressing thanks for the welcome and hospitality extended.

On all sides expressions of appreciation were made of the work which Messrs. Taylor and Co. had carried out, especially with regard to the remarkable improvement which had been made in the tone, although not a single bell had been recast. The bell hangers were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

MEN WHO HAVE MADE HISTORY.

BURTON-ON-TRENT SURPRISE BAND OF 1885.

The death of Mr. E. I. Stone, of Burton-on-Trent, which was recently recorded, was a reminder of the achievements of the Burton band in the '80's of last century. They were the leading society in change ringing in those days, and were the first to put Surprise peal ringing on its present footing. Very few peals in the only Surprise methods then known had been rung when this band took up the practice after having reached the Double Norwich stage on the path to fame. Seven peals of Superlative, as far as is known, one true peal of Cambridge, and three of London were all that had been rung in the preceding years, the first in 1821 and the last in 1877, so that no Surprise peal had been rung for some years before the Burton men got down to the business. Then came what the Rev. C. D. P. Davies has described as 'the first ripple of the tide that from that day forth has never ceased to flow with steady and continuous stream.' The peal of Superlative at Burton in 1884 was followed by 13 in the same method in 1885 and nine in 1886, six peals of Cambridge and one of London in 1887, and peals in all the three methods in succeeding years until 1893, by which time other enterprising companies, notably in the Oxford Guild, the Sussex Association, the Worcestershire Association, and the Durham and Newcastle Association, had followed the Burton example. In addition, the Burton men rang the first peal of Cambridge in 'Burton variation' (New Cambridge, as it is now known), and also the first peal of New Cumberland Surprise. From the year 1885 to 1888 they put up a wonderful record, for in those four years they scored 85 peals, made up of Double Norwich 18, Stedman Triples 18, Stedman Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Grandsire Triples 2, Duffield Royal 1, Superlative Surprise 28, New Cumberland Surprise 2, Cambridge Surprise 4, New Cambridge Surprise 4, London Surprise 5. The bulk of the conducting was done by William Wakley, but a good many peals were conducted by Joseph Griffin. An illustration of the manner in which the band hung together may be found in the fact that within a year four of them rang their one hundredth peal.

The photograph here reproduced was taken in 1885 at the foot of the belfry steps, and three of the company are still with us—John Jaggar, Joseph Griffin and John Austin. The original of the picture is in the possession of Mr. John Jaggar, to whom we are indebted for the loan of it.



THE FAMOUS BURTON BAND WHO MADE RINGING HISTORY NEARLY FIFTY YEARS AGO.
Back row: Harry Wakley, Arthur Wakley, William Wakley, Thomas Holmes and John Jaggar.
Front row: John Austin, Joseph Griffin and Edward I. Stone.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, July 16th, in ideal weather. Burton is one of the beauty spots of Lincolnshire, with the hills overlooking the Trent, and with a fine old church. There is a good ring of six bells. A coachload of ringers, wives and friends, travelled from St. James', Grimsby, and the Rev. Hedley Burrows, Vicar of Grimsby, joined the party at tea. The Vicar of Burton-on-Stather (the Rev. Adly) kindly threw his gardens open to the visitors. He conducted the service, and in his address extended a hearty welcome to all. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ. Tea was served in the old schoolroom, 46 adults and four children sitting down. The president (the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry) presided over the meeting, supported by the Rev. Hedley Burrows.

The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Bramwell, of Grimsby, and Mrs. Rushby, Mr. F. S. W. Butler (hon. general secretary of the Northern Branch of the Guild), Mr. H. Marcom (district secretary of the Lincoln District), Miss Norten (Lincoln), and Mr. and Mrs. C. MacGuiness (Lincoln).

The Vicar of Burton was elected an hon. member, and was accorded thanks for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address. Thanks were also given to Mr. J. Bray and the local members for making the arrangements, and to the president for presiding. The next meeting of the district is to be combined with the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild on Saturday, August 20th, at Elsham.

A CRUISE ROUND BEDFORD.

PUTNEY RINGERS' WEEK-END.

The outing of the ringers of St. Mary's, Putney, took place on July 16th and 17th. A fairly early start was made from Putney by charabanc, 'Go' being called at 7.5 a.m., and a course set for Biggleswade, via Hendon, Welwyn and Baldock, the countryside looking its best in the early morning. Biggleswade and breakfast were reached at nine o'clock, and only one member failed to finish this course. ('No names, no pack drill.') A visit was next paid to the Parish Church, where hangs a handy peal of eight (13¼ cwt. in F) by Gillett and Johnston. These were made good use of for the best part of an hour, when adieu was said to Mr. Page, who had kindly welcomed the party. All sail was then set for Eaton Socon, where an inspection of the rebuilt church was made, also of the partly burned relics saved from the disastrous fire. Mr. Smith made the party welcome, and the eight bells by Taylor (14 cwt.) were raised and a few good touches rung. Loth to depart, but with dinner waiting at a distance, the company perforce had to remount their steed (or was it a ship last time?) and proceed to Rushden, where, however, no ringing could be done owing to the bells being in disrepair. 'Tell it not in Gath'—some were disappointed at not reaching Rushden before the appointed 'time.' However, Mr. Deighton, who met the party here, had something else in store for them so, after a 'spiff' dinner, they re-embarked for Higham Ferrars. This church, a very fine one, has an eight with 22¾ cwt. tenor, rehung by Taylor and Co. 39 years ago. The seventh was not too good, so Mr. Deighton thought he ought to ring it, which he did, but one 'little bloke' among the visitors, not to be outdone, had a good sweat on it also, with some measure of success. Here the party also met Mr. Harry Chapman, late of Manchester, and the whole bunch proceeded to Irchester, where there is another fine steeple, with eight fine bells, augmented from five by Taylor in 1930 (tenor 21¼ cwt. in D). After several touches in standard methods, a good course of Double Norwich was brought home, Messrs. Chapman and Deighton assisting. Mr. Chapman here left the party, and they 'up anchor' and away to Turvey to ring on the eight of 18 cwt. in E flat by Mears. After several touches a move was made for Bedford, where they were to spend the night. Bidding Mr. Deighton 'Good-bye' with the thanks of the company, it was 'do as you like' for the evening. One energetic ringer was seen sculling in lonely state on the Ouse after ringing quite a bit during the day. What a lazy chap! He could not raise a blister by ringing, but he met with some success in the rowing department. One of the party rose at 4 a.m. on Sunday morning to compose a touch of 'Grandad' for ringing later in the day. Breakfast over, there was a call to be made at St. Paul's, Bedford, where the local ringers gave the visitors a welcome, and some Stedman and Grandsire Caters, as well as a well-struck course of Treble Ten, were rung in conjunction with the St. Paul's band, these fine bells being heard to advantage. A visit was then paid to Cardington, a short run bringing the party in sight of the hangars of the airship depot. Passing the memorial to the ill-fated crew of R101, they reached the church, a fine building with a worthy peal of bells, which were soon in changes. Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were accomplished. An inspection of the memorial, and a gentle cruise round the countryside, brought dinner time. The afternoon was spent raising blisters with sculls; at least, some of 'em got 'em. A few of the old-time Putney oarsmen, however, escaped these, albeit they could 'Llift' the boat along in good style. After tea, Elstow was the place of call, and several had the opportunity of ringing on John Bunyan's bell. Several touches were rung for evensong, the Bunyan relics inspected, and other places of interest connected with that wonderful dreamer visited. Then came the 'packing up,' not before some 'hubbies' had obtained their peace offerings. The route for home was taken by way of Harpenden, Luton and St. Albans, and Putney reached at 10 p.m. The weather was kind and not too hot, although one or two had been a bit warm at times. The deputy luggage merchant discharged his duties with elan, and regret was felt that some members were absent. One and all were grateful to the gentlemen and lady who did so much to make them comfortable at the various belfries.

J. H.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS VISIT THE PEAK.

The ringers of All Saints', Almondbury, near Huddersfield, accompanied by a few ringing friends, had their annual outing on July 16th, when they visited Tideswell and Dore. Travelling by motor coach via Woodhead and Glossop, the pretty village of Tideswell was reached by about four o'clock, at which time the bells were being rung by a party of ringers from Ranmoor, who were also making it their rendezvous, and who very kindly gave up the ropes to the newly-arrived visitors. A well-struck touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was brought round, and then the party adjourned to tea at the George Hotel. The return journey was made by way of Eyam and Dore More Inn, to have a pull on the lovely peal at Christ Church, Dore, where another touch was brought round. Home was reached about 11 o'clock, after a very pleasant excursion. The best thanks of all the party are given to Mr. G. Chapman, of Tideswell, for arranging the tea, and the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the ringers and Vicar of Dore for having everything in readiness, and for their kindly welcome.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Crowder 1, C. Elliott 2, J. Carrott (Northfleet) 3, W. J. Jeffries 4, J. Hurrell (Eltham) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, T. A. Easterby (conductor) 7, W. Nichols (first quarter-peal) 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. H. King 1, E. A. Hull 2, E. H. King 3, H. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, M. Fensom 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, C. Davidson 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Denys Church, for evening service, on July 24th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples: E. Bishop, jun., 1, S. Russel 2, A. Lewery 3, F. Hammond 4, W. A. Hitchenside 5, E. Bishop, sen., 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hinson 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, at St. Giles', Camberwell, 1,279 Stedman Caters: H. W. Hibbert 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, C. O. Moore 3, J. Lamb 4, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 5, E. J. King 6, J. R. Gammon 7, T. W. Wyatt 8, W. D. Grainger 9, H. H. Peters 10. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. H. Peters, who on this date attained the 70th anniversary of his birth.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,344 changes): D. Adams 1, M. Ginn 2, R. Smith 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, B. Wayman 5, R. Thoday 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): G. Whybrow 1, C. Robinson 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, M. Ginn 4, B. Wayman 5, R. Thoday 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major on the bells, and longest length by 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th ringers.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. W. Romaine 1, J. J. Pratt 2, J. Daniel 3, E. Hancox 4, W. A. Romaine 5, F. C. Smith 6, W. H. Coles 7, F. Corke (conductor) 8. Arranged for ringers of 2, 4, 7 and 8. First quarter-peal in the method by treble, 3rd, 5th and 6th ringers.

HESTON.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. F. Ellingham 1, A. Devonald 2, H. C. Chandler 3, W. H. Stevens 4, F. J. Camermoul 5, G. R. Gladman 6, W. D. Jolley (conductor) 7, W. A. Lewis 8.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—For matins, on July 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Lock 1, G. W. Tout 2, H. Lucas 3, H. Westlake 4, T. Lock 5, F. Lock (conductor) 6.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, July 24th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: A. R. Tudball 1, W. Hoyle 2, H. W. Lloyd 3, W. H. L. Buckingham 4, T. Elliott 5, I. Farmer (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 6, J. J. Hole 7, W. Owen 8. First quarter of Stedman for 1st, 3rd and tenor ringers, and first of Stedman as conductor.

GORING, OXON.—On Sunday evening, July 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *R. Barkus, jun., 1, J. Bower 2, *W. Aldridge 3, *L. Haynes 4, G. Barkus (Slough) 5, *W. Napper (conductor) 6, *G. Wilson 7, *R. Barkus, sen., 8. * First quarter-peal. Arranged for G. Barkus.

SEDBERGH.—On Sunday, June 12th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise (1,280 changes): H. Dawson 1, E. Jennings (Kendal) 2, E. Pennington 3, J. Smith 4, T. Sisson 5, H. Haresnape 6, J. Pennington 7, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 8.

PORTMADOC, NORTH WALES.—On Sunday evening, June 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): D. Wozencroft 1, J. V. Humphreys 2, P. Roberts 3, J. Owen (conductor) 4, G. Humphreys 5, F. J. Williams 6, H. Roberts 7, G. Williams 8. Rung specially to welcome the Vicar (Rev. D. Jenkins) on his return home after a long illness.

EALING.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Hunnisett 1, J. E. Churchill 2, J. A. D. Webb 3, W. H. Hollier 4, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, W. H. Seabrook 7, A. Harding 8.

BOLTON.—At All Souls' Church, for evensong, on June 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Pike 1, C. H. Pike 2, Jack Kay 3, C. Brownlow 4, R. Holden 5, H. Johnson 6, E. J. Markland (conductor) 7, N. Critchley 8. Longest length for the ringers of 1 and 4.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): Mrs. E. H. King 1, S. G. Peck (first quarter-peal of Major 'inside') 2, J. G. Nash (conductor) 3, H. Ellis 4, E. H. King 5, W. J. Ellis 6, M. Fensom 7, E. A. Hull 8.

WOODFORD.—On Sunday, June 5th, after evensong, 1,264 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: A. Bass 1, Miss E. D. Turner 2, F. W. Corney 3, F. W. Hayes 4, G. H. Grainger 5, C. R. Morss 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. A. Waugh (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, and the first quarter-peal of Major on the bells.

DUDLEY, WORCS.—On Sunday, June 5th, on the occasion of the Sunday School Festival, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: G. Boughey 1, N. Leech 2, T. A. Townsend 3, W. Banks 4, S. J. Hughes 5, J. Goodman, jun., 6, H. Goodman (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor) 7, H. Hubball 8, H. Goodman 9, S. A. Phelips 10.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—Dedication of peal tablet will take place on August 6th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (free). Those intending to be present please notify me. All ringers welcome. — H. C. Jones, The Gardens, Chequers, Ellesborough, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Westerham on Saturday, August 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Gransden on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots, Hunts.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.—Dedication of the augmented ring of 8 on Saturday, August 6th, at 3 p.m., by Right Rev. Bishop Roscow, Shedden D.D. Tower open for ringing after tea. Thanksgiving services, Sunday, August 7th, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —Owing to illness at Hythe the next meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, August 6th. Tower open 2.30. Travelling allowances will be paid. Tea at 5 o'clock. A card would be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Next meeting Castleton, Saturday, August 6th. Church of St. Edmund (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.), available afternoon and evening. Tea 5 p.m., Payne's, Peak Cavern Road. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5, at moderate charge. All welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Meetings at St. Clement Danes', Strand.—Aug. 7th, Sunday morning service, 10 a.m.; Aug. 8th, practice, 7.30 p.m.; Aug. 22nd, practice, 7.30 p.m.; Sept. 4th, Sunday morning service, 10 a.m.; Sept. 5th, practice, 7.30 p.m.; Sept. 19th, practice, 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. O. Moore, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *The Coffee Pot on the 9th (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

TALATON, DEVON.—The ring of 6, rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bermuda on Thursday, August 11th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after the service. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for visiting ringers. Notification to be sent to the Rector by Tuesday, August 9th.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, August 13th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. J. Cottrell, 38, Congleton Road, Biddulph, Staffs, not later than August 10th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Offley on August 13th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Green Man Inn. Mr. L. Fidler, 11, Victoria Road, Hitchin, will be in charge of ringing and tea arrangements, so will those persons requiring tea please note his address and send a card? Bus service from Luton and Hitchin every 20 mins.—Don Mears, Dis. Sec.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Cross Stones on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nail Street, Milnrow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Tilbury (nearest station Low Street, old L.T. and S.) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me, in order that adequate arrangements for tea can be made? —E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Eight Bells Hotel (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, August 16th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Election of branch officers.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming. Mid-week joint meeting at Enfield on Wednesday, August 24th. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar. For tea please notify Mr. J. Leather, Potter's Lane, Halebank, near Widnes. Please make a special effort to attend to support the new Vicar. Crosville buses half-hourly from Liverpool.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, August 20th. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at the King's Arms. Ringing during the afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea please advise me early. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be he held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday afternoon, August 20th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom. Attendance at service will be greatly appreciated. Important business. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. E. Garside, 61, Lees Road, Mossley, by Tuesday, 16th inst.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Michael's, Blackburn. Bells available from 2 p.m. at St. Michael's and Cathedral. Tea and meeting 5 p m. and 6 p.m. respectively in St. Michael's Institute, and social at 7 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. each, social free, to all who notify Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, not later than Friday, August 26th. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. H. T. Pye has removed to Fernbank, 118, Maldon Road, Colchester.

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WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.—For evensong, on Sunday, June 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Cooper, sen., 1, J. Cooper, jun., 2, V. Darvill 3, G. Tilley 4, W. Mortimore 5, R. Darvill (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 12th, at the Church of St. Giles, Camberwell, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal: D. Wright (conductor) 1, Miss Norah Shorter (first quarter-peal of Royal) 2, E. J. King 3, A. Clayton 4, T. H. Taffender 5, J. R. Gammon 6, G. H. Grainger 7, W. D. Grainger 8, W. Rogers 9, F. E. Darby 10.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, at the church of St. Michael, 1,036 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Wacey 1, F. Springham 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. Wacey 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, H. M. White 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the secretary, Mr. H. M. White.

MICKLETON, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 5th, for evening service was rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (with ten callings): T. Fairfax 1, E. Holder 2, D. Kinchin 3, F. Tuffley (conductor) 4, F. Kinchin 5, L. Kinchin 6. This is the first quarter-peal as conductor and first by a local band unassisted.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 5th, for evening service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. W. Bond 1, H. S. Parson 2, W. G. Cook 3, H. Gassor 4, H. L. Cook 5, H. C. Bond 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, J. Roberts 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LEICESTER.—On July 20th, at St. Margaret's, in honour of St Margaret's patronal festival, 1,168 Bob Major: E. Tanser 1, G. Humphreys 2, Ernest Morris (conductor) 3, W. Tanser 4, J. Morris 5, G. S. Morris 6, W. H. Clarke 7, E. Cattell 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On June 30th, by the local band, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. G. Bunch 1, S. J. Riddell 2, A. T. Hearmon 3, F. Watts 4, C. Bunch 5, A. Goodall 6, G. Butler (conductor) 7, L. Pope 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all.

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UMPIRES FOR PEALS.

The subject raised by a correspondent last week as to the umpiring of peals is one which interests a good many ringers, and all the arguments are not on one side. Except for special occasions it has never been the practice of the Exercise to demand an umpire for tower bell peals, although in the past, when rivalries were not infrequently a good deal keener than they are to-day, there were constantly unofficial observers ready to criticise, and, if necessary, condemn the performances of others. In the early days of peal ringing, for instance, the rival Norwich companies were quick to 'umpire' each other's performances; in London for many years, when little peal ringing was done except by the two great societies, few peals were completed without critical ears listening to the ringing for part or the whole of the time. But even this unofficial refereeing is not to be found to-day and, beyond the claims of curiosity which draw others to listen, even attempts on records are made without any official supervision.

The truth is, we believe, that to-day peal ringing has lost a lot in relative value and ringers are content to leave men on their honour to claim only that which they know to be true. We believe, also, that only in a tiny proportion of cases is that confidence misplaced. There may be here and there one whose sense of fitness is such that he would claim as a peal anything in which the bells came round, as long as the other ringers could not dispute it, but these men can get but scant pleasure from any such performance and their mean minds are welcome to all the satisfaction that it provides.

The deliberately 'cooked' peal is a thing of rare occurrence; the badly struck peal is a different proposition. Our correspondent asks how many errors are to be allowed in a peal? Presumably the answer is as many as can legitimately be put right; or, alternatively, as many as the conductor will conscientiously suffer before he says 'stand.' While technically no false changes can be permitted in a peal, there is no rule except 'good sense' which limits the amount of bad ringing that is permissible. There can be no justification for persistent bad ringing in a peal attempt and men of standing will not tolerate it. Umpires, therefore, would only find their services required among notoriously bad ringers, and these would be the first to resent interference and would be just as likely to challenge his decisions. Ringing is unlike the majority of pursuits. It is seldom competitive. The results of the ringers' prowess have to be taken on trust, and that trust, as we have already indicated, is seldom falsified. It hardly seems possible to establish a standard

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of striking below which no peal ought to be claimed or recognised, yet it would be a distinct advance in these days if such a level could be fixed and acknowledged by all who embark upon peal ringing. There are many men in the Exercise whose names are sufficient guarantee not only of the genuineness but also of the worthiness of a peal performance; there are others who might well raise their standard of ringing. A peal may be an end, but the means should be above criticism if the end is to be accepted by the world at large.

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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt.

*WILLIAM SHORT ...	...*Treble*	*HECTOR G. BIRD ...	7
GEORGE F. SWANN ...	2	*FREDERICK BAILEY ...	8
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ALBERT WALKER ...	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ...	10
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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D flat.

CHARLES F. SAYER ...	...*Treble*	*EDWIN R. GOATE ...	6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	2	WILLIAM CLOVER ...	7
ERNEST G. GARRARD ...	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	8
RONALD H. BULLEN ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	9
WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* 100th peal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells and by ringers of treble, 3rd, 6th and 7th.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT WRIGHT	...*Treble*	CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	6
WILLIAM H. HARRIS ...	2	GEORGE CONDICK	7
JOHN AUSTIN	3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	8
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SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

HORACE M. DAY ...	...*Treble*	*FREDERICK LEGGOTT ...	6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	2	*WILLIAM E. CLARK ...	7
GEORGE LADD	3	*HAROLD HARPER ...	8
*FRANK DEWEY	4	†CLAUDE I. DAVIES ...	9
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ...	5	WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON
* First peal on ten and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Royal.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

*JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JAMES HARRISON	6
FRED HINDLE	2	WILLIAM E. WILSON	7
*EDWIN JENNINGS	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	8
*MISS M. CLAYTON	4	*RICHARD BALDERSTONE	9
*ARNOLD BRUNTON	5	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. SHAW. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Kendal, 2nd and 7th belong to the Cathedral, 4th and 6th to Hoghton, 1st and 8th to St. Michael's, Blackburn, 9th to Rishton, and 5th and 10th to Churchkirk.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	7
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	*FREDERICK W. ROGERS	8
RONALD BULLEN	4	*REGINALD T. NEWMAN	9
FREDERICK DIGBY	5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal and first on the bells.

NEWPORT, MON.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven 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.

REV. I. J. RICHARDS	*Treble*	CHARLES SADLER	6
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	FRED ATTWELL	7
WILLIAM POSTON	3	CHARLES GREEDY	8
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WILLIAM T. POSTON	5	KENNETH KNOWLES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. C. KNIGHT. Conducted by C. GREEDY.

Ringers of 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9 from Hereford. Rung as birthday compliment to the Dean, Rev. Dr. J. L. Phillips.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
KEITH HART	2	ALBERT H. WARD	7
ROBERT SWIFT	3	ERNEST MORRIS	8
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	9
JOHN DEARLOVE	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ELTHAM, KENT.
On Thursday, July 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JIM HURRELL	*Treble*	THOMAS A. EASTERBY	5
JOHN J. LAMB	2	JOHN E. LYDDIARD	6
CHARLIE ELLIOT	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	7
HENRY E. JAMES	4	FREDERICK J. HURRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Francis Fraser, who was interred in the churchyard on the same date close to the tower and bells he loved so well, and where he rang for the long period of 64 years. Mr. Fraser was 82 years of age.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM	*Treble*	JOHN WHEADON	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	EDWARD J. BEER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHORCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD	*Treble*	WALLACE BURGESS	5
G. WILFRED SLACK	2	LEONARD DRAKE	6
*JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD	3	GEORGE ROBINSON	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	JOHN MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect for the late Dr. A. Ellison, M.D., a much respected patron of this church, also for the late Edward Crowther, of St. Peter's, Birstall, who was interred on this day.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY	*Treble*	*FREDERICK A. SALTER	5
*JACK BAILEY	2	HENRY HARRISON	6
*ALFRED MOULD	3	*WILLIAM SWAIN	7
*WILLIAM H. WAIN	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

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

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

GEORGE HOWCHIN	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	5
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS	2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	6
GEORGE BAILEY	3	WILLIAM CLOVER	7
GEORGE MAYERS	4	GEORGE H. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method rung by the association in which a lady has taken part.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	*ERNEST J. LADD	5
PERCY PAGE	2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN	6
WILLIAM BUTTON	3	THOMAS E. SONE	7
WILLIAM BIDNELL	4	KENNETH PATTENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

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

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WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, July 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

Leslie G. Brett	...Treble	Edwin R. Goate	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Frederick W. Rogers	6
Alfred T. Greenwood	3	Wilfred Williams	7
Leslie C. Wightman	4	Charles W. Roberts	...Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by C. W. Roberts.
First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 31, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*Cyril Hayes	...Treble	E. G. Swift	5
Ernest Trueman	2	Sidney Wiltshire	6
W. A. Swift	3	Robert Swift	7
V. E. Swift	4	Fred Lambeth	...Tenor

Composed by William Willson. Conducted by Fred Lambeth.
* First peal and first attempt. This peal, which was arranged for the brothers Swift, contains all the 7-4-6's, all the 7-5-6's, Queen's, Tittums, Whittington's and the 6th her extent home.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. George, Wilton,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

Arthur W. Hayward	...Treble	S. George Coles	5
Alfred J. Wyatt	2	William G. Gigg	6
William H. Coles	3	S. Percy Merson	7
Arthur H. Reed	4	James Hunt	...Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by J. Hunt.
First in the method on the bells.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(North-Western Branch.)
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bridget,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*William Martin	...Treble	Thomas G. Myers	5
Charles Sangwin	2	John W. Sangwin	6
William Shears	3	Frederick Sangwin	7
A. William Myers	4	Frederick Prouse	...Tenor

Conducted by T. G. Myers.
* First peal of Triples.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Miss Marie Cross	...Treble	Percy E. Jones	5
Thomas Collins	2	Armiger J. Trollope	6
Ernest C. S. Turner	3	Frank Corke	7
William E. Taylor	4	Arthur Harding	...Tenor

Composed by F. Robinson. Conducted by Frank Corke.
This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Florence King to Mr. Arthur Mark Stacey, the bridegroom being a ringer of the local band. It was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DATE TOUCH AT WATH-ON-DEARNE.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, on Thursday, August 4th, a date touch (1,932 changes) of Minor was rung in 1 hour 7 mins., consisting of 36 Original, 456 Rochester, 720 each of Burton and Oxford: W. Bramham 1, W. Green 2, A. Panther (conductor) 3, G. Lord 4, R. J. Ricketts 5, A. Gill 6. This touch was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Nancy Mary Baylis, of Wath-on-Dearne, and Mr. William E. Henwood, of Ardsley, which took place on the same day.

NEWBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¾ cwt. in D.

John Fowler	...Treble	William Henley	5
Frederick Biggs	2	Thomas S. Goodchild	6
Miss Stella Davis	3	George Martin	7
Roland Biggs	4	Arthur Martin	...Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by George Martin.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Fred Hindle	...Treble	Laurence J. Williams	5
William Aaron	2	Edwin Jennings	6
Richard Balderstone	3	Arthur Tomlinson	7
Arnold Brunton	4	*Joseph A. Tomlinson	...Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. L. James. Conducted by A. Tomlinson.
* First peal in method. Arranged for Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal, who was on holiday in the district.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

John Flint	...Treble	John H. Brothwell	5
Miss Grace Burchnall	2	Jesse J. Moss	6
Miss K. Burchnall	3	Edward Robbins	7
*Harold Denman	4	Leonard Pierrepont	...Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by J. Flint.
* First peal of Kent. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. L. Pierrepont.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Michael,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

Robert G. Knowles	...Treble	Sidney T. Holt	5
William Short	2	William Ranford	6
Frank Lawrence	3	Cyril Tansell	7
Denis R. Morris	4	Charles Camm	...Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.
First peal of Major on the bells, and first peal on the bells since December 26th, 1890.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

Charles H. Page	...Treble	Charles W. Clarke	5
Nelson Elliott	2	Jack M. Cripps	6
Keith Hart	3	John W. Steddy	7
Kenneth Snelling	4	Ernest Morris	...Tenor

Composed by F. W. Rogers. Conducted by E. Morris.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

George Whiting	...Treble	Leslie C. Wightman	5
Leslie G. Brett	2	Ernest E. Lanham	6
William C. Rumsey	3	T. William Last	7
George Bennett	4	Ronald H. Bullen	...Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by T. W. Last.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD BOB FOUR-PART, No. 74.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
MAURICE SWINFIELD	2	JOSEPH B. FENTON	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	*WILLIAM A. BEST ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time. It has all the 6.7's at backstroke with only two singles. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

KENNETH A. NICHOLSON	*Treble*	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ...	5
JOHN ANDERSON...	2	ADAM DEAS	6
*MISS JESSIE M. MELVILLE	3	WILLIAM H. BARBER	7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First Surprise peal. Miss Melville is the first lady to ring a Surprise peal for the above association.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANCIS BALL	...*Treble*	ARTHUR BIGLEY	5
JOHN J. MAWBY	2	AMOS SMART...	6
CLIFTON NEWMAN	3	JAMES T. WARD	7
HARRY CHAMBERS	4	WALTER PERKINS... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. PERKINS.

* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ...	...*Treble*	*EDWARD IDDON	5
*WILFRED HALLIWELL ...	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
EVEREST FORD	4	PETER CROOK, JUN. ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, JUN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged for E. Jennings, of Kendal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	...*Treble*	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	HARRY KILBY	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. This peal contains 2,944 London, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative and 608 Bristol. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

WICKEN.—On Sunday, August 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. Ridgway 1, F. Case 2, A. N. Wood 3, J. A. Green 4, L. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Roberts 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES GOODBURN ...	...*Treble*	*GEORGE BUTCHER	5
GUY R. AMBROSE	2	EDWARD J. BEER	6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	3	JOHN BURLES	7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ...	4	STUART SANDFORD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by JOHN BURLES.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor on eight bells and first attempt. Birthday peal for Mrs. G. R. Ambrose and G. Butcher.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ...	5
WALTER H. POOLE	2	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS ...	6
JACK ROY	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
WILLIAM H. COLES	4	SYDNEY PRIDDLE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

The ringers of 4 and 6, for whom the peal was arranged, are from London.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS	...*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	5
SHIRLEY BURTON	2	HAROLD G. JENNEY	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
*C. FERGUSON HOWITT ...	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

* First peal in the method. Rung with hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dexter on the occasion of their silver wedding.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

ALBERT W. EDWARDS...	...*Treble*	JOHN W. JONES	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	EDWARD PHILLIPS	6
WALTER J. NURTON	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
CHARLES H. PERRY	4	GLYN I. LEWIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

Rung as a silver wedding peal for the conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE	...*Treble*	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5
JAMES M. BAILEY	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
LEONARD P. BAILEY	3	JAMES G. RUMSEY	7
REGINALD C. KERSEY... ...	4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

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

Arranged for A. F. Bailey, of Stockport.

PENTRE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Tuesday, August 2nd, the Pentre (Rhondda) ringers visited Swansea, Sketty and Gorseinon. Messrs. J. W. Jones and W. Heath joined the party at Swansea, and an enjoyable day was spent. At each tower visited touches in various standard methods were rung, but, unfortunately, owing to several members being unable to attend, it was not possible to ring any Surprise method.

Everyone felt deeply grateful to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and also to the local ringers for the goodwill shown in making the outing a success.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

*RONALD A. TUFFIN ...	...*Treble*	†ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ...	5
†TONY PRICE	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	6
†FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
GEORGE MARRINER	4	ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. The first peal in the method by the association, on the bells, and as conductor. The ringer of the 2nd had never previously struck a blow in the method.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*PERCY E. JONES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
FREDERICK BIGGS	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
MRS. C. C. MAYNE	3	CECIL C. MAYNE	7
GEORGE MARTIN	4	FRANK CORKE	...*Tenor*

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

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung on the 65th birthday of the ringer of the second.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, August 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

C. HOWARD STANLEY...	...*Treble*	JOHN E. EATON	5
JOHN F. ATKINS	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
SAMUEL GROVE	3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ...	7
VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ...	4	HARRY PARKES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES HEMMING ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK JORDAN	4
HERBERT JORDAN	2	*J. WILLIAM HEATH	5
*FRANK SADLER	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a token of respect to Mr. Frank Jinks, who was interred the same day, and who had been a ringer at Evesham Bell Tower since 1886.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight 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.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM	...*Treble*	KEITH W. WHITTLE	4
GEORGE W. ABLITT	2	DAVID WHITING	5
PERCY L. JOHNSON	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

ROWDE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12¾ cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE WINTER	...*Treble*	V. E. SWIFT	4
SIDNEY HILLIER	2	W. A. SWIFT	5
E. G. SWIFT	3	ROBERT SWIFT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. A. SWIFT.

First peal of Surprise Minor by ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th and for the Guild. The peal contains no 6-5's at backstroke, and was rung to commemorate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor.

TROWELL, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Oxford, three 720's of Kent and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER	...*Treble*	*EDWARD F. GOBEY	4
WILLIAM THORNLEY	2	JACK BAILEY	5
ALFRED MOULD	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since they were recast.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*W. FRANK NUTT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	3
†JACK STUBBS	2	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ...	4
		CHARLES M. WHITNEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITMORE.

* First peal and belongs to the local band. † First peal away from the treble. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, STELLA,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
720 changes each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B.

ROBERT LEIGHTON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. BARBER	4
JOHN ANDERSON	2	ADAM DEAS	5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. F. E. Collins to Miss O. Cliff, which was solemnised here the same day.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN T. BIMSON	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	4
JAMES MILLER	2	JOHN T. MELLER...	5
WILLIAM TAYLOR	3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Edward Berry, churchwarden at the above church for upwards of thirty years.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, R. Whittington 2, J. Herbert (St. Mary's, Putney) 3, A. Tidy (first quarter on 'inside' bell) 4, C. Stephens 5, L. Warner 6, H. Charman (conductor) 7, C. Charman 8.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.
BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of Merchant's Return, Woodbine and Oxford, and four 720's of Kent.

ERNEST BROOKES	*Treble*	WILLIAM STEELE	4
WILLIS DYSON	2	HILTON SYKES	5
RAYMOND CROSSLAND... ...	3	*JACK TYAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST BROOKES.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford and two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES WALLEY	*Treble*	WALTER LONGMAN	4
WILFRED STEVENSON	2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ...	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Ringers of 2 and 6 hail from Macclesfield, 4 and 5 from Lawton, and 1 and 3 from Norton.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	WALTER AYRE	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	CLADDE I. DAVIES	7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

DEATH OF A BOLTON RINGER.

FORMER BRANCH SECRETARY.

Bolton, Lancashire, has lost by death one of its oldest members in Mr. George Pincott. He had not been well for the past two years, and was admitted to hospital last week for an operation, but on Bank Holiday he passed away at the age of 73 years.

He was interred at Astley Bridge Cemetery on August 5th, being carried by members of the Bolton Parish Church band of ringers, four of whom rang a course on handbells over the grave. The service was conducted by the president of the association (Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., Rural Dean), assisted by the Vicar of Bolton, the Rev. Canon Spencer Elliott, M.A. The vice-president, Mr. Peter Crook, represented the association.

The deceased spent the earlier part of his youth in the Gloucester and Bristol districts, joining the Lancashire Association in 1897. For this association he has done good work. He was a member of the Bolton Parish Church band, and was one of the most regular in his attendance (he attended up to a fortnight ago), holding the position of captain for many years. He was very keen on peal ringing and a reliable method ringer. He had rung 160 peals for the Lancashire Association. For many years he was secretary to the local branch, and was presented with an inscribed walking stick when he relinquished the post in 1916. He leaves a widow and two sons in bereavement.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS' EXCURSION.

A very enjoyable day was spent by the ringers, their wives and friends from the Minster tower at Beverley, Yorks, on the occasion of their annual outing. Travelling by saloon car, they first visited Sledmere to view the famous war memorials and church. They then went on to Malton, where they had about half an hour's ringing on the peal of eight at St. Leonard's Church, and then to Pickering, where they spent an hour in ringing and endeavoured to initiate some of the local ringers into the intricacies of change ringing. They next proceeded to Brompton, where they partook of an excellent lunch at the Cayley Arms, and then continued the journey to Scarborough, which was reached about 3 o'clock. Here the party dispersed, and went their different ways until they met again at eight o'clock for the homeward journey. The weather was all that could be desired, and the ringers desire to thank the Vicars of the churches at Malton and Pickering for their kind permission to ring.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Hearty congratulations will be extended by their many friends in the Exercise to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril F. Johnston, of Croydon, upon the arrival of a son and heir.

The attempt for the long peal of Bob Major at Benington, Herts, on August Bank Holiday, came to grief through a change course after ringing 9,408 changes in 5 hours 50 mins.

Death has robbed the company at Evesham bell tower of one of the oldest ringers—Mr. Frank Jinks. He had been a ringer at Evesham since 1886. He was buried on July 30th, when a half-muffled peal of Minor was rung to his memory at Great Hampton, Worcestershire.

Last Saturday was the 58th anniversary of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at the Church of St. Gabriel, Pimlico, London. The peal itself was of no special importance, but it is noteworthy from the fact that it was the first which was published as having been rung by the Society of 'Royal' Cumberland Youths. This addition to the title was made, we believe, at the suggestion of Mr. Henry Dains.

Incidentally it was the first peal conducted by that celebrated Cumberland, Mr. George Newson, and there is still one survivor of the band, Mr. Edwin Gibbs.

The Rev. J. Williams, who has recently resigned the living of Gresford, North Wales, presented a set of new bell ropes to the tower as a parting gift. A farewell peal was rung on Wednesday, August 3rd.

'If you want to go walking with Kate,' is the title of one of the latest songs published by a Sunday newspaper! And it begins: 'Make haste, quick; get in the queue, Here's the prize that's meant for you.' This song should become popular among the bachelors.

GUILDFORD'S PROPOSED NEW CATHEDRAL.

A RING OF BELLS IN THE PLAN.

The accepted plans for the proposed new Cathedral at Guildford, which have just been published, present the vision of a building impressive both in mass and line. Cruciform in design, it is to be about 370ft. long and 110ft. wide at the transepts, and the central tower rises to a height of 150ft. from the floor of the nave.

The structure is to be principally of brick, and provision is made in the central tower for a ring of bells. A feature of the architecture of the tower is the long double windows on each side, and it is at the cill level of these openings that bells will be placed. In the design is shown a frame with ten bells, placed in the centre of the tower and occupying a space of about 18ft. by 16ft., with a free area 10ft. wide all round the frame. The internal measurement of the bell chamber, which is approximately 100ft. from the ground, is 38ft. square, and at this level the walls are five feet thick. The ringing chamber is immediately below the bells, and has a height of about 12ft.

The total cost of the building at present contemplated is about £200,000, but when it will be embarked upon is very uncertain. It may be some years before even a beginning is made.

RINGERS BEAT POLICE AT BOWLS.

HAPPY GATHERING AT BOLTON.

On Saturday last about 70 ringers, wives and friends availed themselves of the invitation of the Bolton Police to a game of bowls and a social at their Athletic Ground. The day was ideal for outdoor games, and during the afternoon a bowling match was played, resulting in a win for the visitors. This is the first time the ringers have beaten the police since these events were inaugurated. After the match came the wiping off of old scores, and to watch one would have thought they were big money matches, so keen was the interest, and not just friendly tower rivalry. For the ladies, the daylight lasted too long, because it was 8.40 p.m. before the 'social' began, but they made up for the late start. The next two hours were filled with handbells, songs, community singing, humour and dancing. Miss Annie Potter and Mrs. M. V. Collins provided the solos, and Constable Hayhurst the humour, with Mr. Hamer at the piano. Dancing was very popular, the space of the pavilion being taxed, and it makes one wonder that if a dance was promoted whether it would receive sufficient support to be worth the trouble. Mr. Albert Ed. Wreakes, a former secretary of the association, came from Paisley to look up old friends and bring back happy memories.

The Mayor of Bolton, Councillor George Sykes, once a member of the St. George's band, had promised to attend, but later sent an apology. Councillor Dickinson, of St. Mary's, Deane, and the president (Rev. Canon Elsee, Rural Dean) were amongst the visitors.

Mr. John Potter moved a vote of thanks to the police for their kind invitation. He said he was sure everybody had enjoyed the day.—Constable Hayhurst replied on behalf of the police. He said the ringers were always welcome, because they knew that when they came there would be good entertainment. He extended a hearty invitation to them to visit the other club during the next winter. He also said he could not close without referring to Sergt. Crook; upon his organisation and foresight success depended, and to him he offered the thanks of all present.—This was shown in a hearty way.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HOUSES WHICH EIGHTEENTH CENTURY RINGERS USED.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Readers of my 'College Youths, 1750-1788,' may remember that the headquarters of the 'ancient' society were at The Barn in St. Martin's Lane, and those of the 'junior' society at 'The Barley Mow' in Salisbury Court, Fleet Street. The first was pulled down when Trafalgar Square was laid out, and when I visited Salisbury Court I could find no tavern named the Barley Mow. But now I find that one house has taken down what I took (perhaps erroneously) for its sign and has reinstated the old name. So the ringer who wishes to make a pilgrimage to the haunts of the old eighteenth century ringers can quench his thirst on the same spot that they did. And the Barley Mow held quite an important place in the life of the Exercise. Here you could meet all the most important ringers of the time, certainly during the latter part of the century and probably earlier. There was another house, 'The Ten Bells,' in Fleet Street, hard by, which was used by the ringers, and either that or the Barley Mow was the headquarters of the College Youths in Annable's time.

The Barley Mow was a favourite house for clubs and a famous 'mug house' was held there. The custom was for a number of men to meet regularly, pay a certain sum which was spent in beer and the evening was passed in conversation, speech making and singing. Each man brought his own mug—hence the name. The members of this club belonged to the lower middle classes, not to the mob. They were much the same sort of people that the College Youths were. This 'mug house' figures in the history of London in connection with a serious riot, when the mob, whose political opinions differed from those of the members, attacked the house and lives were lost.

We are able now to correct another tradition of the College Youths. In the society's official history, given in its book of rules (I quote the edition of 1894) the following is written: 'The Company for many years during the last century held their meetings at the Paul's Head, Cateaton Street (now Gresham Street), City. On the day of the anniversary (Nov. 5th) the members walked in procession to Bow Church, Cheapside, to attend Divine Service preceded by their Beadle carrying a staff surmounted by a small silver bell.'

This, evidently, is a somewhat muddled transcription of the account given by William Eversfield, which I quoted in my 'College Youths,' and as it stands is far from accurate. The Society never had any particular connection with Bow Church. They rang there occasionally, as they did at most of the other city churches which had rings of bells, but it was not a regular meeting place, as St. Bride's and St. Martin's and St. Saviour's were. The bells, a heavy ring of eight in not particularly good going order, were not the attraction that the other peals were. It was not there that the ringers went to church

Probably it was some vague idea of Sir Richard Whittington and his connection with Bow Church and the College at St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, that first suggested this tradition, but certainly it is without foundation. And the Society's headquarters were never at the Paul's Head, Cateaton Street. The Barley Mow was the

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING DISAPPOINTS.

The quarterly meetings of the Rochester District during the current year have been so well attended that the expectation of a grand finale at the mid-summer meeting was looked forward to with great eagerness, particularly by the entertaining company. The ring of six at Newington was available from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., when the association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. N. E. Robertshawe), an honorary member of the association.

Although the company was moderately small, each one entered into the service with fervour, and the attendance of the organist was much appreciated. The new hymn sheets, which have been added to the service books, were used for the first time, and manifested the wisdom of this innovation in making the books self-contained.—A collection in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the association was taken.

After service, an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, and every endeavour was made to cope with the ample supplies of appetising fare generously provided by the Vicar and ringers, and ably served by the wives and friends of the Newington band.

The Rev. F. N. E. Robertshawe presided at the business meeting which followed, and warmly welcomed the ringers, but expressed his disappointment at the small attendance. This was undoubtedly due to the close proximity of Bank Holiday.

The business was of a formal character, and was speedily accomplished, the principal item, that of choosing the place of the next meeting, resulting, as in recent years, by adopting Rochester Cathedral.

Votes of thanks were heartily conveyed to the Vicar for permission to ring and for taking the service, to the organist, and, last but not least, to the Vicar and ringers for so well entertaining the visitors.—Mrs. Gilbert, the wife of the local secretary, in a happy speech, expressed the pleasure they all had in making the meeting successful from their point of view.

WELL-KNOWN BELL HANGER'S MARRIAGE.

A marriage which will interest many ringers throughout the country was solemnised at Blaydon-on-Tyne, Co. Durham, on Tuesday of last week. The bridegroom was Mr. Frederick E. Collins, of Croydon, son of Mr. W. F. and the late Mrs. Collins, of Ringwood, Hants, and the bride Miss Olive Cliff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cliff, of 108, James Street, Blaydon.

Mr. Collins is one of the bell hangers employed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and has been engaged on many important bell hanging operations in all parts of the country. In this manner he has made a wide circle of friends. As a ringer he is very popular in Surrey and London, where his services, whenever available, are always welcome. Although the bride is not herself a ringer, she has long had an indirect interest in ringing, as both her father and brother are members of the company at St. Mary's Church, where the marriage ceremony was performed.

The bride, who wore a dress of blue crepe-de-chine, was given in marriage by her father, and was attended by one bridesmaid. The best man was Mr. Charles H. Kippin, an old ringing friend of the bridegroom, and hon. secretary of the Surrey County Association. Blaydon bells were rung immediately after the service, and a reception at the home of the bride's parents was attended by 30 guests.

In the evening at St. Mary's Church a peal in seven Minor methods was rung in honour of the event, conducted by the best man.

The happy couple, who were the recipients of many congratulations and presents, spent their honeymoon at Scarborough.

ALDENHAM RINGER KILLED.

By the passing of John Eaton, Aldenham has lost a promising ringer. He was unfortunately killed by a car on the Watford by-pass road on Wednesday in last week.

The funeral took place on Saturday. He was followed to his rest by his parents, relatives, and friends, and the members of the local band. The Vicar (Rev. Gibbs) conducted the service in the church and at the graveside.

After the funeral, the members of the band rang a quarter-peal with the bells half-muffled: A. Wootten 1, W. Inwood 2, W. Gilks 3, S. Jones 4, C. H. Horton (conductor) 5, J. Marsh 6, L. Harpin 7, L. Hart 8.

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headquarters and the church they attended was St. Bride's. The two are only a few yards apart, and it was an easy and natural thing to meet at the headquarters and then walk round the corner to the church. But the Society did then the same thing that they do now. There was not sufficient accommodation at the Barley Mow for their big annual feast, and so they held that, not at headquarters, but elsewhere. One year, at least, they held it at the Paul's Head and perhaps many other years as well. Another place they held it was the Half Moon in Cheapside.

A SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

READERS' OPINIONS INVITED.

The scheme outlined in our columns last week by Mr. W. A. Cave, for a School of Instruction for seasoned ringers, so that they might take their acquired knowledge back to their associations and impart it to others, has caused a good deal of interesting discussion in ringing circles. Some seem to think such a scheme is workable; others frankly doubt its practicability. What do our readers think about it? We shall be pleased to receive short letters on the subject for publication.

THE NEED FOR COMPETENT INSTRUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It would appear that Mr. Cave's suggestion is rather belated, for, according to 'The Ringing World,' the question of 'instructing the instructor' was discussed at the last Central Council meeting, and a definite scheme was adopted.

This supplementary idea would have provided field for ample discussion if it had been put forward at the Council meeting, and it is a pity this was not done. It is to be hoped that the scheme which was agreed upon by the Council will be put into operation with the least possible delay, so that the results of Mr. Dyke's efforts may be observed before the next Council meeting. To have two different schemes going at the same time would hardly seem to be desirable.

Nevertheless, the idea of a school for instructors is very intriguing, and, in my opinion, quite a workable one. Those ringers, who, like myself, have visited many different parts of the country, cannot fail to have been impressed with the need for uniform instruction, and the great necessity for really competent instructors.

One can foresee a rather hectic time in front of those upon whom falls the responsibility for deciding the form of instruction to be given, but this, whilst presenting great difficulties, is not beyond solution.

If such a scheme as a school of instruction is adopted at some future time, it must never be forgotten that ringers who have a tremendous peal record are not necessarily the best instructors—indeed, many tip-top ringers whose names appear almost every week in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' are entirely incapable of transmitting their knowledge to others.

A school would, of course, cost a considerable amount of money, and here is a splendid opportunity for wealthy associations like the Midland Counties and other large associations to use their accumulated funds for the lasting betterment of ringing.

After all is said and done, ringing organisations are not savings societies, and there is no useful purpose in having hundreds of pounds locked up in investments. As long as an association pays its way year by year, there is no possible argument for hoarding up money against a 'rainy day.'

This suggestion of a school should, therefore, be given a prominent place on next year's agenda of the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD

Derimont, Walsoken, Wisbech.

A DELICATE SUBJECT.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read your article in your last issue following closely on the one, a few weeks ago, in reference to the execrable ringing, so prevalent to-day. Personally I know it is a delicate subject in which, no matter how well intentioned one may be to make things better, one often gets snubbed for his pains. It is a coincidence that you should publish at the same time the photos of the former Burton ringers, with two of whom, Mr. T. Holmes and Mr. J. Austin, I rang my first peal of Grandsire Caters at Lichfield Cathedral 42 years ago. I well remember Mr. Holmes coming across the belfry and congratulating me upon how well I had rung my bell. Stedman was arranged, but one of the band selected had injured his hand, so I was asked to stand in. The reason of my success was that I was very conversant with the coursing of the bells, so much so that I could have told the inside men where they ought to have been all through the peal. I had learnt the value of good striking with the old Walsall band, under the leadership of the late W. Hallsworth, a noted good striker in his day; in fact, the whole of the band were the same, and would not tolerate anything like we hear to-day. They were a conservative lot, of very mixed characteristics, and it was only after I had rung the above peal that they were inclined to receive me into their clique. However, I made progress with them, ringing my first peal of Stedman Caters, muffled for Mr. Hallsworth, in 1891.

I mentioned the knowledge that I had attained regarding the coursing of the bells, and I attribute the present bad ringing to the lack of this knowledge. I have not been very prominent for some years in ringing, as my craze for good striking led to some amount of unpleasantness, so I gave up ringing.

When the bells here were recast and made into a peal of twelve I thought I would make another attempt to get interested, but, after endeavouring to get a better standard, I was told I did not know how to ring, and I must admit that I did not know how to ring in the way they did. Certainly, in ringing Stedman, the only method they practise, they 'sing the song' all right, knowing whether they should be in the slow, or the different places, but some of them do not appear to have the faintest idea as to what bells they should be striking over—more often than not they look the wrong side of the belfry—and are quite ignorant of coursing one another from behind. The consequence is often awful banging, with no leads, etc. We have here, as you know, a very beautiful peal of bells, but I am told that the people in the vicinity of the church are complaining bitterly as to the noise, both on practice night and Sundays, and propose to take steps to curtail the use of the bells. As one who lives close to the church said, if they would only ring eight or ten on Sundays, and try and strike them, he would forgive them a lot on practice night. I am not writing this in a vindictive spirit, but to illustrate the need there is for instruction in good striking.

I only hope that you will continue through your valuable paper to press this matter on the Exercise, also the point Mr. Elwell spoke about at the Central Council meeting on the desecration of belfry walls with tablets recording a lot of rubbish almost amounting to profanity. I know of more than one peal board I should like to pull down. With best wishes for more success to 'The Ringing World,' and hoping that it will always uphold the best traditions of change ringing, as typified by the group of Burton men (I knew them all), yours truly,

W. GRIFFIN.

47, Eastbourne Street, Walsall.

WHERE WILL THE MEN AND MONEY COME FROM?

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cave's suggestion for a school of instruction—I think it should be called a school for instructors—is an excellent one, on the face of it, and, goodness knows, the Exercise could do with it. If we could only start with just a few properly trained men, who would go round the associations and show bands how good striking may be attained, we should be doing the cause of ringing a vast amount of good.

But where are the men and the money to come from? That's what puzzles me. Who will want to give up his fortnight's holiday to go to a ringing school, and, even if willing to do this, who will want to spend his evenings afterwards running round the country to try and teach the unteachable, as many of the bad strikers are?

Further, I cannot imagine any ringer being able to afford to do either. Will the associations pay these instructors? If they would do so adequately, men might be found to undertake the work, but the scheme put forward by Mr. Cave, attractive as it is on paper, will need a good deal of consideration before it can become anything like a concrete proposition.—Yours, etc.,

H. SMITH.

EXCURSIONS IN ESSEX AND SUFFOLK.

A number of towers were visited by St. Peter's Guild, Sible Hedingham, Essex, for their annual outing. Among the places where they rang were Coddenham, Helmingham, Framsden and Framlingham. After lunch they visited Ufford, where they saw the old parish stocks, admired the beautiful church with its unique font, and rang both on the tower bells and the handbells. Subsequently they rang touches at Woodbridge, Grundisburgh, and St. Margaret's, Ipswich. At the two latter places they met their Leytonstone friends, who were also on tour. A pleasant ride home brought to a close a most successful outing, and thanks are tendered to the incumbents of the respective towers for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeepers for having everything ready.

WHEN THE YOUNGSTERS BEAT THE 'OLD 'UNS.'

The ringers of St. Peter's, South Croydon, visited Suffolk and Essex for their annual excursion. Leaving Croydon at 7.30 a.m., they made their way through London to Chelmsford where, at the Cathedral, they were met by Mr. Clarke. The twelve bells were rung in rounds, and all the ringers, including the youngsters, had a pull, after which Stedman Caters and Treble Ten were rung. Going on to Braintree they were welcomed by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) and Messrs. Wiffen. Further ringing took place, including a course of Cambridge Major with the help of Mr. Howard and Mr. G. Wiffen. Lunch, which had been arranged by Mr. Howard, was enjoyed at the Nag's Head Hotel, and in this course the youngsters beat the old ringers both in the length of 'changes' and the 'timing.' In the afternoon the party visited Lavenham, where they enjoyed ringing for an hour and a quarter, despite the fact that the belfry was under repair. After tea at Dedham, they went on to Colchester, where they rang at St. Peter's Church, Mr. Bumpstead, the steeplekeeper, having everything in readiness. Some well-struck courses in various methods were rung, and one of the learners then had the nerve to ask the captain to call a touch of Stedman Triples. To the surprise of all, himself included, this was successfully brought round, both striking and conducting being nearly perfect. The return journey was continued by Kelvedon and Witham, and a halt was made at Chelmsford, where the weekly practice was in progress. The visitors were welcomed by the local company, and four of them enjoyed a touch of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve. The remainder of the journey home was enlivened by songs and chorus. St. Peter's ringers take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents and steeplekeepers, and especially Mr. C. H. Howard for the arrangements which he made.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

POPULAR MEETING IN EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

At the recent practice at Amersham, no fewer than fifteen towers were represented by those who biked, hiked and miked (in a bus) from all parts of the globe to one of the most advanced towers in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch. Only one course of Stedman Doubles was rung, the rest being Minor in many methods.



AMERSHAM CHURCH TOWER, seen between old cottages.

Special mention should be made of Spliced Kent and Oxford and Cambridge, London, Biddulph and Norwich Surprise, three ladies taking part in one of the courses of London. The bells are a ring of six, with tenor approximately 19 cwt.



An intimate discussion on the church roof. Spliced Treble Bob was the subject matter.

The slimming merchant was there, but it was noticed that his appetite has not suffered. A snap was taken of the party 'on the roof,' but unfortunately was not a success, as the roof moved.

The secretary still has a few reports, also some copies of Minor Methods for sale.

It is hoped to visit Warfield in August, another place for a good tea.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

JOINT MEETING AT BARNSLEY.

By kind invitation of the Vicar of Barnsley (Rev. Canon H. E. Hone) and the Barnsley and District Society, a special general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 30th, when the bells of St. Mary's Parsh Church and the rings of six at Darton and Monk Bretton were placed at the disposal of the visitors. The bells were kept going in a variety of methods until 4 p.m., when a short service was held in St. Mary's Church. The hymns used were, 'We love the place, O God,' and 'When morning gilds the skies,' and a most interesting address was given by the Bishop of Pontefract (Dr. C. R. Hone).

After the service a group photograph of the company was taken on the Rectory lawn, tea being served immediately afterwards. Amongst those present were the Bishop of Pontefract, the Vicar of Barnsley, Rev. C. C. Marshall (president, Yorkshire Association), Canon Sorby (Darfield), the Revs. H. R. H. Coney (Felkirk), F. B. Greenwood (Cawthorne), H. Peverell (Darton), G. H. Stanney (Shelley), Mr. J. Cotterell (hon. treasurer, Yorkshire Association) and Mrs. Cotterell, Mr. F. Cryer (vice-president), Mr. C. D. Potter, Mr. A. Panther (hon. secretary, Barnsley and District Society), Mr. H. Morley (secretary, Eastern Division), Mr. F. Clarke (secretary, Southern Division), Mr. J. E. Cawser (hon. general secretary), etc. As so very often happens at ringers' meetings, many more were present than had intimated their intention of being there, and although only forty-two sent in their names for tea seventy-seven sat down. However, Mrs. Hone and her lady helpers were equal to the occasion, and a bountiful tea was provided. After tea, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by: Mrs. T. C. Ryder 1-2, T. C. Ryder 3-4, A. Nash 5-6, S. Briggs 7-8, S. F. Palmer 9-10.

The general meeting of the association was held on the Rectory lawn immediately afterwards. The Rev. C. C. Marshall (chairman) thanked the Bishop of Pontefract for sparing the time from a very busy life to attend the meeting and for his address.—In reply, the Bishop said first of all he had to express the great regret of the Lord Bishop of Wakefield for his inability to be present, and, secondly, he assured the members that he was really and genuinely glad to be present with them.—As he had another appointment, the Bishop left at this point of the proceedings.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the secretary at this the first meeting to be held since his appointment, and paid eloquent tribute to the many services rendered to the association by Mr. P. J. Johnson, the retiring secretary, during the sixteen years he had held office.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the ladies for providing tea, and the local company for making the arrangements. In reply, the Rev. H. E. Hone apologised for the absence of his churchwardens, who were business men, and extended a hearty welcome to those present. Although he was aware the bells were in need of attention, there was little chance of anything being done at present, as they were trying to build two new churches to meet the requirements of a growing community.

Mr. D. Whaling, of Barnsley, was elected a member of the association.

The Chairman drew the attention of those present to the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, which is to be held this year at Sheffield on October 8th. Mr. S. F. Palmer (secretary of the local committee) said the dinner would be held at Stevenson's Restaurant in Exchange Street, tickets being 4s. each. He urged all to make an effort to attend, assuring them of a very pleasant evening's entertainment.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding at the meeting, and in his reply the Rev. C. C. Marshall reminded the members that the next meeting was to be held at Knaresborough on September 17th.

The Rectory grounds were open to the visitors, and whilst some looked round these others returned to the towers for more ringing, which brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A BANK HOLIDAY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Branch was held at Whittlesey on Bank Holiday, and was well attended by ringers and friends from Northampton, Peterborough, Coventry, Long Sutton, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Warkton, Raunds, Thrapston and some of the local band. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Andrew's Churches were kept going to methods ranging from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise Major. Service was held in St. Andrew's Church, the Guild form being used, and the Vicar, the Rev. A. T. Newman, officiating. Tea was served at the George Hotel, 26 sitting down.

At the usual business meeting the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford) presided, and the officers were elected for the year.

A special appeal was made for better support of 'The Ringing World,' and a vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PERMISSION FOR MEETING REFUSED.

A very successful meeting was held at Cottenham on Saturday week. Members were present from Chatteris, Fen Ditton, Fulbourne, Linton, Oakington, Over, Sawston, Somersham, Stetchworth, Sutton, Trumpington, Willingham, in addition to some of the local band. The Rev. A. A. Hancock (Rector) conducted service and also acted as organist, afterwards presiding at the tea, which was served in the Church Hall.

It was decided to hold another by-meeting at Sutton on August 27th, the method chosen for practice there being London Victory or Sutton Delight (page 39 of Central Council Collection).

As the Rev. Duffil has refused his permission for the quarterly meeting to be held at Bourn on September 10th, Mr. Hurry extended a very cordial invitation to the association to visit Sawston, and said he hoped there would be a large gathering, as a hearty welcome awaited every visitor.

It was unanimously decided, therefore, to hold the meeting at Sawston on September 10th, and members are asked to note the alteration.

The Rev. A. A. Hancock was elected an honorary member of the association, and Messrs. H. Ivatt and S. Benton, of Cottenham, and Mr. C. Gimbert, of Sutton, as ringing members. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector for allowing the meeting, taking the service and particularly for playing the organ, also to the ladies who had prepared tea.

During the afternoon and evening various methods were rung, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise, thus catering for everyone. Ely Delight was voted very interesting.

JOINT MEETING AT NEWARK.

HEAVY NOTTS RING.

The first joint meeting of the North Notts Association and the Society of Sherwood Youths, Nottingham, was held at Newark-on-Trent on Bank Holiday. Ringers from Bristol, Bolsover, Scunthorpe, Lincoln; Rotherham, Treeton, Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, Mansfield Woodhouse, Northampton, Tickhill, Gamston, Sutton-on-Trent, Edwinstowe, Blankney, Ordsall, and a number of the local company took the privilege to have a ring on this excellent peal of ten at the Parish Church. This is thought to be the first time in history that an association meeting has ever been held at Newark, and many ringers visiting the tower made a special object of being present, for never before has either society welcomed friends from such a wide area. The tone of the bells is excellent, but the weight appeared to make things rather awkward, as there are not many peals in the county or neighbouring districts with bells having a 33 cwt. tenor. The ringing throughout the day was good, and ranged from Surprise Royal to Kent Minor.

Tea was partaken of at the Ossington Hotel, and was very refreshing to those who had been putting in hard work in the tower. There was no business meeting, but it is hoped that arrangements can be made for the next joint meeting to be held as early as possible. The cause of the business meeting being cancelled was that the arrangements could not be made between the two secretaries, Mr. F. Blood and Mr. R. W. Stockdale, owing to the former being ill.

Both societies wish to thank the Rev. Kay (Vicar of Newark) for the use of the bells, the local ringers for preparing for the visit, and the steeplekeeper for having the bells well greased, as the 'go' was splendid.

The next meeting of the North Notts Association is to be held at Ordsall, near Retford, on August 27th next, when several teams will again compete for the Crawford silver cup, and the memorial to the late Mr. Herbert Haigh will be dedicated. The association would like to see all of his many friends present at this meeting.

MANY VISITORS AT LINCOLNSHIRE MEETING.

The half-yearly meeting of the Sleaford District of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Heckington on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells, a beautiful ring of eight, were open from 3 to 9.

About 35 ringers attended, including visitors from Belfast, Bolsover, Boston, Bourne, Hough-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, Rotherham, Surfleet, and Wymondham, as well as members from towers in the district.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Richards). A short business meeting followed tea in the Temperance Hall, Mr. Rupert Richardson, Ringing Master of the Guild, being in the chair.

Mr. Richardson made an appeal to all the ringers present to take regularly 'The Ringing World,' and stressed the importance and value of the official organ of the art.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Sleaford on January 28th.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address, to the organist, and to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success

RINGERS' VISIT TO 'CHEESE VALLEY.'

BY L.F.C.

A fine day plays a great part in making an 'outing' jolly. Such favoured us—the St. John's (Surrey Road) bellringers and friends—when we deserted Bournemouth for our annual ramble. Passing through some of the most picturesque country of Dorset, crossing the border into Somerset (not forgetting to view the 'old stocks' at Templecombe), we arrived within a short time at Evercreech, where light refreshment 'made a good welcome,' in the course of which 'handbells' added much charm. Then we strolled to the Parish Church to try 'our skill' on its fine peal of bells.

Leaving Evercreech, with the day still in its youth, we journeyed through the Mendip Valley into Wells to find a tasteful lunch awaiting us at a noted restaurant in a corner of its ancient market square. Having done justice to this, we could not go away without a visit to the Cathedral, where the quarter-jack was the important attraction. However, some thought there was still more to be seen, and it was very pleasing when the tower entrance was discovered; this caused much 'merriment,' as a start was made from one to another of the numerous steps, and the continual winding which at that moment appeared endless. But, by the time our aim was achieved, this 'merriment' became somewhat 'mingled' with a few 'aching limbs.' Nevertheless, a view of this quaint city from the height of its magnificent Cathedral gave us the opinion that our efforts had been rewarded.

Now we commenced our final stage to Cheddar, and as we glided down its famous gorge the vivid rocks could make no other impression than 'entering a wonderland.' On arriving at its artistic church we were greeted not only by the local ringers, but by Mr. Wm. Cave, whose scientific ringing and popular personality has made a familiar name for him wherever change ringing exists. Various 'touches' were rung, and then tea was partaken of nearby, after which we spent an interesting time visiting Gough's caves, where the guide transferred our attention from 'bobs' and 'singles' to 'stalactites' and 'stalagmites,' and as we gathered for our homeward journey it appeared that the 'noted cheese' was by no means forgotten.

On approaching Glastonbury, most appropriately we joined a carnival procession which was taking place on behalf of local hospitals. Then in the peaceful village of Bishop's Caundle we made a halt. The day was ebbing to its close, and the handbells sounded melodiously as the more experienced ringers rang final touches.

Bournemouth was soon reached. 'That's all,' a day well spent, and as a member made reference to the splendid arrangements throughout may we show further appreciation through the medium of this paper in expressing thanks to Mr. H. R. Bennett and Miss Marcia White, who devoted much consideration to this event, and also to those who assisted in making such an 'outing' possible.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5,120 CHANGES.

A PEAL IN TWO TO FIVE METHODS.

BY A. J. PITMAN

23456	B.	H.	Methods.
35264	—		S L Y S
35642	—	—	C Y Y P
35426	—	—	P Y Y C
52364	—		S L L S
26543	—		C Y Y P
64235	—		S Y Y S
43652	—		S Y Y S
43526	—	—	P Y Y C
32465	—		S L L S
32654	—	—	C Y Y P
32546	—	—	P Y Y C

Repeat; omit last bob for 3425678.

34256	B.	H.	Methods.
45362	—		S Y Y S
45623	—	—	C Y Y P
45236	—	—	P Y Y C
53462	—		S Y L S
53624	—	—	C Y Y S
53246	—	—	S Y Y C
34562	—		S L L S
34625	—	—	C Y Y P
42356	—		P Y Y C
25463	—		S L L S
25634	—	—	C Y Y P
25346	—	—	P Y Y C
54263	—		S Y Y S
54632	—	—	C Y Y P
54326	—	—	P Y Y C
42563	—		S Y L S
42635	—	—	C Y Y S
23456	—		S Y Y C

The methods to be rung are (S) Superlative, (L) Lincolnshire, (Y) Yorkshire, (C) Cambridge, and (P) Pudsey.

Yorkshire may be rung at any lead instead of Lincolnshire. Superlative may be rung at any lead instead of Pudsey. Superlative may be rung for Cambridge, but to ensure the truth of the peal, should this method be rung for Cambridge at any of the 'home' leads, it should be rung at all. This also applies to the other leads of Cambridge. Thus this peal may be rung in two to five methods, Superlative and Yorkshire for two methods, adding the other methods as shown if desired.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, July 30th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, in 18 mins., 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Clarke 1, R. Abrams 2, H. C. Beard (conductor) 3, G. Boon 4, F. Mead 5, E. Hall 6, E. Lathall 7, J. Mapley 8. Rung for the wedding of the daughter of the ringer of 7th with brother of ringer of the tenor.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RINGERS GO SOUTH.

AN EIGHTEEN-HOUR TRIP.

Another very successful outing, arranged by the Irthlingborough company, took place on August 2nd. Leaving Irthlingborough at 7 a.m., the party proceeded to Finedon and picked up the first 'pair' of visitors. On to Wellingborough, where one more was added to the number, thence to Wollaston for Amos (family and Co.), and one more at Bozeat, then 'all aboard' for 'Oxford, first stop.' Oxford was reached about 9.45, and soon the remarkable eight at St. Ebbe's were merrily sounding Stedman, Kent, Cambridge and London. The ladies and cripples in the meantime enjoyed a walk among the fine churches and colleges, especially the splendid Saxon tower of St. Michael's. A little after 11.30 the party were en route for Reading. The delightful scenery on the journey was admired by all. A hearty welcome awaited them on arriving at St. Mary's, and well-struck touches of Stedman and Bristol were rung, followed by an excellent lunch at Palmer's Restaurant. Leaving Reading at 2.45, the next stop was Maidenhead. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on Boyn Hill bells, while the ladies admired the pretty coloured brick and stone interior. A short run then brought the party to Slough. At St. Mary's Church Stedman, Superlative, and a course of Irthlingborough Surprise were rung, the striking being excellent throughout. The tea interval was enjoyed by all, and about 6.45 a start was made on the long 'trek' to Woburn, reached, after a most delightful drive through splendid scenery, at 8.45 p.m., too late, unfortunately, to do much ringing. Thanks, however, to old Woburn friends, the bells were 'up,' and three courses of Grandsire concluded the ringing. This lovely peal of bells was much admired by all, and regret was expressed that the lateness of the hour prevented a course of Irchester Surprise from being rung, thus completing six Surprise methods in the day.

An adjournment was then made to the Magpie Hotel for liquid refreshment. The brothers Herbert gave the visitors a very hearty welcome, and kindly lent their handbells for a few well-struck touches of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major. A reluctant farewell was said at 10.30, when the 'homeward bound' signal was given. Dropping the 'visitors' in the reverse order, Irthlingborough was reached about 1 a.m.

Thanks are due to the various ringers and steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness and good order, the incumbents for permission to ring, and the excellent arrangements made by the secretaries, which contributed so largely to a most successful and enjoyable outing.

T. R. H.

A BUSY HALF-DAY.

NORTH LONDON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Bank Holiday, a party of ringers from Woodford and district invaded East Hertfordshire and visited some of the prettiest villages in this corner of England. Although the trip did not commence until well into the afternoon, an ambitious itinerary had been prepared by the pilot, and between 3 o'clock and 9 p.m. no fewer than six towers were visited and touches rung in the standard methods. Commencing at Standon, where, in addition to ringing on the harmonious six bells, the beautiful interior of the church was inspected and admired, the party proceeded to Great (or Much) Hormead, where the left-handed ring of six caused many anxious moments during the first touch. The next stop was at Anstey, a pretty little village, with its cruciform church standing on a hill and commanding a wonderful view of the unspoilt countryside. Here also, touches were brought round on the musical peal of six. A curious feature of this church is that the ringers stand in the nave, the tower being built in the centre of the church. A move was then made for Barley, where the needs of the inner man were satisfied before the light ring of six were set going to various methods.

The party then retraced their steps, calling at Barkway and ringing on the beautiful and easy-running peal of eight. Here Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were successfully brought round, as were Bob Major and Grandsire Triples at Braughing. The only regret was that time did not permit of a longer stay at the last-mentioned place, as the grand tone of the 19 cwt. Miles Gray tenor struck an answering chord.

SOMERSET RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of All Saints', Castle Cary, their wives and friends had their annual outing on July 21st, when they made a tour through the New Forest to Bournemouth by coach. They first stopped at Berwick St. John to ring on the peal of six, then went on to Ringwood, where the fine old peal of eight were found to go well. Going on to Christchurch, they had the privilege of having a pull on one of the latest rings of twelve, recently augmented by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The visitors received a most friendly welcome from the keen and enthusiastic Mr. George Preston. From Christchurch, the party then journeyed to Bournemouth, where tea was partaken of. The return journey was made via Blandford, Cary being reached about ten o'clock, after a delightful journey, favoured with excellent weather. The visitors wish to convey their very best thanks to those who granted permission to ring and who had everything ready for them.

THEY ALL WENT DOWN TO 'ZUMMERZET.'

SWINDON RINGERS IN THE COUNTY OF FINE TOWERS AND HEAVY BELLS.

The members of the Swindon Parish Church Guild with friends, to the number of nineteen, went down to Zummerzet for their annual outing. The journey was made by train to Trowbridge, where the party transferred to a motor coach for the rest of the tour. They first called at Bruton, with a noble church and beautiful bells, where they rang for a short time and then went on through the beautiful Somerset lanes to Castle Cary, pleasantly situate on a hill. On the musical peal of eight at the Parish Church, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major were rung. From Castle Cary to Sherborne many interesting places were passed, including Queen Camel, where the bells are reputed to be the finest six in all England. The tenor, weighing 37½ cwt., was cast by the celebrated Richard Purdue, a native of the district. The bells are stated to be unsafe, so that permission could not be obtained to ring them. Going on to Sherborne, the visitors, after a look round the old-world town and the magnificent abbey church, partook of dinner at the Half Moon, and then proceeded to the Abbey ringing room, where the heavy bells were raised (the tenor here is 46½ cwt.) and short touches rung, the ringing finishing with a course of Cambridge Major which sounded well. Other visitors afterwards took over the bells.

The next place of call was Yeovil, with its grand old church and magnificent peal of ten bells, the tenor being close on 42 cwt. The bells have recently been rehung and the trebles recast, the restoration reflecting the highest credit on Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were entrusted with the work. Two touches of Stedman Caters and a course of Cambridge Royal were brought round. The ringing room, a model of what such places should be, is well lighted by four fine windows. Continuing the journey, the visitors next stopped at Milborne Port, an interesting old village, having a fine church and a grand ring of eight bells, the tenor being 28½ cwt. Here short touches were rung, and the return journey commenced, the only call being at Zeals, where the light peal of six were rung to Doubles and Minor. After leaving Zeals, the party made for Trowbridge via Maiden Bradley and Longleat, the delightful seat of the Marquis of Bath. Arriving at Trowbridge, the party spent a pleasant hour at the White Swan, a hostelry well known to ringers, and the genial host, Mr. Sam Hector, was at his best.

The thanks of the ringers are heartily tendered to the incumbents of the various churches visited, and to the local ringers who met them and did all they could to contribute to their enjoyment.

The weather, somewhat dull at the start, turned out brilliantly and added much to the pleasure of the outing. The country through which the tour was made is noted for the beauty and variety of its scenery, and nature really seemed at its best.

BRISTOL RINGERS AMONGST THE 'MOONRAKERS.'

The St. Ambrose (Bristol) Guild of Ringers and friends had their annual outing on July 23rd, when they travelled by motor coach to Calne, Marlborough, Savernake Forest and Devizes. A start was made about 1.15 p.m., the route being through beautiful country to Calne via Marshfield and Chippenham, Calne being reached about 2.45 p.m. Arrangements had been made for ringing here, and the fine peal of eight were soon set going to a touch of Stedman. The lady ringers, who have only recently been taught, put up a very creditable performance, especially taking into consideration the long draft of about 70ft. A move was then made to Marlborough, over the fine stretch of Wiltshire Downs through Cherhill and Beckhampton. On arrival at Marlborough the party sat down to a very nice tea at the Cross Keys Hotel. At St. Mary's Church a very hearty welcome was accorded to the visitors by the Vicar and captain of the local band. Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob and Treble Bob Minor were well struck and successfully brought round on the peal of six. The journey was then continued through the famous Savernake Forest and Pewsey Valley to Devizes, where they were met by Mr. S. Hillier, an old ringing stalwart of that town, and they were also joined by 'an obliging sort' from Bristol. After parking the charabanc, the beautiful peal of eight at St. John's was made good use of from rounds to Double Norwich, and later the company sat down to supper at the Elm Tree Hotel, the meal being thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After the usual votes of thanks, etc., a start for home was made about 10 p.m., Bristol being reached about 11.15 p.m., everybody being in good mood, the weather having been all that could be desired, and all having spent a jolly and well filled half-day. The writer takes this opportunity to thank the incumbents for the use of their bells, and the local bands for having had everything ready.

HOME FROM AMERICA.

Mr. I. J. Attwater, who has been engaged in teaching change ringing at Kent School, U.S.A., where Messrs. Mears and Stainbank installed a peal of ten bells, is home on holiday in England. On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, he conducted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Bacchus 1, I. J. Attwater 2, A. A. Hughes 3, F. Shorter 4, S. Stonard 5, G. Murrell 6, G. Moody 7, E. Owen 8.

NOTICES.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.
PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.
Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.
E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Offley on August 13th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Green Man Inn. Mr. L. Fidler, 11, Victoria Road, Hitchin, will be in charge of ringing and tea arrangements, so will those persons requiring tea please note his address and send a card? Bus service from Luton and Hitchin every 20 mins.—Don Mears, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Tilbury (nearest station Low Street, old L.T. and S.) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me, in order that adequate arrangements for tea can be made? —E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at Holt's Café at 5 (1s. per head). All welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Cross Stones on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Brief service at 5 p.m., with tea to follow in the Church Hall. Bells of St. Mary's (8) also available in the evening. A good attendance is requested. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Election of branch officers.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Barford on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and encourage the 5-bell ringers.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eaton Bishop on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than August 17th.—A. Gwynne, District Secretary, Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh on August 20th. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar and Mr. Newth. Will all those who can attend please notify the secretary as soon as possible?—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Little Chart on Saturday, August 20th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 120, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The monthly practice will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A card for tea will assist me with arrangements, please.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be he held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday afternoon, August 20th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom. Attendance at service will be greatly appreciated. Important business. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. E. Garside, 61, Lees Road, Mossley, by Tuesday, 16th inst.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Eight Bells Hotel (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, August 16th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, August 20th. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at the King's Arms. Ringing during the afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea please advise me early. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar. For tea please notify Mr. J. Leather, Potter's Lane, Halebank, near Widnes. Please make a special effort to attend to support the new Vicar. Crosville buses half-hourly from Liverpool.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District and Lincoln Ladies' Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Elsham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) ready 1 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Business meetings to follow. Numbers for tea to Mr. G. Elsom, Elsham, Brigg, by the Wednesday previous. Roll up. All welcome. — Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, and H. T. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, Hon. Dis. Secs.

ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of districts of these associations will be held at Enfield, Middlesex, on Wednesday, August 24th. St. Andrew's bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea at A.B.C. or Lyons at 5.30. St. Mary's bells from 6.30 to 8. All ringers welcomed.—H. Wacey, W. H. Lawrence and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

DODDERHILL CHURCH, Droitwich, Worcs. — Dedication, by the Lord Bishop of Worcester, Thursday evening, the 25th inst., at 7.30, of peal of eight bells, tenor 18½ cwt. (6 recast and 2 new bells added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough). All ringers welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, August 27th. Six bells, ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look up your methods.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Old Limpsfield on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, August 23rd? All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head), business meeting to follow. Will all members intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, the 24th.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Old Town, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Michael's, Blackburn. Bells available from 2 p.m. at St. Michael's and Cathedral. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively in St. Michael's Institute, and social at 7 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. each, social free, to all who notify Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, not later than Friday, August 26th. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BIRTH.

JOHNSTON. — August 6th, at 15, Croham Valley Road, S. Croydon, to Mary Evelyn (nee O'Leary), wife of Cyril F. Johnston—a son.

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At Sherborne Abbey, Dorset, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 54 mins.: J. J. Pratt 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, E. T. Griffin 3, E. Hancox 4, W. H. Coles 5, W. C. Shute 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, H. W. Pope 8.

Messrs. J. J. Pratt, E. Hancox, F. Corke and W. H. Coles were on a visit from Hillingdon, Middlesex.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCH.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 31st, before matins, 720 Lincoln Surprise and 720 New London Pleasure Treble Bob; before evensong 720 Carlisle Surprise and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. The ringers were L. Camp, J. Sitch, H. Wright, C. Harrington, E. Sitch, G. Camp, A. Bradley (conductor), E. Sitch and A. Bradley.

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RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.

What becomes of the majority of the new members who are elected to our associations, or, alternatively, what happens to a large number of the old members? This question is prompted by a recent remark of the general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who, seeking endorsement at the annual meeting of the election of 170 new members, commented on the fact that, although they elected about 150 members every year, the net gain to the Guild was only ten or twelve. And in the same ratio, more or less, this is probably the experience of most other associations. The surplus certainly is not lost entirely by death; it must be that there is a considerable leakage from the membership by lapses. Well might the Oxford Guild secretary ask that 'the little fish should not be allowed to slip off the hook.' It is difficult enough to get new material to make up natural wastage; it is disheartening to lose it when once it has been secured. A good many who slip away are those who, having learned a little, move to some other district where their interest is insufficient to prompt them to find their way to fresh towers among strangers. This, we believe to be a source of considerable loss, but it could largely be prevented if only local secretaries or conductors would take a little trouble—and it is really worth a good deal of trouble in these days to save the loss of a ringer.

When a keen and enthusiastic ringer changes his abode he may be relied upon to find his way to the tower most convenient to him, but the tyro has not reached the same level of interest and has not the incentive to strike up a new connection. It may, however, need only the least inducement to keep him within the fold—a personal invitation and a friendly reception may be all-sufficient. The key to the situation lies with the secretary of the tower from which the ringer has departed. He should make it his business to communicate (either directly, if possible, or through the association secretaries) with the tower at the place to which the ringer is going, so that the newcomer may be looked up in his fresh place of abode. By this means many a young ringer might be kept within the Exercise. It is often said that a ringer who is worth his salt will always find his way to a tower, but that is not altogether true. There are those who are diffident about going among strangers; and it is against the loss of these, as well as of the 'uncertainties,' that efforts should be made. The losses, of course, are not all from removals. Many a fish gets off the hook of his own tower through sheer indifference, and it is not merely among beginners that this happens. The appeal

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which the secretary of the Oxford Guild made to the foremen of towers in his own area may well be addressed to responsible ringers everywhere. Those who remove ought not to be lost for the sake of following up; those who would drift through indifference ought not to be lost without an effort to keep them.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 25¾ cwt. in D.

*PERCY AMOS ... ...*Treble*	R. HENRY BARTRAM 6
ERNEST MORRIS 2	ERNEST BARTRAM, M.M. ... 7
*GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 8
*JOHN H. BLUFF 4	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 9
WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 5	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ...*Tenor*

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On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

ALBERT WRIGHT ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS WITTS 6
TREVERS PRITCHARD 2	THOMAS PRICE 7
GEORGE ORCHARD 3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 8
GEORGE GOULDING 4	LESLIE BARRY 9
FRANK PONTING 5	*CECIL CHANON ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung for the festival of St. Lawrence and the birthday of the ringer of the tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ...*Treble*	JOHN RANDLES 5
WILLIAM ROBERTS 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
GEORGE SPERRING 3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7
JAMES ALDERMAN 4	ARTHUR TILSTON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. JONES.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector, Rev. J. Williams, who has resigned the living.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
*WILLIAM WATHAN 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Arranged for T. R. Taylor, of Portsmouth, who was on a visit to his native town.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICKER'S

GEORGE BARLOW ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR F. TAYLOR	5
*FRED DUNKERLEY	2	VERNON SYKES	6
JOSEPH OGDEN	3	HERBERT BARLOW	7
BENJAMIN THORPE	4	ALFRED WAITES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to J. Garlick, a former ringer at the church, who was interred the same day.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED J. BULL	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
ROBERT SWIFT	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT EDWARD WREAKS ...	5
MISS ANNIE POTTER	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
EVEREST FORD	3	JOHN POTTER	7
PETER CROOK, JUN.	4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung in connection with the jubilee celebrations at this church, and arranged for Mr. A. E. Wreaks, now of Paisley.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ..	...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	5
THOMAS FOSTER...	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
*NORMAN HEAPS	3	WILLIAM HORAN	7
WILFRED HALLIWELL ...	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

*F. CASLEY	...*Treble*	W. PICKWORTH	5
†G. PLATER	2	N. TOMLINSON	6
H. J. ELDRED	3	H. MILLER	7
†F. BARKER	4	A. G. CRANE...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by N. TOMLINSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Sumpter, captain of Barnet tower, for his 80th birthday, also to W. J. Eldred, son of the ringer of the 3rd. These are the oldest and youngest members of the Barnet band. The peal was also a birthday compliment to F. Casley and the daughter of the conductor. It was originally arranged for July 26th, the actual date of Mr. Sumpter's and W. J. Eldred's birthdays, but had to be postponed owing to the funeral of the late Rector of Barnet.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

FRANK G. RINGE... ...	...*Treble*	PERCY GREEN	5
WILLIAM LINCOLN	2	GEORGE GREEN	6
ERNEST J. BUTLER	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
HERBERT DEVENISH	4	ERNEST W. FORBANK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK G. RINGE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

ALAN R. PINK	...*Treble*	LEONARD STILLWELL ...	5
HARRY WINGROVE	2	EDGAR HANCOX	6
PERCY E. JONES	3	FRANK CORKE	7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	4	*ARTHUR G. BRAY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF HEREWARD BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK AINSLEY	...*Treble*	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ...	5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR	2	THOMAS H. REEVES	6
DAVID VINCENT	3	JOSEPH W. PARKER	7
THOMAS STEPHENSON	4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

First peal in the method for the association and for all the band. Arranged for Messrs. Reeves and Vincent, who rang the method for the first time.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. STEERE	5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	6
WILLIAM T. BERSON	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	EDWARD HADLOW ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hadlow. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Beer, of Gravesend, and to Mr. C. N. Burdock, of Guildford, the band wishing him a speedy recovery from his long illness.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN, Ladies Guild...	...*Treble*
JOHN H. SWINFIELD, Midland Counties Association	2
ALFRED KING, Bedfordshire Association	3
FRANCIS KIRK, Hertford County Association	4
DANIEL COOPER, Surrey Association	5
ERNEST F. POPPY, Suffolk Guild	6
RICHARD A. POST, Oxford Diocesan Guild	7
*ARTHUR S. ROBERTS, Truro Diocesan Guild	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, also on the anniversary of Mr. F. Kirk's wedding. All members of the band had been on tour with the Bristol Guilds during the week.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

THOMAS CHAPPEL	...*Treble*	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
ALFRED KEEBLE	2	CHARLES F. BAILEY	6
FREDERICK J. SMITH	3	*JAMES M. BAILEY	7
REGINALD C. KERSEY	4	†WILLIAM C. RUMSBY	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
* 50th peal in the method. † First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*JOHN A. G. GREEN ...	...*Treble*	HARRY SEAR	5
FRED C. CASE	2	FRANK WEST	6
ALBERT J. GREEN	3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	7
THOMAS E. ROBERTS	4	GEORGE. FODDY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.
* First peal of Stedman. F. West is from West Wycombe.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ...	...*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
MISS K. E. FLETCHER	2	ERNEST G. WILLIAMS	6
MISS D. R. FLETCHER ...	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	7
CHARLES E. BASSETT	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

WILFRED HALLIWELL ...	...*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	5
GEORGE R. NEWTON	2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	6
WILLIAM BIBBY	3	WILLIAM HORAN	7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal of London as conductor.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	5
JOHN T. KENTISH	2	*THOMAS C. CASTLE	6
*JOSEPH MARKS	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
*SIDNEY CARTER	4	REGINALD T. NEWMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

FRANK BUCKLAND ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	5
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ...	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
EDGAR G. SWIFT	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
The first Surprise peal on the bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*ARTHUR C. OTWAY ...	...*Treble*	†GEORGE E. CLODE	5
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ...	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	6
*RICHARD V. FULLER	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
GEORGE MARRINER	4	ALBERT HARMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by A. HARMAN.
* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss C. J. Otway, daughter of the ringer of the treble.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ...	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
GEORGE F. SWANN	2	RICHARD C. INGRAM	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	7
JONATHAN PRESTON	4	ARTHUR E. REED	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
Rung on the 52nd anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples on these bells, and to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to the Rev. E. Harrison (Vicar of Willenhall) and Mrs. Harrison.

SHOREHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS F. K. HARTLE ...	...*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	3	*REGINALD T. NEWMAN ...	7
FREDERICK DIGBY	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by The REV. H. LAW JAMES.
Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* First peal in the method, and first peal in the method by the association.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LITTLE WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ATTWOOD ...	3
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	2	*NELSON F. BLOCKSIDGE ...	4

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...*Tenor*
Conducted by C. WALLATER.
* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles conducted by C. Wallater. First peal on the bells.

ALDINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*DENNIS HOOKER ...	...*Treble*	†LESLIE C. SMITH	4
PERCY PAGE	2	EDWARD S. ROCK	5
FREDERICK WANSTALL ...	3	*ERNEST J. WANSTALL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD S. ROCK.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung in connection with the thanksgiving and commemoration service for the 400th anniversary of the death of Archbishop Warham, who built the tower of the church.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's with varied callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WHYBROW ...	...*Treble*	MANSFIELD GINN	4
ERNEST J. KING	2	ARTHUR J. GINN	5
FRED C. GINN	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

First peal on the bells, recently rehung, which date back to 1753. Mr. E. J. King hails from St. Giles', Camberwell, and was 'home' on holiday. The rest belong to Over.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, August 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being five 120's of April Day, five of Canterbury Pleasure, 20 of Grandsire and six 240's of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOSEPH T. MORRIS ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD MORRIS	3
JAMES P. HYETT	2	EDMUND MORRIS	4
G. JAMES R. PRICE ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor in three methods. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Miss Emily Mary Dew, whose father was Rector from 1843 to 1902.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
SEVEN VARIATIONS. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ROBERT W. LINGWOOD	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. COOKE	4
†ARTHUR DYE	2	FRANK V. GANT	5
EDWARD C. COOKE	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob. The thanks of the visitors are extended to the treble ringer for taking part at a minute's notice.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

HORACE H. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT FLEET	4
*ARTHUR KERSHAW	2	MARK LANE	5
CHARLES W. SMITH	3	SYDNEY FOSKETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE H. SMITH.

* First peal.

MEARS ASHBY.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, August 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WALTER PERKINS ...	...*Treble*	AMOS SMART	4
JOHN J. MAWBY	2	JOHN M. GRAY	5
FRANCIS BALL	3	ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

First peal as conductor.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
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.

WILLIAM SHARP	...*Treble*	WILLIAM STOCK	4
JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE	2	SYDNEY FOSKETT	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	PEARL INSKIP	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

THE YORKSHIRE TOUR.

BURLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B sharp.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	CHARLES W. PLAYER	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	...*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	GEORGE R. PYE	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	4	EDWARD JENKINS	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal of London on the bells.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in D flat.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	6
*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
GEORGE R. PYE	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	8
WILLIAM HORAN	4	EDWARD JENKINS	9
GEORGE R. NEWTON	5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...*Treble*	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM HORAN	6
*GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	EDWARD JENKINS	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND LEONARD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...*Treble*	CHARLES E. LAWSON	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	CHARLES W. PLAYER	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Kynaston 1, R. Edwards 2, J. Hughes 3, H. T. Hughes 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss A. Kynaston and Mr. Harry Jarman.

BETHNAL GREEN.—For evensong on Sunday, August 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Parrott 1, J. F. Parrott 2, H. Hills 3, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 4, J. Martin 5, L. Sadler 6, L. Wapshere 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ...	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HORAN	5
CHARLES W. PLAYER	2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	HERBERT DEVONPORT... ...	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal of Superlative on the bells and the 400th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
J. W. PARKER'S REVERSE. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HORAN	5
CHARLES W. PLAYER	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL... ...	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL...	...*Treble*	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	WILLIAM HORAN	7
CHARLES W. PLAYER	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal of Superlative on the bells.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES W. PLAYER	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
*WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ...	2	*WILLIAM HORAN	6
†GEORGE R. PYE	3	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	7
*GEORGE R. NEWTON... ...	4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. G. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
* First peal in the method and also on the bells. † First peal of Yorkshire Major.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...*Treble*	CHARLES W. PLAYER	6
JOHN H. LENTON	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	WILLIAM HORAN	8
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL... ...	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	9
GEORGE R. PYE	5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
CHARLES W. PLAYER	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	6
WILLIAM HORAN	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells and rung for the patronal festival.

A SOMERSET AND DORSET TOUR.

Seven peals were the outcome of a tour in Somerset and Dorset last week, Superlative, Bristol, Cambridge and London all included, as well as Double Norwich and Stedman Caters.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	...*Treble*	ALFRED E. REEVES	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	GEORGE R. PYE	6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT... ...	3	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ...	7
EDWARD G. COWARD	4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE	...*Treble*	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	5
MISS MARCIA WHITE	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... ...	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
The first peal of Major on the bells.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

CANON G. F COLERIDGE	...*Treble*	ALFRED E. REEVES	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	6
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ...	3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	...*Treble*	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	5
MISS MARCIA WHITE	2	EDWARD G. COWARD	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT... ...	4	ALFRED E. REEVES ...	...*Tenor*

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

DISLEY.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday morning, August 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Atkinson 1, S. Ardern (first 720 in the method) 2, H. Haythorn 3, A. T. Marsland 4, E. Bennett 5, J. Milner (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Spliced Oxford Treble Bob, London Scholars, Kingston and Snudal: W. Atkinson 1, H. Haythorn 2, A. T. Marsland 3, A. Bancroft 4, E. Bennett 5, J. Milner (conductor) 6. Rung with clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to the late organist, Dr. Haydock.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE	...*Treble*	EDWARD G. COWARD	6
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ...	2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... ..	7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT... ...	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	9
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	5	ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES G. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS

KINGSTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28¼ cwt. in D.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	...*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ...	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	7
WILLIAM A. CAVE	4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of Major on the bells.

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22¼ cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	...*Treble*	EDWARD G. COWARD	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	6
*MISS MARCIA WHITE ...	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	FREDERICK WHITE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

* First peal in the method.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN BRAMLEY RINGER.

Mr. James Guy, of Bramley, Yorks, passed away in his 78th year on August 6th. He is credited with 23 peals in the records of the Yorkshire Association, of which he became a member in the year 1891.

The funeral took place on August 9th, the first part of the service being taken in Christ Church, Armley, the interment being at St. Bartholomew's, Armley. The Vicar of Christ Church, Armley, officiated, and a course of Bob Major was rung at the graveside by M. Moorhouse 1-2, J. W. Moorhouse 3-4, P. J. Johnson 5-6, G. W. Slack 7-8. Then eight of the many ringers present at the funeral went to St. Peter's, Bramley, and rang the bells deeply muffled to the memory of the deceased.

LAVENHAM RINGERS' 'BEST EVER.'

The Lavenham Society had a very enjoyable tour for their annual outing. A start was made at 8 a.m., and at Monks Eleigh Mr. A. Keeble joined the party. On reaching Hadleigh, it was not long before the grand peal of eight at St. Mary's Church was tapping out short touches. This was followed by a lovely run through part of Constable's country to Ardleigh, where several courses were rung on the light eight at St. Mary the Virgin's Church. Here another honorary member of the society (Mr. W. Dent) joined the party, and Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, also met and rang with them. At Harwich the party were met by Mr. Ellis and the Vicar, who extended a hearty welcome. Further short touches were enjoyed on this handy peal of eight, and a course of Grandsire Caters rung on the famous handbells at this church. A move was then made to the Cherry Tree Inn, Dovercourt, where an excellent lunch was enjoyed, following which the Dulcet Handbell Quartette rendered some favourite airs on their fine peal of 16, whilst 'recognition' prizes were presented to George, the Joker, the Deputy Bob-caller and the overgrown Mascot. At Kirby-le-Soken, the next place of call, Mr. Nevard again popped up, but the schedule having become somewhat dislocated, only a few courses were rung here, and a quick move was made to Great Holland, where hangs a new and very musical peal of eight, on which the party tapped off well-struck courses in various methods. The last church visited was St. Peter's, Colchester, where other old friends were met, including Messrs. E. Beckwith and W. Keeble, and some of the local men. The ringing on these fine toned bells was very much enjoyed. Home was reached at 10.15 p.m., at the close of what was voted 'the best ever.' The party wish to thank the incumbents of the churches visited, also all the friends who helped to make the outing such a pleasant one.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Two trebles are to be added to the fine ring at Newbury, Berks. They will make an excellent peal of ten, with tenor of 21¾ cwt. in D. We understand the work is to be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Mr. A. E. Wreaks, of Paisley, Scotland, who was formerly hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association, has escaped temporarily from 'exile,' and has been visiting his 'native heath.' He took part last week in a peal of Stedman Triples at the Church of the Saviour, Bolton, where formerly he was conductor and called the first peal on the bells 42 years ago.

Before the peal, the first in a Surprise Major method, on the bells of Stoke Mandeville Church, Buckinghamshire, on Saturday, the bells were raised in readiness for the visitors by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Winterton), who kindly left an open belfry, and congratulated the ringers at the successful conclusion of their efforts.

If 'Tommy Rot' will send his name and address, we will see what can be done.

ST. ALBANS RINGER'S DEATH.

FALL FROM STEPS.

The company at St. Albans Abbey has lost one of its most valued members by the death of Mr. Harry Dexter Hollick, who succumbed in St. Albans Hospital on August 4th to injuries received earlier in the day. Mr. Hollick, who was 42 years of age, was a carpenter by trade, and was engaged on maintenance work at Aldenham School. He was repairing a fanlight in the dining hall pantry when, from some reason unknown, he fell. The school caretaker's wife, hearing a noise in the pantry, went to ascertain the cause, and found Mr. Hollick lying on the concrete floor, with the steps in the opposite direction. The back support of the steps was newly broken. Mr. Hollick was unconscious and was removed to hospital, where he died the same night from shock following a fracture of the base of the skull. At the subsequent inquest a verdict of 'Death from misadventure' was returned.

Mr. Hollick, who was unmarried and resided with his brother at Hatfield Road, St. Albans, was of a quiet, retiring disposition, but he had a large circle of friends. He had been a member of the Cathedral Society since March, 1909, and only on April 5th of this year he was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Ten days before his death, when the Beds, Herts and Middlesex Associations held a joint meeting at St. Albans, he took his share in helping to make the gathering a success, and was in charge of the Abbey belfry immediately after tea.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, August 9th. The first part of the service was held in the Lady Chapel at the Abbey, and was conducted by Canon A. Mayhew, the interment being in the family grave at St. Albans Cemetery, where a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by Messrs. J. Malyan, W. H. L. Buckingham, H. E. C. Goodenough and C. Jeffs. Among those present, in addition to the family mourners, were Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer, representing the Herts County Association), Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor of the Cathedral Society), Mr. C. Jeffs (hon. secretary), Mr. J. Blow (hon. treasurer)) Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, W. H. Buckingham, C. Walklate, F. Beeson and S. Lindsell (Cathedral), T. Blow and J. Malyan (St. Stephen's), and representatives of the firm by whom the deceased was employed.

The floral tributes included one of asters, roses and lilies of the valley, in the shape of a bell, from the Cathedral Society.

In the evening the bells of the Abbey were rung half-muffled.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME.

Michael Mulcahy, a dapper little Irishman, has recently enjoyed a 'mike' in the South Midlands, and at Hereford City Court was sentenced to a term of hard labour for false pretences. In the name of 'James Green,' of Leominster, probably as a compliment to the 'Emerald' Isle, his 'blarney' was generously responded to at Slough, Caversham, Bucklebury, Stourbridge and other places.

Ten 'counts' were taken into consideration that showed the church bellringers of England to be most charitably disposed, and there are ten bells at the Priory Church, Leominster. This case is reported to 'The Ringing World' for the information of the Exercise generally as a warning

W. H. F.

GAYTON AT GAYTON.

The peal of Minor at Gayton, Northants, on Saturday, was the fulfilment of a long standing desire on the part of the conductor, Mr. W. H. Gayton. Formerly the rumours of the bad 'go' of the bells scared most bands from making any peal attempt.

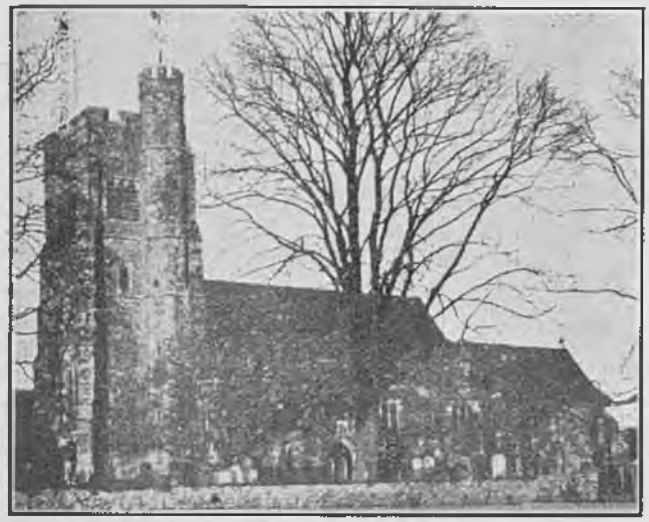
The bells have recently been rehung in a new iron frame and with ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and are a delightful ring. The tone and 'go' of them are splendid, and the bells are a great pleasure to ring. The offer of the use of the car of one of the ringers, and volunteers for the band, enabled the attempt to be made.

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

ANCIENT DAYS AT HARRIETSHAM RECALLED.

The attempt for the record peal of Bob Major at Harrietsham, Kent, on Saturday, came to grief through a change course, after ringing 9,888 changes in 5 hours 45 mins.

In James Barham's days, Harrietsham was the centre of much ringing, and this peal attempt, which was for 22,176 changes, would have been after Barham's own heart. Apart from his share in the 40,320 Bob Major rung at Leeds by fourteen men in 27 hours on April 7th and 8th, 1761, Barham himself, in an earlier attempt in 1755 (which was lost through the breaking of the 6th clapper after ringing 24,800 changes), 'stood 14 hours 44 mins. under the 7th bell, drank two glasses of wine and called all the bobs.' Recorded on a board in Harrietsham belfry are a number of peals in which he took part.



HARRIETSHAM CHURCH.

'In this tower was completely rung by the Lenham Company the following 8 Bell Peals:

'December 8th, 1746, was rung 10,080 changes of that admired peal called Bob Major in seven hours by John Epps, Treble, Sam Grayling 2nd, Thos. Barham 3rd, Jas. Barham 4th, Abram. Barham 5th, Will Hunt 6th, John Freeland 7th, John Hunt, Tenor. March 5th, 1743, was rung a musical peal of 6,720 changes of Oxford Triple Bob in 4 hours 21 minutes, including Jacob Blundell and Ben Walker. June 13th, 1743, was rung 6,720 Bob Major, 4 hours 31 minutes, including Will Eagles. N.B. Here was also rung 5,040 Bob Major, including Nicholas Grayling and Iden Plane, also 5,040 Bob Major Triples, 5,040 Plain Bob Triples, 5,040 Fulham Triples, 10,080 Bob Major and 5,040 Bob Major Double Reverse. The above ringers first instituted the Leeds Society, whose performance in ringing has not been equal'd by any Society of Ringers, and there is now surviving Saml. Grayling, John Freeland and Abrm., Thos. and James Barham and John Hunt who new erected this inscription. These six ringers with the assistance of Thos. Lacy and Willm. Davis rung at Leeds January, 1793, 5,040 Bob Major in 3 hours 12 minutes whose ages when added together is 577 years and it is remarkable that this peal compleats 100 Peals rung at different places, not less than 5,040 each, by the above James Barham.'

It was at Harrietsham with the Lenham Society that Barham rang his first twenty peals.

Harrietsham Church, dedicated to St. John-the-Baptist, lies at the foot of the Downs of Kent, close to the old Watling Street. It dates from the year 1050, the present nave having been built between 1360 and 1380, the aisles in 1400, and the tower in 1420. The Stede Chapel was erected in the year 1320.

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SECRETS OF GOOD STRIKING.

A SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

The following are among the letters we have received on the kindred subjects of 'Good Striking' and a 'School of Instruction.'

To the Editor.

THE IMPORTANCE OF 'STANCE.'

Sir,—With reference to your recent leading article and correspondence on the subject of the tuition of learners, may I draw attention to one or two points which I think are often neglected: The position of the feet and the distance from the fall of the rope. During my 52 years' experience I have seen few instructors pay any attention to the former.

I was taught that the correct position of the feet was that one should be somewhat in front of the other, the heel of one being near the hollow of the other at an angle of about 30 degrees. This was, I think, correct, as a well-controlled pressure cannot so well be had when the feet are in the same plane. I have since learned the additional important point that the forward foot should be the opposite to the hand in which the rope end is held. That is that if the rope end be held in the left hand, the right foot should be in front and vice versa. The distance from the fall of the rope should be carefully watched in the initial stages, as I have seen learners allowed to get into the habit of ringing too far away, and consequently ringing entirely from their shoulders, and, in addition to making hard work for themselves, being unable to have sufficient control to strike their bell correctly.

Trusting these remarks may not be considered superfluous and wishing continued success to your excellent publication, whose claims I have recently been enforcing at our meetings.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM STORY.

2, Graingerville North, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PRACTISE TREBLE BOB.

Dear Sir,—I have been very pleased to read the articles in 'The Ringing World' with regard to striking. I do not profess to be a first-class striker, but I really try to do my best. If ringers would only keep a tight rope and listen for their own bell striking when passing another, it would improve their ringing. Some ringers do not take any notice whatever whether they are passing a large bell or a small one. If some ringers would take a lesson off some of the ladies up and down the country it would do them good. There are several ladies I have met who handle their bell well and strike it; always have their hands above their heads at each stroke and not under their chin; no one can have control of a bell with hands in that position. Make the bell pull at you and listen. If ringing a small bell, hold off the large ones in proportion and get out of the way next stroke—think of the men at back end.

Just a few words for the 9th and 7th men in Treble Bob Royal and Major. When going in the slow and the tenor is coming out, keep your ears open for 1.10.9, 1.9.10. Be prepared to cut down after striking clear of the tenor. Very often we hear these bells tumbling over one another. No doubt some of our readers will smile and turn up their noses at Treble Bob being mentioned, but if they would learn how to go in the 'slow' and lead properly—there is plenty of time while you are there—they would get on with other methods much better. Ring Treble Bob well before going on to any higher method.

I am afraid a School of Instruction would be very expensive for a greater part of the ringers. If they will only take advice which is very often given in the columns of this paper they would get on much better. I hope none of our ringing friends will take offence at my few remarks; but learn to handle their bell and strike it.—Yours truly,

E. C. GOBEY.

Ilkeston.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Sir,—The suggestion of a school of instruction for ringers is surely but another of those problems which proves the necessity for a combined movement on the part of all, towards the forming of a *national* association. At least this end would have to be attained before it could be run with anything like success. For a single body to undertake a proposition of this kind is quite a different matter to forty or fifty trying to do so, each with varied opinions. We only have to look at the matter of finance. Some think it bad business to spend into capital, others retain the idea that no useful purpose is being served by hoarding up money in investments; and here is one point where, with numerous associations, they would soon get at loggerheads. To my mind, our present idea of county associations is quite inadequate and out of date. Other bodies connected with the Church, such as the C.E.M.S. and the Mothers' Union, are run *nationally*. Why not ringing? Many of these other problems which confront the Exercise, such as extra-territorial peals, with higher fees being charged by one Guild than another, would be much more easily overcome if our art was run on this basis. Our Central Council, too, would be more workable, and carry more weight. Under the present system no association can be absolutely forced to think or do as another. Each has its own ideas and is entitled to them, and no one has the right to say what another shall do with its money, whereas under a national body the position would be entirely different. At any rate, this is the opinion of

A NORTHANTS RINGER.

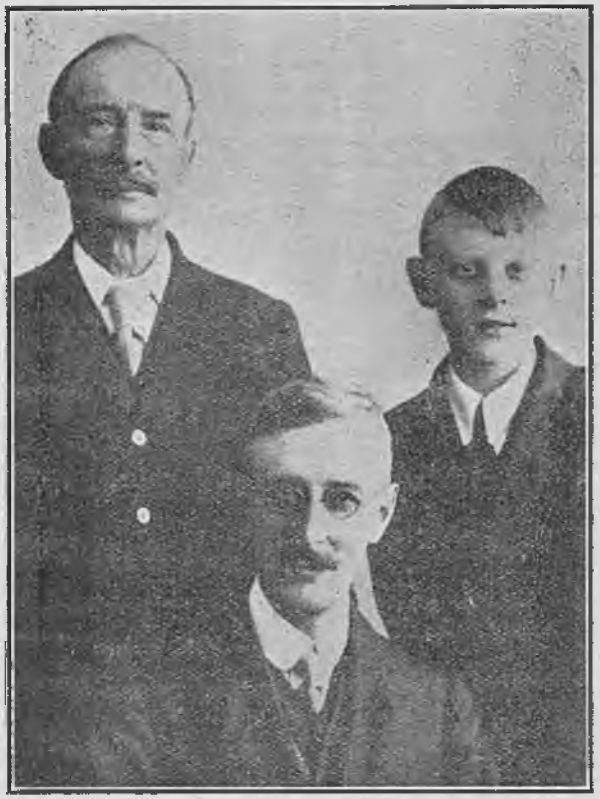
DEATH OF MR. EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

THE PASSING OF A FAMOUS RINGER.

We deeply regret to record that Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., of Crayford, Kent, died suddenly on Saturday evening, and the Exercise has lost one of its most lovable, as well as distinguished, members.

During the day on Saturday he seemed to be in perfect health. The last thing on Saturday night he took his wife a glass of milk and sat on the edge of the bed while she drank it. He was talking to her when, suddenly, he fell back and expired almost immediately. Earlier in the day his son had left home for his holiday, and received an urgent message through the police on Sunday morning to return. Mr. Barnett was 70 years of age.

There have been some figures in the Exercise who stand out, to their contemporaries, as 'landmarks' through the years. Edwin Barnett, sen., has been one of these. There are few active ringers of to-day who can remember the time when his name was not conspicuous among those engaged in the art. For over 50 years he has occupied



THREE GENERATIONS.
Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., with his son and grandson. A photograph taken after the latter's first peal.

an honourable and honoured position in the ranks of ringers. His death will leave a noticeable gap, which, among his older friends at any rate, will never be filled.

Edwin Barnett was one of the world's quiet, unassuming workers. He held his own opinions, sometimes very strongly, but he never thrust them upon others. He was content to think for himself and act according to his lights. He went upon his way conscious only that he was striving to do his duty, and, whether at work or play, he gave of his best. He was a prolific peal ringer, but his peal ringing was by no means all done to achieve his own ambitions. Much of it was done to help and encourage others, and he was never better pleased than when helping some struggling beginner through a peal of Grandsire or some other simple method. Neither was he content to plod along in a rut, as witness the numerous methods and the varied spliced peals which he had rung and conducted. And he upheld the standard of ringing. Nothing delighted him more than a well-struck touch or peal; but he had no toleration for bad striking. In short, Edwin Barnett was an exceptional ringer—in enthusiasm, in ability, in patience.

Mr. Barnett was born at Ross, Herefordshire, in 1862, and educated at the Bluecoat School there. At the age of 13 he removed to Welshpool, where he became a Sunday 'chimer,' there being no ringing there at that time. Three years later he went to Leytonstone, and there began his real connection with ringing. Opportunities for enthusiastic youngsters were not numerous in those days with the old school, but Mr. Barnett was one of those pupils who could not be 'kept down,' and within four months of learning to handle a bell he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at West Ham. That was in 1882, and in the 50 years which have since passed he has dedicated all his leisure to the art. After his first peal Mr. Barnett quickly rang two peals of Grandsire Caters with George Newson, who was quick to appreciate his qualities, and then Mr. Barnett left to take up an appointment at Monmouth, where he found the church and bells undergoing restoration. It was nearly two years before the work was completed, and during that time he walked regularly once a fortnight to the nearest place where he could get a change-ringing practice, which was Ross, 11 miles distant, reaching home again about 1 o'clock in the morning.

As soon as the bells at Monmouth were rehung, Mr. Barnett formed a band, all of whom he had to teach to handle a bell, but in little more than a year they had succeeded in ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was his first as conductor. It was also the first peal on the bells and the second in the county of Monmouth, the previous one having been rung at Chepstow many years before. During the period he was at Monmouth, Mr. Barnett married and his son was born there. Very soon after the peal at Monmouth he returned to London and joined the band at Leytonstone, where he remained a member until 1889, when he removed to Crayford, with which place his name has been associated ever since. Here again he found practically a 'steney' band but excellent material, and he quickly transformed it into one of the best change-ringing companies in the county.

Mr. Barnett has done a vast amount of work for the Kent County Association. He was elected on the committee in 1894, and has represented the association on the Central Council since 1903. His record of 'first peal in the method for the Kent County Association' is unique, for he has called about 30 from Triples to Maximus. For over fifty years he has been a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—he and Mr. W. H. Fussell celebrated their jubilee together early this year—and in his early days was associated with John Cox, George Newson, Henry Dains and others whose names will live long in ringing history. With this society in 1894 he took part in the celebrated 13,440 Double Norwich-Major at Romford, after the band had rung over 13,000 changes a few weeks before at Brentwood, where the attempt was frustrated by the breaking of a rope. Double Norwich was one of Mr. Barnett's favourite methods, and in this and other plain methods he had done a good deal of composing.

As is now well known, three generations of Mr. Barnett's family have rung in peals together, and it has been Mr. Barnett's greatest joy in the last two years to witness the progress of his grandson, who has outstripped both father and grandfather in youthful performances. Edwin A. rang his first peal, with his father and grandfather, at the age of 11¼ years. He has since gone on to ring peals in the four Surprise methods, and last of all to call a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at the age of 13. Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., was intensely proud of the boy's performance—as well he might be—and it is strange that this should have been his last peal. Since then every attempt has been lost, and only on Friday, the day before his death, they rang to within three courses of a peal of London and failed. On August 5th a peal tablet was dedicated in Crayford belfry recording the boy's first peal at the age of 11 and his first peal as conductor at the age of 12. The names of his father and grandfather appear in the peals, and Edwin, sen., remarked at the close of the little ceremony: 'That tablet is the consummation of my ringing career.' It was prophetic. Little did those present think that tablet would also be his monument—he never rang another peal. His total was over 800.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday afternoon, with a plain, simple funeral service—no choir, no organ; only his beloved bells at the close. Thus passes from our midst one of the most skilful of ringers, most delightful of men, one who radiated kindliness and gentleness, one who had a large circle of friends throughout the country—for he had visited many parts of the British Isles—a circle which he had continually widened throughout the years by his gentle nature and genial disposition.

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT—Continued from previous page.

There were originally six bells in the tower installed in 1742 (this date being recorded on the oak frame), but it was not long before they were made into an octave, the two trebles being added in 1744. In 1885 the tenor, being cracked, was recast by Warners, and in 1926 the second and sixth were recast at the Whitechapel Foundry. Three of the old bells recorded their history.

On the tenor was inscribed: 'Thos. Lester made us all. James Knight, Alex. Bottle, Churchwardens, 1742.

'I to the Church ye living call,
'And to ye grave I summons all.'

On the 7th bell was: 'Thos. Lester made us all and Robt. Bottle hanged us all.'

The wording on the 2nd was quaint: 'You cannot be merry without me.'

ANCIENT BERKSHIRE RING AUGMENTED.

BARRON TRUST ENABLES HARWELL BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

The bells of St. Matthew's Church, Harwell, Berks, augmented from six to eight, cleaned, tuned, one-eighth turned and hung in a cast iron frame with ball bearings, iron headstocks and all the latest improvements, by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, were dedicated on Saturday afternoon, August 6th, by Bishop Roscow Shedden, Vicar of Wantage.

The church was filled to overflowing, more than 400 being present, and all were much impressed with the service, which included an anthem taken from the 122nd Psalm, 'I was glad when they said unto me, I will go into the House of the Lord' (by G. J. Elvey), which was admirably rendered by the choir.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Cecil Cohen), and among other clergy present were the Revs. F. B. Girling (Brightwell), G. Kenworthy (Ardington), G. C. Keble (Lockinge), J. Smith (Blewbury), C. J. Pickering (Denchworth), R. D. Parker (Lyford), A. Robinson (Steventon) and C. W. Fisher (East Hendred). After the Bishop had dedicated the bells, he handed the ropes to the incumbent, and then, as the clergy and choir returned to the chancel, the bells were rung in rounds for a few minutes, everyone being charmed with the beauty of their tone and the excellence of the 'splice.' The bell-ringers' hymn followed, after which an impressive sermon was preached by the Bishop. During the hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' a collection was made by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, Oxford Guild secretary, and Mr. A. E. Lock, secretary of the North Berkshire Branch, in aid of the sum still required for improvements to the vestry and ringing chamber, and this amounted to the splendid sum of £15 12s. 6d.

After the Benediction, 'Now thank we all our God' was sung as a recessional hymn, and, as the large congregation left the church, a well-struck 'touch' of Stedman Triples was rung by R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 1, W. Hibbert 2, A. E. Lock 3, R. G. Rice 4, V. R. Hitchman 5, J. S. Napper 6, G. C. Rice 7, W. Corderoy 8.

Upwards of 100 ringers were present at the service, most of the Berkshire towers being represented, while there were others present from Goring, Caversham, London, Portmadoc, Swindon, Slough, Southampton, Oxford, Banbury, Benson, Nettlebed, Henley, Coventry, Marlow, etc. These were entertained to tea in the Technical Institute, where, with other guests, 167 sat down. The Vicar presided, and, after tea, on behalf of himself and Church Council, gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. After reading letters of regret at inability to be present from the Rev. H. Crowther (his predecessor), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild) and Mr. J. Oldham (manager of the Loughborough Foundry), he gave a brief resume of the raising of the fund, which was started in the time of the Rev. H. Crowther.

Dr. R. Rice then, on behalf of the whole parish, thanked the Barron Trustees for their magnificent gift in defraying the whole of the cost of the restoration of the bells, which probably would not have otherwise been possible for a decade.—This was supported by Mr. J. E. Pryor, parish warden, and Mr. Fred Hopkins, senior trustee, who was present with his wife, was enthusiastically received as he rose to reply. This he did in a humorous speech, and especially interesting were the facts he gave of the origin of the fund, left by the late Miss Emma Barron.

Mr. Denison Taylor gave a description of the Harwell bells, the oldest six in England, in a speech attentively listened to.

Other speakers included Mr. E. Ravenscroft, F.R.I.B.A., who had been in charge of the alterations to the tower; Mr. R. T. Hibbert (who in a characteristic speech said he hoped that before long Harwell would possess a band of ringers as excellent as the choir, to which they had listened that day); the Rev. F. B. Girling, chairman of the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Guild; Mr. W. Hitchman and Mr. R. G. Rice, foreman and secretary respectively of the local band.

The tower was then besieged by the numerous ringers, the next 'touch' being one of Stedman Triples by a band composed of the five lady ringers present and three famous veterans, viz.: Miss D. Blencowe 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, Miss V. Robinson 3, Mrs. A. D. Barker 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, G. Holifield, sen., 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, E. Bishop 8.

After this the bells were kept going to various 'touches' until a late hour. In addition to the bell restoration, improvements to the amount of £250, raised locally, have been done to the tower, including repairs to the roof, strengthening of the walls of the bell chamber with cement, etc., new louvres and shutters, and two new floors between the bell and ringing chambers, the latter being matchboarded all round. The 73 steps have been restored with York stone. All this was done under the superintendence of Mr. Ravenscroft, the diocesan surveyor. The conditions for ringing may now be said to be perfect. The circle and the sound of the bells in the ringing chamber could hardly be bettered. The following are the particulars of the bells:—

Treble: diameter 2ft. 3in., note E, weight 4 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb., founders J. Taylor, date 1932.
2nd: 2ft. 4in., D sharp, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb., J. Taylor, 1932.
3rd: 2ft. 6¼in., C sharp, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb., W. Yare, 1611.
4th: 2ft. 9¼in., B, 6 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb., J. Carter, 1590.
5th: 2ft. 11¾in., A, 8 cwt. 14 lb., W. Yare, 1611.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING AT BISHOP'S CANNINGS.

On Saturday, August 6th, the monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bishop's Cannings. It being a beautiful day, a good number attended, and some excellent practice was got through in the standard methods. In the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. S. L. R. Sharpe (who was on holiday), the Guild service was conducted by the branch chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbothom, Mrs. Portch being at the organ. A company of 36 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting, which followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbothom presided. He congratulated the band which rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Rowde, believed to be the first for the Guild. He welcomed the visitors, mentioning Miss Williams (Bath), Miss D. Feltham (London and South Africa), W. C. Shute and H. J. Ralph (Kington Magna), W. Tiley (Bruton), P. Field (Buckland Newton), F. Looker (Frome) and L. A. Wilson (secretary, Calne Branch, Wootten Bassett).

A proposition by Mr. W. Greenland, seconded by Mr. W. A. Swift, regarding the arrangement of meetings, and a proposition by Mr. W. Greenland, seconded by Mr. S. Hillier, regarding time taken at meetings, were both carried unanimously. These motions appertain to the revision of branch rules 6 and 7.

The secretary reported he had in his possession the bound volume of annual reports from 1921 to 1931 (10 years), which had been done by Mr. C. Raison, of Trowbridge, without cost whatever to the branch.

On the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Meers, of Hilperton, the secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulation and good wishes from the branch, Mr. Meers having been captain of the St. Michael's ringers, Hilperton, for 13 years.

This closed the meeting, and the ringers then returned to the tower, the following methods being rung: Cambridge, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Doubles. The following towers attached to the branch were represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bromham, Bratton, Holt, All Cannings, Urchfont, Chirton, Rowde, Melksham and Bishop's Cannings.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, August 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Blake 1, J. Langstroth 2, C. E. Fisher 3, F. G. Woodruffe (first quarter-peal) 4, T. Edwards (first quarter-peal) 5, F. L. Fisher (first as conductor) 6, J. Woodruffe (first quarter-peal) 7, J. Trotman 8. Ringers of 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are from Woodbridge.

WIGSTON MAGNA.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, on August 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, rung to celebrate the gift of a daughter to Mr. J. Carter, and also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dexter, Leicester: A. H. Carter 1, E. Lloyd 2, A. Ward 3, A. Chamberlain 4, F. Lloyd 5, W. H. Humberstone (conductor) 6, J. Carter 7, D. Dalby (first quarter-peal) 8.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: P. G. Yeo 1, W. Webb 2, G. Yeo 3, A. Ferris 4, H. Vowles 5, T. Brice 6, H. Knight (conductor) 7, F. Legg 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and tenor.

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6th: 3ft. 3in., G sharp, 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb., W. Yare, 1615.
7th: 3ft. 6¾in., F sharp, 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb., J. Carter, 1597.
Tenor: 3ft. 10¾in., E, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb., W. Yare, 1612.

Thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, the Vicar admitting 15 ringers and probationers to the office of ringer at morning service, and at evensong the preacher was the Rev. F. B. Girling. Collections during the day for the vestry and ringing chamber fund brought the amount to £21 18s. 9d. Excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung during the day, the bells being lowered in peal after evensong.

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A YORKSHIRE TOUR.

A DOZEN PEALS IN THE COUNTY OF BROAD ACRES.

The 'touring' season has begun, and the first 'bag' of the year comes from the Yorkshire Moors, or near by, the 'glorious twelfth' having been anticipated by more than a fortnight. Five of the ringing visitors who made up the party came from the South, others were enlisted from the northern counties, and a very successful week's work was put in. Out of 15 attempts, 12 peals were rung, ten of them in five Surprise methods, Cambridge Royal 1, Cambridge Major 3, Superlative 3, London 1, Bristol 1, and Yorkshire 1. The others were Stedman Caters and Double Norwich Major.

THE STORY OF THE TRIP.

By W. H. F.

Mr. F. Bennett's 'annual' was taken during the week July 29th-August 5th, Friday to Friday, in the neighbourhood of Bradford, when some 15 towers were invaded, the party meeting with a full share of success. A dozen peals were soundly rung, five Surprise Major methods being employed. Of the three peal losses, we may briefly refer to them as follows: The poor old 'bob-caller,' a ringer who 'also ran' and the kindly 'intrusion' of a churchwarden. At the beginning of my report to 'The Ringing World' about the week's doings, I wish to emphasise the work of the tower secretaries and steeplekeepers, who so kindly helped to 'fit in' their respective belfries to suit the limited hours available each day to the travellers, and last, but not least, to the several hard-working clergymen of an immense industrial area in the county of broad acres who gave us a welcome. Mr. E. Jenkins acted as correspondent clerk; he is better known as 'the Terror,' and I have seen the pile of letters that passed to and fro, and expect the Postmaster-General to show a higher profit in his returns for 1932. Hotel charges are high in Bradford, more in keeping with the price of textiles during the war. With many factories and business premises void, no wonder the rates are 16s. 6d. in the £. Accordingly we cut our coat to suit the cloth, and, on Mr. Joe Broadley's recommendation, put up at a private lodging with Mrs. Black, in Horton Lane, where we could all 'hive up' like little olive branches together at 'Olive Bank.' Here we were very comfortable, there were no bickerings beyond the waiting for the 'first whole turn' in the morning and the state of the teapot at night in Shepherd's hands.

THE START.

The actual start began at King's Cross, in the best of humour by four stalwarts—escorted by Mrs. Bennett—per the 10.15 a.m. Leeds express, and all in one compartment amidst the holiday crowds. We were safely received at Bradford Exchange on arrival by the Shepherd and men of local fame, who guided our idle legs to their roosting place.

Burley, our first tower, reached by tramcar, has a light eight, cast in 1930 by Gillett and Johnston, and in good order; similar to Taylor's bells at Northam. The belfry echoed with 'This is all' to our Major, and St. Matthias was thanked for his encouraging 'send off' for the tour. On these outings, a failure at the start is regretted all the week, whilst if the first peals are scored the band will begin to surmise when the 'duck' will fall to their lot. Oh! glorious uncertainty, which will ever make an attempt 'worth while.'

On Saturday morning, after the peal at St. Paul's, Shipley, the conductor kindly expressed his satisfaction at the striking throughout, but, on leaving the tower, we were unable to say if it was a joy peal or a peal of sorrow—a pretty wedding party was then leaving the church, and at the entrance gates stood a funeral cortege waiting to enter. The car of life leads but to the hearse. The burial ground on the north side of the church presents an unusual appearance by numerous tall stone obelisks or pedestals, which were surmounted by the 'storied urn'—I counted over fifteen—which indicated the Puritan ideas when Gray's Elegy became universally known.

Shipley bells, as a ring of six, were installed by Mears and Co. in 1825, the treble and tenor (15 cwt. 6 lb. in F) being added in 1867. The clock was started on June 29th, 1867, and, like the writer, has been going ever since, but 'time' will come! Saturday afternoon was reserved for *the* effort of the week—Cambridge Royal at Bradford Cathedral. These bells have long since been taught the method by Ted Jenkins, so there was no difficulty in our peal here, excepting that the 'colt' on the second and a well-known composer on the 6th would at times put too much 'T.-B.' into it. The bells were an ancient ring of ten from the Loughborough Foundry, total weight 104 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb., raised by public subscription, and opened on September 3rd, 1846, the date of casting appearing on all the bells, and the old tenor weighing 27 cwt. 14 lb. They have since been 'rejuvenated' by the same firm, and there is now a good going ring of bells in a handsome ringing room, for in the year 1921 Taylors were again called in, and the present ring has a tenor of 25½ cwt. Reference to it is recorded on a brass plate fixed to the tower pier facing the aisle:—

'The tenor bell in this tower was given by John and Emily Emsley in proud and loving memory of their only son, Capt. J. A. Emsley, who died 1st December, 1918.

We dreamed of great things of you,
God intervened and so the dream came true.'

On the old treble appeared the inscription, 'Love is the fulfilling of the law.' But there was very little love or law in evidence amongst the ringers when this text was employed, compared with the brotherly kindness and warm welcome offered to strangers throughout our English belfries to-day. In olden days St. Andrew's fair was the event of the year, and in the churchwardens' accounts of 1683 appears a charge:—

'In candles for ye ringers at ye incoming of St. Andrew's fair, 00. 00. 1.'

There were four bells in 1666, cast into six with new metal at a cost of £200 in 1715; the octave was completed in 1750, but did not appear to be very satisfactory, for certain exchanges were made with other churches in Leeds and neighbourhood. In a local controversy about musical pitch, when these bells were agreed to—it was specified that they were to be in 'that most noble and magnificent key of C sharp,' but according to present pitch they were in C natural.

THE RINGERS' 'PEW.'

Headquarters in Bradford were at the Unicorn Hotel, and, like most Cathedral cities, near the Cathedral. Here the visitors were able to fraternise with the Yorkshiremen. The large hall is divided by handsome oak panelling about 4ft. high, which forms a series of stalls each capable of seating a dozen men. One has deservedly been called the 'Ringers' Pew.' Amongst other veterans of the Bradford company we found 'Father' Joseph Broadley, now in his 73rd year, who has probably rung more peals (over 350) for the Yorkshire Association than any other member since first joining in 1879. During the week our 'pew' enabled us to meet Mr. A. J. Hughes, fresh from a holiday in Ireland; Mr. S. Palmer, of Sheffield; Mr. T. Maud, of Pudsey; Mr. Brearley and others, all of whom took a deep interest in our daily doings, and, like the broadcaster, ended with the usual 'Goodnight everybody.'

Sunday morning was devoted to service ringing at the Cathedral, a family pew being reserved for us, by the senior warden, 'under the parson's nose.' A good choir, a lovely Church of England service, with a fine sermon by one of the junior clergy, made up a real hearty Yorkshire service long to be remembered by us all. St. Paul's, Drighlington, tower, high up in the hills a few miles out, was kindly placed at our disposal for the afternoon, Mr. S. Barron waiting upon us. Extensive views of the countryside disclosed Pudsey tower in the distance. Numerous chimney shafts and winding gear on either hand revealed the coal mining nature of the country—the Yorkshire coalfields. A pleasant return journey by motor bus was made following the peal, also an early bed in preparation for Bank Holiday.

WAKEFIELD.

Proceedings began early on Monday, the programmes—neatly typed with full instructions—stating 'Nelson Street. Bus at 8 a.m. depart.' The Wakefield lads, with Mr. James Moorhouse (1875 in the Yorkshire Association report), met us, and gladly helped to raise and fall the bells for us to save our hands for the blisters to come. It is upwards of quarter of a century since a peal of Cinques was rung on these bells; therefore, the Wakefield men, as well as the visitors, were much disappointed to have the bells 'set up' after 2 hours 53 minutes' good Stedman. Messrs. Pye Brothers have rung peals in more twelve-bell towers than any other ringer, and, so far, they tie. George thus loses the opportunity of becoming 'one up' on William.

The bells of All Saints' Cathedral were supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, the back ten in 1816, tenor 30 cwt. 9 lb., and were opened on January 20th, 1817. The trebles were added in 1892. The inscription on the smallest bell reminds one of a well-known Dorset ringer, but no relation: 'The gift of Martin Stewart, M.A.' The Cathedral history tells us there were five large bells and one small bell in 1552. Several of them were recast at various times down to the year 1612. In 1639 they were rehung by Thomas Taylor (familiar name), the timbers being brought from Haw Park, near Walton, and a century later, 1739, by James Harrison, a practical ringer, of Barton. Pack and Chapman were entrusted to cast a new ring of eight in 1778, the old bells being handed over and £124 6s. 9d. paid in addition for the job, the tenor then weighing 24 cwt. The ancient custom of morning bells was observed at 8 a.m. every day, two bells being chimed, and up to about 1885 the 6 and 8 a.m. bells were rung every week-day.

The early builders picked a good site, for a parish church stood here—where the Cathedral now is—in very early days. At the time of the Conquest it was in the form of a cross, having a central tower. During the twelfth century the tower fell. The present tower terminates a very long nave, the older portions of the building, as it now stands, having been completed in 1458. Wakefield tower and spire is a Yorkshire landmark, its octagonal base tapering to a height of 247ft., each arris ornamented with numerous crockets right up its apex.

AN OLD MS.

Up a little by-street opposite the church is an old-world spot called Little Kirkgate. Many ringers know it on account of the Manor House, a licensed place of long standing, where we enjoyed lunch and tea. In the kitchen you may see a roasting spit and tackle that have been there over a century. We could not discuss one-half of the past of the belfry and of the men who rang there, but we heard of an old MS that may give us something of value if examined. It contains proof scales for all methods, and belonged to the grandfather of Albert Scott.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.
PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.
Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.
E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Brief service at 5 p.m., with tea to follow in the Church Hall. Bells of St. Mary's (8) also available in the evening. A good attendance is requested. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Eight Bells Hotel (1s. 3d. 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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Barford on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and encourage the 5-bell ringers.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Election of branch officers.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eaton Bishop on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh on August 20th. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar and Mr. Newth. Will all those who can attend please notify the secretary as soon as possible?—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The monthly practice will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A card for tea will assist me with arrangements, please.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be he held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday afternoon, August 20th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom. Attendance at service will be greatly appreciated. Important business. Tea, 1s. each.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, August 20th. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at the King's Arms. Ringing during the afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea please advise me early. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar. For tea please notify Mr. J. Leather, Potter's Lane, Halebank, near Widnes. Please make a special effort to attend to support the new Vicar. Crosville buses half-hourly from Liverpool.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eaton Bishop on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

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ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Little Chart on Saturday, August 20th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District and Lincoln Ladies' Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Elsham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) ready 1 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Business meetings to follow. Roll up. All welcome.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, and H. T. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, Hon. Dis. Secs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to take place at Southam on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Black Dog, 1s. 3d. per head.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of districts of these associations will be held at Enfield, Middlesex, on Wednesday, August 24th. St. Andrew's bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea at A.B.C. or Lyons at 5.30. St. Mary's bells from 6.30 to 8. All ringers welcomed.—H. Wacey, W. H. Lawrence and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

DODDERHILL CHURCH, Droitwich, Worcs. — Dedication, by the Lord Bishop of Worcester, Thursday evening, the 25th inst., at 7.30, of peal of eight bells, tenor 18½ cwt. (6 recast and 2 new bells added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough). All ringers welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, August 27th. Six bells, ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look up your methods.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Old Limpsfield on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, August 23rd? All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head), business meeting to follow. Will all members intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, the 24th.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Old Town, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Michael's, Blackburn. Bells available from 2 p.m. at St. Michael's and Cathedral. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively in St. Michael's Institute, and social at 7 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. each, social free, to all who notify Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, not later than Friday, August 26th. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower at 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea provided at moderate charge for those who notify Mr. H. Bird, Broughton Astley, Leicester, by Thursday, August 25th. Cosby bells open for ringing in the evening if required. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—On Saturday, 27th inst., a special monthly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose's, Bristol East, attended by the last Master, Rev. E. S. Saleby. Please make a special effort to be present. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know by Wednesday, 24th inst., those requiring tea. Bus No. 133 or 144 from Old Market.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Warfield (eight bells), on Saturday, August 27th, at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who send me their names not later than August 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Sutton on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Please apply for diagram of London Victory (Sutton Delight).—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready three o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please inform Mr. J. Webb, 24, King Street, Knutsford, number for tea before August 24th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) at liberty at 1.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., preceded by a short service in church. Meeting 5 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bath Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly district meeting will be held at Eastnor, Herefordshire, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Olney, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. Ringing visitors welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, August 27th.—The bells will be ready for you from 3 p.m. onwards, so come in crowds and enjoy that after-holiday feeling. Tea 5 p.m., Kepier Schools. Post-card to Mr. C. H. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring. Hearty welcome to all ringers.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Hazlebeech (eight bells), on Saturday, August 27th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Will those coming to tea please assist by sending numbers to me by August 23rd.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 5th Crawford Cup Contest will take place at Ordsall on Saturday, August 27th, commencing at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify the hon. secretary. Bells open for visitors at 6.15 p.m. It is hoped that the Haigh memorial will be dedicated on this day. Good attendance requested.—Robt. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chart Sutton and East Sutton on Saturday, August 27th. Ringing at Chart Sutton from 2.30 till 5 o'clock. Tea at Sutton Valence. Ringing at East Sutton after tea.—Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Wednesday, August 31st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Monday, August 29th? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley, Sussex.

ST. MABYN, CORNWALL.—Two treble bells to complete the octave, and memorial tablet, by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Rev. Canon Coleridge and the Archdeacon of Bodmin respectively on Thursday, September 1st, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemyock on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Aug. 29th? Uffculme (8 bells) also open.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Leadenham (6 bells), Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Notification for tea by August 29th prompt to Mr. C. McGuiness, 56, Moorland Avenue, Lincoln.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by August 29th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Turners Hill on Saturday, September 3rd. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, August 31st? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Those requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, September 1st? A. Bradley, Long View, Ingatestone. The bells at Ingatestone will also be available.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ashford, on Saturday, September 10th, by kind permission of Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair, M.C., M.A. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting and election of officers. A good attendance is looked for, and a card for tea would be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

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In the days when Jasper Snowdon wrote what we have quoted above, those who wanted to ring more than seven methods in a 5,040 had perforce to ring incomplete 720's, and there were some notable performances, particularly in Yorkshire, in which 360's in 14 different methods and 240's in 21 different methods were rung and were highly thought of as achievements of distinction. Later on the Central Council considered that it had made a definite advance when it succeeded in its efforts to discourage this form of peal by requiring true and complete 720's. In view of the opportunities now offered to ringers by the introduction of modern method-splicing, no one would suggest reverting to the old way of ringing multi-method peals, but the pendulum seems to be swinging away from the highest standard with the acceptance among some ringers of that form of peal which does not demand separate true extents. We publish this week, for instance, a report of a 5,040 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung on handbells at Ealing which does not include a single true 720. It is made up of touches of varying length, some true and some with repetitions, but which is nevertheless designated as a peal, and, of course, is claimed to be a *true* peal. The object of the composition is to get a 5,040 in the method with the tenors always the right way together behind. We do not for a moment question the

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ingenuity of the composition or the skill required on the part of the conductor—indeed, we congratulate the clever young ringer upon his performance—but, except as a 'freak,' we can see scarely any justification for ringing this kind of thing as a peal. Seven different 720's of Oxford Treble Bob Minor with the tenors the right way behind can be got without recourse to compositions of this kind. Whither are we being led—forward or backward?

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS ...	*Treble*	MAJ. J. H. B. HESSE	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
HENRY PRING	3	STEPHEN H. WOOD	8
FRANK SKIDMORE...	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
HERBERT W. KNIGHT... ...	5	WILLIAM STOVELL ...	*Tenor*

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BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

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On Thursday, August 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN F. GALYER	*Treble*	EDWARD G. TALBOT	6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	2	FRANK JENNINGS	7
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	3	AMOS W. CLARK	8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ...	4	FRANK E. DARBY...	9
TONY PRICE	5	RONALD H. DOVE ...	*Tenor*

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Charles Bance, one time steeplekeeper at the church and a foundation member of the Surrey Association, who was buried in the adjoining churchyard the same day. Mr. Trappitt's 100th peal on these bells.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RONALD H. BOLLEN...	*Treble*	*JOSEPH MARKS	6
*JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ...	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	7
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS...	8
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Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. WAIN	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	*AMBURN WILSON	6
*JOHN P. TARLTON	3	WILLIAM SWAIN...	7
*FRANCIS COXON	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, also in honour of the birth of a daughter on August 8th to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, both of whom are ringers at this church.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

TOM WILDE	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
*EDWARD F. MAWBY	2	WILFRED STEVENSON... ...	6
JAMES A. MILNER	3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ...	7
HARRY NORGROVE	4	ERNEST BENNETT...	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, August 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH	*Treble*	FREDERICK PAGE...	5
THOMAS JONES	2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	6
*ALBERT LEES	3	WILFRED J. MOSS	7
NORMAN HEAPS	4	JOSEPH HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
† First peal in the method and members of the local band. Rung as a birthday peal to Frank Stoneley and Thomas Jones.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, August 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM TAYLOR	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
WILLIAM M. STONE	2	GEORGE GILBERT...	6
ALFRED H. POLLING	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS BLOORE. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon Maplesden, who was an hon. priest at the above church for ten years, to Mr. W. P. Trench, a worshipper for 50 years, and to Mr. A. C. Parker, verger for 58 years.

PENISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Treble*	JOHN A. BREARLY	5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ...	2	THOMAS E. LEE...	6
JOHN R. BREARLEY	3	*J. HYLTON SYKES	7
*ARTHUR CHAMPION	4	WILLIAM BIGGIN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.
* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT T. CUMMINGS	*Treble*	RICHARD A. GOFTON	5
THOMAS H. REEVES	2	ROBERT S. ANDERSON... ...	6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	3	ADAM DEAS	7
JOHN ANDERSON	4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	5
WILLIAM PYE	2	GEORGE R. PYE	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK... ...	3	ERNEST J. BUTLER	7
FRANK G. RINGE...	4	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
DR. E. LEONARD TAYLOR ...	2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	GEORGE H. CROSS	7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the memory of the late Edwin Barnett, sen., who was interred the same afternoon.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, August 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ...	*Treble*	ERNEST J. BUTLER	5
EDWIN H. LEWIS...	2	STAFFORD H. GREEN	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	7
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER... ...	4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by the late E. BARNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE
Rung with the clappers deeply muffled in memory of the composer, who was interred at Crayford the same day. All the above, with the exception of the ringer of the sixth, are members of the Central Council, on which body E. Barnett represented the Kent County Association.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 6. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ...	*Treble*	CHARLES ALLSOP...	5
JOSEPH BAILEY	2	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	6
CHARLES DRAPER	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	FREDERICK SALTER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
This composition replaces one with the same title rung at Long Eaton December 3rd, 1930 (M.C.A. report, No. 4,060), which was false owing to the wrong placing of the singles.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES ELLIOTT ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	5
HARRY HOSKINS	2	WILLIAM RAWLINGS	6
JOHN J. LAMB	3	*THOMAS A. EASTERBY ...	7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Grace Mary Eileen, daughter of Stephen G. Cummin, churchwarden of St. John's, to Keith Charles Stevenson, of Egypt.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

BERT GRIMSHAW	*Treble*	THOMAS ISHERWOOD	5
WILLIE AARON	2	JOHN WISE	6
JAMES CORBRIDGE	3	*JOSEPH WOODS	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. Ringers of 2, 4 and tenor from Church, remainder local.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 15 lb.

NORMAN HEAPS	...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	5
JAMES H. RIDING	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	6
WILLIAM HORAN	3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	7
THOMAS WALLWORK	4	EDWARD JENKINS	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the association.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT WYCLIFFE'S CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD...	5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... ...	2	GEORGE A. NEWTON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
WILLIAM A. WOOD	4	ERNEST W. TIPLER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

Rung on the occasion of local feast celebrations. The composer (a member of the local society) has now rung each bell in this tower to peals.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	5
HOBART E. SMITH	2	*HERBERT SHEMMING... ...	6
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE... ...	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... ...	7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	4	FREDERICK J. TILLETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of the late Hawkins English, a member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, who was accidentally drowned at the age of 84 years.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON	...*Treble*	JAMES HARRISON	5
NORMAN KENYON	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	6
THOMAS JACKSON	3	WILLIAM PROCTOR	7
*RICHARD BALDERSTONE ...	4	FRED HINDLE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in method on inside bell. One hundredth peal together for ringers of 6 and 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM B. CARTWIGHT	...*Treble*	REGINALD BROWN	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	*JOHN R. RADWELL	6
WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER... ...	7
EDWARD G. COWARD	4	*EDWARD C. WHEELER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. George Williams' 300th peal of Stedman Triples. Rung after meeting one short for Caters, Mr. G. Pullinger kindly standing out.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21¾ cwt.

*NELSON BOURNE	...*Treble*	HARRY BAKER	5
CHARLES H. SONE	2	TOM SAUNDERS	6
MRS. H. BAKER...	3	THOMAS E. SONE	7
†HORACE GILBERT	4	*FREDERICK W. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal. † First peal for over 20 years. It was regretted that, owing to the condition of the muffles, the peal could not be rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. E. Barnett, sen.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

DR. E. L. TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
EDWIN H. LEWIS...	2	GEORGE W. PLEICHER ...	6
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ...	3	STAFFORD H. GREEN	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOHN FLINT	...*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... ...	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	JOHN R. BREARLY	6
CHARLES MASON...	3	*JOHN A. BREARLEY	7
EDWARD ROBBINS	4	JESSE J. MOSS	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. FLINT.

* First peal in method.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HENRY C. INGRAM	...*Treble*	EVEREST FORD, ...	5
NORMAN BROWN...	2	JACK KAY	6
†RICHARD FORSHAW	3	PETER CROOK	7
JOHN E. MARTLAND	4	RICHARD W. MOSLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN BROWN.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Daniel Brownlow, of Horwich, on the completion of 72 years as a ringer. Treble ringer hails from Blackpool, 2nd and 3rd from Wigan, the rest from Bolton.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER ...	...*Treble*	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ...	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	JOHN WHEADON	6
JOHN BURLES	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
*GEORGE BUTCHER	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	...*Tenor*

Composed by the late E. BARNETT. Conducted by J. H. CHERSMAN

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung, with half-muffled clappers, as a last tribute of respect to Mr. E. Barnett, senr. Double Norwich was rung, as it was a favourite method of his, and the peal was one of his own later compositions.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss N. Marshall 1, Miss I. Brown 2, Miss D. Page 3, C. Brown (conductor) 4, J. Garratt 5, A. Ballard 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WHITWELL-CUM-HOCKFORD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 27 lbs. in G.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT LASKY	4
JOHN A. GODFREY	2	WILLIAM J. WASEY	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	WALTER J FORD... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. A. Geake.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS GRACE BORCHNALL	*Treble*	MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ...	4
*MISS CONSTANCE ELING ...	2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ...	5
†NATHANIEL T. MOXON ...	3	HAROLD DENMAN... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES STANNARD ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. ABLITT	4
JAMES CHINERY	2	HORACE W. FOULGER... ...	5
GEORGE LILLEY	3	WILLIAM STANNARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. STANNARD.

HOLT, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINES

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six scores with 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN H. S. GIDDINGS...	...*Treble*	PERCY W. J. HARDING ...	4
DENNIS G. GUM	2	A. OWEN WRINTMORE ...	5
HAROLD S. HARDING	3	REGINALD H. NEWTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. O. WRINTMORE.

First peal for all except the conductor. First four are from Bradley, 5 and tenor from Westbury.

DEVIZES, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SOUTHBROOM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*R. ALAN WHEELER ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY HILLIER...	4
*REGINALD W. BRIDGES	2	*JOSEPH S. WEEKS	5
†ALEXANDER T. WEEKS ...	3	*THOMAS WEEKS... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH S. WEEKS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an inside bell. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the rebuilding and restoration of this church, to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Plaxton, who was inducted on St. James' Day, and to celebrate the jubilee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. With the exception of the ringer of the 4th, all the ringers are regular Sunday service ringers of this tower.

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DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Bankes James Arrangement. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*RICHARD BUSBY... ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. PARK	4
†ROBERT T. SIMPSON... ...	2	ROLAND PARK	5
†ROBERT JEFF	3	W. NORMAN PARK ...	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. W. H. Porter, for many years a ringer in this tower, whose funeral took place on Saturday, the 13th inst.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

IN THE TOWER OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16.

ERNEST J. KING	1-2	ISAAC J. ATTWATER	5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	3-4	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER...	7-8
JEFFERY R. GAMMON... ...	9-10		

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

Rung as a welcome to Mr. I. J. Attwater, a past member of the local society, who is home on a visit from America.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 18, 1932, in One Hour and Forty Minutes,

AT 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* 50th peal. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all. This peal is a one-part composition which does not cause the tenors ever to dodge together the wrong way in 5-6.

HANDBELL PEALS AT MIDNIGHT.

THE RESULT OF A 'QUIET' HOLIDAY.

The following peals were rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild during what our correspondent describes as a 'quiet' holiday in North Lincs. It will be noticed that, if the days were quiet, there was the burning of a good deal of midnight oil—but perhaps it was cooler then. One tower-bell peal—at Bigby—was sandwiched into the proceedings.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 'TRENTWOOD,'

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	WALTER AYRE...	7-8

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 50th peal together.

BIGBY, LINCS.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WALTER AYRE	...*Treble*	†MRS. J. BRAY	4
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD ...	2	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ...	5
*GEORGE WM. MOODY. ...	3	JACK BRAY	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First of Cambridge and on 6. First in the method on the bells. † First peal of Cambridge.

BURTON-ON-STATHER.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, August 9 and 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray	1-2	Jack Bray...	5-6
Frank Lord	3-4	Walter Ayre	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Walter Ayre.

First peal of Little Bob Major in hand by all.

On Friday, August 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

Walter Ayre	1-2	Jack Bray...	5-6
Frank Lord	3-4	Bernard Gillatt	7-8

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

Witnesses—Mrs. J. Bray and Mrs. W. Ayre.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5032 CHANGES;

Burton Stather Variation. Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray	1-2	Walter Ayre	5-6
Frank Lord	3-4	Jack Bray...	7-8
		Bernard Gillatt... ...	9-10

Arranged by J. Bray. Conducted by Walter Ayre.

The 4th lead in each course was rung with the treble going to 8th's only, making 7 lead courses of 156 changes.

On Sunday and Monday, August 14 and 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. Bray	1-2	Jack Bray...	5-6
Frank Lord	3-4	Walter Ayre	7-8
		Bernard Gillatt	9-10

Composed by John Rogers. Conducted by Walter Ayre.

The conductor's 300th peal; 50th peal 'in hand' as conductor and 1st peal in the method as conductor.

On Monday, August 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

Bernard Gillatt	1-2	Walter Ayre	5-6
Frank Lord	3-4	Jack Bray	7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by J. Bray.

Witnesses—Mrs. J. Bray and Mrs. W. Ayre.

In addition to the above peals, Cambridge Major was attempted on tower bells, but it was an 'off' day. Five methods of Minor were lost in the 5th 720 through a ridiculous mistake by the conductor, and a peal of Treble 10 'in hand' would not go.

Other methods rung 'in hand' were Little Bob Royal, Double Bob Major and Spliced Major in three methods.

LAST OF HIS LINE.

DEATH OF ANOTHER NOTTINGHAM RINGER.

The hand of death made further inroad in the ranks of Nottingham ringers, when, on August 12th, Mr. Frank Johnson passed away at the age of 52 years. The deceased was a service ringer at St. Peter's Church, and had at various periods of his career been located in other districts, including Northampton and Gateshead.

He came of a long line of ringers, belonging to the fifth generation, unbroken, extending right back to the time of W. D. Crofts, in whose band two Johnsons formed an important part.

All the Johnsons were men of more than ordinary ability, the deceased's father being the first, and, we believe, still the only, Nottingham man to call Holt's Original.

The deceased leaves a widow, but no offspring, so the continuity of over 150 years comes to an end. The funeral took place on Tuesday, August 16th, at the Rock Cemetery, when a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by F. A. Salter 1-2, A. Barratt 3-4, A. Harrison 5-6 and H. R. Cobbin 7-8.

On Sunday, August 14th, 1265 Stedman Caters were rung for evening evening at St. Peter's Church, with the clappers half-muffled, by F. A. Salter 1, M. Ward 2, W. Dickenson 3, L. Chadburn 4, F. Bradley 5, H. R. Cobbin 6, S. Pinder (conductor) 7, G. R. Goodship 8, A. Barratt 9, E. A. Clemence 10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FEWER SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID IN PRESTON DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday. The attendance was smaller than usual, about a dozen towers being represented, but visitors from the Wigan Branch were also present. Mr. Sharples, who presided, said he wished to congratulate all who had anything to do with the arrangements of the successful meeting at Goosnargh last month.

Arising from the minutes, the question of nomination papers and the number of nominations arose, but the Secretary had to report that he had not received the papers and was unaware of the number of nominations.

Owing to the annual association meeting being fixed at Chorley for September, it was decided not to hold a branch meeting in that month.

The place and date for the October meeting having been fixed, the Secretary presented his annual report, in the course of which he said since the last annual meeting they had held meetings at Samlesbury, Broughton, Penwortham, Whittle-le-Woods, Leyland St. James, Higher Walton, Croston, Eccleston, and Goosnargh, and also a joint meeting at Lytham. The average attendance had been higher than usual, owing chiefly to the record meeting at Goosnargh. Eight branch peals have been rung during the year, and about forty members had rung in either branch or mixed branch peals, five ringing their first, 12 their first in a method, two their first inside in some method, and two their first as conductor, or in another method. They had lost four members through death, namely, Dr. P. J. Kirkby (hon. member), Mr. W. Heald, of Preston (ringing member), and Mr. H. Slater and Mr. J. Eccles (life ringing members, of Preston and Higher Walton respectively). Five new ringing members had been elected, so that, apart from any loss owing to members lapsing through non-payment of subscriptions, the membership should be about the same as last year. He was sorry to say, however, that less subscriptions had been paid up to now than in any year since he had been secretary. Perhaps the state of trade has had something to do with it. At the meetings at Samlesbury and Whittle-le-Woods respectively a discussion took place and a lecture given, with the idea of enlightening and teaching the members something about ringing. They were all thankful to Mr. Wm. Taylor for his efforts in that direction.

The secretary was thanked for the report, which was adopted, and he was re-elected.

In acknowledging his re-election, he said he had lately thought of resigning, as he was working out of the district, but if the members were agreeable, he would continue in office for the present.

The bells of Preston, which are rather heavy going, were the cause of a member suggesting that the branch should try and see if anything could be done in the matter of having them more in keeping with the dignity of the Parish Church of the town.

A vote of thanks to Canon Morris and the church authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness, concluded the business. Touches in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise were accomplished.

DEATH OF A DARLINGTON RINGER.

AN ACTIVE NORTH COUNTRY CONDUCTOR.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of a well known north country ringer, Mr. W. H. Porter, of Holy Trinity, Darlington.

Mr. Porter, who was a native of Tunbridge Wells, came to Darlington almost 40 years ago, and has been a keen ringer all these years, having rung upwards of 120 peals, a good proportion of which he conducted.

He was a member of the Kent County Association, the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and also the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, of which he was a past vice-president and member of the Peal Referees' Committee.

The funeral took place at the West Cemetery, Darlington, on Saturday, a large number of friends attending, including Mr. T. Metcalfe (secretary) and Mr. J. G. Hall, representing the Cleveland and North Yorks Association, and members of Holy Trinity, St. Cuthbert's and St. John's belfries, Darlington. Four of his fellow ringers of Holy Trinity and two fellow members acted as bearers, and the service was conducted by the Rev. B. F. R. Wilcox, curate of Holy Trinity, in the absence of the Vicar (Rev. Canon W. F. Cosgrave), who was on holiday.

After the committal service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by R. Park 1-2, W. A. Park 3-4, G. W. Park 5-6 (Holy Trinity) and T. Clark 7-8 (St. Cuthbert's).

The floral tributes included wreaths from Holy Trinity belfry and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Mr. Porter will be greatly missed, not only for his unquestioned ability as a ringer, but for his kindly and helpful disposition, and he leaves a place which will be most difficult to fill.

G. W. P.

HANDBELL RINGING IN JOHANNESBURG.

On August 1st and 2nd members of St. Alban's Guild, Johannesburg, rang nine 720's of Bob Minor (seven compositions) in attempts for a farewell peal to the ringer of the second, who was starting home to East Grinstead on August 3rd. Sister Mabel 1, Sister Madeleine 2, Sister Vivian 3, Sister Mary 4, Canon G. H. Ridout (conductor) 5-6.

RINGING AT WALSALL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Those who have read Mr. Griffin's autobiography will doubtless have formed their own opinion of one who, when able to ring the treble in Grandsire, could have put the other ringers right all through the peal, but some of his statements, in fairness to the Walsall band, must be corrected. Mr. Griffin says that he has not been very prominent for some years in ringing—the words 'for some years' could have been omitted.

When Mr. Griffin left the Walsall band a quarter of a century ago, the question of striking had no place in the matter, as the other members of the band were quite equal to him in that respect. The sole reason was a sordid quarrel over some ringing money between him and a grandson of the W. Hallsworth, to whom he says he owes so much. Mr. Griffin's account of his later ringing is decidedly humorous. When he came up our tower he was treated with the courtesy that is extended to all our visitors, but you can imagine how much he would help us after being away from ringing for over twenty years. It was only with a deal of coaching that he could be got through a touch of Caters, and it was soon obvious that for one of his temperament, to learn to ring Cinques, with a band in which there were several who, though quite youngsters, were much better ringers than himself, would be impossible, and his attempt to come back was soon ended in a way that is characteristic of Mr. Griffin.

His statement that we do not ring anything but Stedman will be news to the many visitors who come to ring with us from time to time. When he says that people are complaining bitterly about the noise, etc., someone who is probably aware of his craze, as he terms it, has evidently been pulling his leg, as we get fewer complaints at Walsall than any place I know of. When our Vicar, who, though not a ringer, has been where there has been bells and is musical, comes up the tower on Sunday to congratulate us on our good ringing, whatever Mr. Griffin thinks or is told does not trouble us.

T. J. ELTON.

Walsall.

5,040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR.

23456	4	I	O	W	H
54326		—	—		
34256		—	—		2
54326			—	1	
53246	—		—	1	
52436	—		—	1	
34256	2			2	2
52436		—	—		
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A BROTHERLY BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At Shalford, Surrey, on Sunday, August 21st, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Girdler 1, L. Hunter (conductor) 2, H. E. Schupke 3, K. Girdler 4, H. O. Schupke 5, A. Hunter 6. First 720 by the treble ringer and rung as a 15th birthday compliment to him; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Rung by three pairs of brothers, all of whom are members of the local society.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In connection with the meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association at Sutton to-morrow, the bells of Wilberton will be available in the evening.

It had been hoped to dedicate the memorial to the late Mr. H. Haigh at the North Notts Association meeting at Ordsall to-morrow, but this will not now be possible. The Haigh Memorial Library will, however, be on view.

There will be an interesting afternoon, as the fifth contest for the Crawford Cup is to take place.

Mr. 'Bob' Pye spent quite a busy holiday. During a fortnight, divided between Yorkshire, Somerset and Dorset, he rang 18 peals! It is an old saying that change of work is as good as play.

His many friends in the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and elsewhere will deeply sympathise with Mr. F. A. Burnett, captain of the St. Thomas' band, Portsmouth, on the death of his wife, Mrs. Burnett, as well as her husband, was a member of the band.

'RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Concerning your leader on 'Ringers who drift away,' there is one cause which you do not mention. I know of two cases where ringers, who have gone from here, went up into a tower, not the same tower, and sat the whole time and no one asked them if they were ringers or not. A shy man, being treated like that once, is not likely to try again. Both ringers left me to join the police force and both had got beyond the initial stages in ringing. I trust there are not many towers where such treatment can obtain.

In our own tower the first question asked a stranger is 'Are you a ringer?'—Yours faithfully,

D. G. TAYLOR.

Ilminster.

DRIVEN AWAY.

Dear Sir,—As an occasional reader of 'The Ringing World' and forty years ago a regular subscriber to the 'Bell News,' I quite agree with the trenchant article in the issue of January 15th, on 'The will to learn.' Now I am going to put a question. What is the position of an unattached ringer? What rights or privileges has he in any tower either in his own parish or Diocesan Guild?

I will quote a case. Some twenty years ago, in a parish, in a western diocese, where the tower was not affiliated to the Guild, and the ringers were all 'stoney,' the bells were rehung, and converted from six to eight, and dedicated by the Bishop.

A member of the Church, a chorister, and an unattached member of the Guild, and who did his level best on the committees was simply ignored, and was refused admission to the tower at the opening ceremony. Now the old crew has gone and a new company has been formed who are all method ringers. The ban has not been lifted nor any explanation given, with the result that this member has been lost to the Exercise and to church work. He receives invitations to towers in his own and neighbouring dioceses, but refuses on a point of honour to ring whilst the ban is against him. Ought he to have an explanation or simply take the insult lying down?

I wrote the above following the article, but have held it up until now. In this issue you ask, 'Why ringers drift away?' This may form one reason, but it is not so common to-day now that the Guilds have become more powerful.

This member has just been on tour in the west, by special invitation, but being out of practice, not having rung for twenty years, was unable to join in the ringing. This is not a case of drifting away, but of being driven away.

SCRIBE.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A MONMOUTHSHIRE RINGER.

With deepest regret we have to record the death of Mr. Trevor Edwards, of Penhow, Monmouthshire. He was one of the first band to learn change ringing after the augmentation of the bells at that tower to a ring of six. Of genial and charming disposition, loved by everyone, his removal from Penhow to London was a great loss to the local company. He had been on the staff at Barclay's Bank, Chepstow, and he was transferred to one of the company's branches in London on promotion.

He was discovered dead in his bath on August 16th. A geyser in the bathroom proved to be defective and the fumes had undoubtedly overcome him. He was only 26 years of age.

The funeral took place on Saturday last at Penhow Church, the Rev. Arthur H. Thomas (Rector), together with the Rev. Ivor Richards (curate of St. Mark's, Newport), an old school colleague and ringer, officiating. The bearers were six of the ringers. The service was most impressive. The church was packed with parishioners and friends, many having to remain outside.

The sad event cast a gloom over the whole parish. Had he lived, his exceedingly kind personality would have brought him a brilliant future. The bells were rung half-muffled by his old colleagues and friends.

J. W. J.

A YORKSHIRE TOUR.

BY W. H. F.

(Continued from page 552.)

One hundred years, yea almost two,
We've hung in that turrett grey;
And many changes have we seen
As time has fled away.

(Lines in Batley Belfry.)

After the disappointment at Wakefield on the morning of Bank Holiday, to Horbury by bus we went for the next item, and completed peal No 5 with much too quick striking. Dedicated to SS. Peter and Leonard, the church was designed in the classical style and given to the town by John Carr, of York and Carr Lodge, Horbury, opened May 17th, 1794. John Carr was an architect and built the church at his own expense in his native place in the year 1791. The Rev. Joseph Sharp was the first Vicar—appointed at the age of 25. He lived here all his life and died aged 93 years. The old ring of six bells was supplied by Thomas Mears, of London, 1792, the tenor being engraved with the architect's name in addition. By his will, dated February 8th, 1509, William Amyas, of Horbury, left to the 'belles of Horbury Churche XXs.' It is of interest to note the 'Devil's Knell' was formerly tolled here on Christmas Eve. A similar custom existed at Dewsbury, and here the 'four-fours' are the particular knell for the Devil, whilst at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, the Devil has left his claw marks on one of the bells.

Whilst our peal was on, the 'Old Soundbow' raised a team with surplus visitors and local men of Horbury and Ossett, and rang a touch on the latter bells, with a fine tenor of 26 cwt. 2 qr. in E. Returning, via Wakefield, we had some delay waiting for a particular bus to suit return fares, and heard to advantage the Town Hall chimes strike, with a tenor of 55 cwt. by Taylors.

Half the holiday gone and five peals successful out of six attempts made! On Tuesday morning, therefore, eager members greeted one another with confidence. Mytholmroyd—I will not attempt the spelling to suit the Yorkshire accent. Its church, with a nice belfry, dedicated to St. Michael, and the bells, a good going eight, responded kindly to our efforts. The train took us out, and at the railway station—on a high level—we found several long flights of stairs to negotiate; enough to prevent most townspeople from booking by rail, when they can step on to a car almost at their front door. We left our 'Royd' friends with hearty thanks for their welcome, regretting the haste that prevented our noting much in this belfry that would interest readers of 'The Ringing World.'

Hebden Bridge, only a short car ride, was the scene of a good lunch, at a place beloved by the pealmen of 1927 after nearly 11 hours' practice at Heptonstall. From Hebden we 'took' road car to Hepton, a long winding narrow road round the mountains up to, almost, 1,000 feet above sea level. Beautiful views of the North and West Ridings were enjoyed, both going and returning. On the latter stage we were only protected on our left, by a low stone wall, from a sheer drop into the valley below, and we thankfully realised that 'kind providence' was allowing the car to 'take' us. Heptonstall is a quaint old town, nestling on the brow of the hills, with narrow streets having quaint names, such as 'Top-o'-the-Hill,' and most of its buildings are of local weather worn stone. Its early prosperity was mostly due to the woollen trade, but it is now supported by gangs of hikers and bellringers(?). Here there are two churches—the old and the new. To the tourist and traveller they are a constant source of interest.

A TOWER OF STRENGTH, A PEAL OF LENGTH.

Dedicated to St. Thomas a Becket, it consists of nave, north and south aisles, chancel, and western tower of very handsome proportion, surmounted with four corner pinnacles. The architecture of the new church is good, perpendicular period, and resembles a building much older than a century, for it replaced the old one, as a place of worship, only about a hundred years ago. When the local church authorities decided to start afresh on the new site, the old building, in need of serious restoration, was left untouched; perhaps the most economical scheme in a stone county with the cheap labour of those days. The burial ground between the two churches is almost covered with heavy headstones laid flat, many having dates 1600-1650, showing the natives lived here to a good old age—in fact a week's residence would enable one to ring round the clock. The ringing room is plain, but comfortable, and has only one window; the circle of ropes and the draft is just right: an ideal 'home' for a 'long length.' Whilst our peal was progressing the features of eight silent men, of 'Oxford' fame, came to my mind so often that I was glad when 'stand' was called. Straight in front of me was a bold faced clock, beside it a worthy peal board with the names of the team, 'hands' of men that beat the hands of time. The sound and 'go' of these bells is just that quality which helps the method ringer to 'concentrate'—a word which 30 years ago Keith Hart impressed upon me at Brighton. I won't mention now the name of the firm who did this bell work, enough that the 17,000 was rung here.



HEPTONSTALL'S TWO CHURCHES—THE OLD AND THE NEW.

It was at the new church in April, 1927, that the existing record peal of Major was rung—17,824 Oxford Treble Bob, in 10 hrs. 51 mins.

BIRSTALL'S CENTURY.

Wednesday's efforts at Birstall and Batley were both accomplished safely, and the peals well and truly rung, the multiple road car suiting our journeys for the day. Our morning venue, St. Peter's Church, Birstall, we found embowered in a wealth of foliage of surrounding trees. We rang in an old fashioned belfry on a new ring cast by Gillett and Johnston in 1919, the tenor, 22 cwt., replacing one by W. Dobson, of Downham, 1819. The original peal of six was by Pack and Chapman, 1771. It was regretted that one of the old ringers had, quite recently, passed away. In the belfry is hung a remarkable list, hand drawn in June, 1868, as follows, and I am wondering why the years 1850-60 proved so disastrous to the youths of Birstall.

(Continued on next page.)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Billingshurst on Saturday. Although the weather was very warm, quite a good number came on push and motor-cycles and by other means. Between 20 and 30 attended from Billingshurst, Brighton, Cuckfield, Chiddingfold, Heene, Itchingfield, Godalming, Kirdford, Lower Beeding, Lindfield, Slindfold, Warnham, West Grinstead, Uckfield and Turner's Hill.

The Rev. J. E. Gardiner, Vicar of Billingshurst, presided at the business meeting, when one new member, viz., Mr. W. Weaver, of West Grinstead, was elected.

The company were asked to stand in silence to the memory of two well known and respected members of the association who have lately passed away, viz., Messrs. Charles Smart and Percy Doick, members of the Pulborough band, who are sadly missed, and the secretary was asked to write letters of condolence to the respective families.

After votes of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and granting the use of the bells the belfry was again visited. The methods practiced ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, August 20th, at the Parish Church of St. Andrew, Cobham, Surrey, the wedding took place of Mr. G. Shotter (a member of the Cobham band) and Miss G. Thomas. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar. As the happy couple left the church the bells were rung and touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were brought round by W. James, W. Holden, J. Miles, E. Matthews, A. Roberts, W. Faulkner (of the local band) and W. W. Thorne. A reception was held at Church Room, at which about 40 guests were present, including the ringers, who gave selections on handbells.

A YORKSHIRE TOUR—continued.

Joshua Barraclough, 1835, aged 67 years.
Richard Bywater, 1850, aged 52 years.
John Gooder, 1855, aged 67 years.
William Steward, 1855, aged 65 years.
Joshua Rhodes, 1855, aged 55 years.
Samuel Barraclough, 1857, aged 73 years.
Wm. Wood, 1858, aged 84 years.
James Beaumont, 1860, aged 65 years.
James Rhodes, 1869, aged 73 years.
Joseph Gooder, 1866, aged 47 years.

I take off my hat to the memory of these Yorkshire bellringers of old. They carried on their belfry work under enormous difficulties, like the men of hundreds of parishes in England, with little reward and frequent reproach.. By a strange coincidence the Birstall parish magazine for the month contains an interesting chapter on 'Restoring the House of God,' which exposes the abuses amongst the clergy and the deplorable condition of the churches during the eventful years of Catholic Revival, promoted by Newman, Keble and Pusey from 1833 onwards. To composers, a peal of Cumberland Exercise Major 5,600 is given, on a card in the belfry, as rung April 16th, 1838. To towerkeepers we were shown to an ancient inn, named 'The Black Bull,' for our hot lunch—leg of mutton—and, in passing, I wish to inquire where the 'leg' is now wandering about near Truro? It must be well 'hung' by this time. The Bull is claimed as the oldest licensed house in England—run by the youngest licensee—but Swansea and Finedon may question this claim. Good-bye, Birstall, we leave your veterans sleeping, and, perhaps, it was all for the best that the bells you loved to ring have passed through the fiery furnace.

YORKSHIRE ROPES.

We now come to Batley—tower and bells restored in 1923—again a western tower with corner pinacles. This church is dedicated to All Saints, the belfry, on the ground floor, has a small ringer's door to enter by. Near the door is a brass plate engraved with twelve verses of poetry relating to the three old bells taken down in 1851, when the present octave was cast and erected by Mears and Stainbank, of London. The author—Mr. L. Blakeley—was interred here 1836, and I have introduced the first and last lines of his Requiem to this contribution.

A valiant endeavour to master 'Norfolk Surprise' was made here on a good going peal, 11 cwt. tenor, but an hour's work was thrown away on 'ill-digested food'; the 'mental' weight—like the 'metal' of the bells—was not well balanced, so a change was made, and the peal of Superlative, as recorded, followed, with kind remarks from the local ringers, who gave us a warm welcome and 'send off.'

In Yorkshire, I have forgotten to remind you, many of the ropes in the towers have the old fashioned 'double Sallies'; that is, one at the end of the rope as well as the usual position at handstroke. We gradually got accustomed to adjusting the length of rope by tying a knot or two, but in the Surprise ringing there were doubtful occasions as to the way you should go—'up lad' or 't'other way.' Grasping the two Sallies is inclined to make one's hands ache, and I do not recommend their use for several reasons. In each tower—where these ropes are used—a set of portable wooden boxes for each ringer are stored in readiness if the ropes are too short or too long. (To be continued.)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AGE AND YOUTH AT A TROPICAL MEETING.

In spite of the terrific heat, a few ringers did turn up at a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday last—not a large number, it is true, but sufficient to keep the bells going during the time available for ringing.

Age was represented by Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., who came early and stayed until the end, and who during the afternoon rang in a touch of Bob Minor. Youth was represented by several members of the local band, who showed considerable ability, and reflect great credit on Mr. Frank Ringrose, their instructor.

Divine service at 5 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. F. White, after which tea was served.

At the business meeting, after the minutes had been passed, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) reminded members that the association had lost a valued member in Mr. Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, whose death was reported in 'The Ringing World' that week. Mr. Barnett had been a member of the association for about 34 years. He was a most reliable ringer, and an upright and straightforward man. Mr. Coles asked the meeting to pass a vote of condolence to his relatives by standing in silence for a few moments.

Four new members were elected, and Southgate chosen for the next meeting on September 17th.

The Hon. Secretary announced that a joint meeting of the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations had been arranged at Broxbourne on October 8th, whilst a practice meeting of the Middlesex Association would be held at Tottenham on Tuesday, October 18th.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Pickworth) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells; to the preacher; to the organist, who is also a promising ringer, and Miss A. Perrin for arranging tea.—This was carried, and Mr. Ringrose replied.

The ringing, under the guidance of Mr. A. W. Coles (District Master), consisted of many methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, and some good work was done towards bringing on the 'colts.' A very welcome visitor at the meeting was Mr. W. Wallace, of Derby, some time hon. treasurer of the Midland Counties Association, who was on a brief visit to London. The Middlesex Association hope to see him again.

HEAT WAVE MEETING AT STAINES.

Despite the heat some 25 members and friends were attracted to the riverside town of Staines on Saturday last, when a meeting was held at St. Peter's Church. A welcome visitor was Miss D. G. Feltham, who was at one time a keen member of the Hillingdon tower. She recently returned to this country after a sojourn in South Africa. Although many folk preferred to listen to the bells whilst reclining on the river bank, various methods, including Cambridge Surprise Major, were rung.

Dr. Flecker, Vicar of Staines, conducted a brief service, and tea was then partaken of in the Church Hall. Tea, the beverage, was in great demand, and discussion was concerning the heat rather than ringing. The Vicar was adjudged to have 'told the best one,' when he related how he sat in a bath of cold water and read 'The Times!'

Owing to the unavoidable departure of the Vicar, the Vice-President (Mr. J. A. Trollope) took the chair at the subsequent business meeting.

Reference was made to the passing of Mr. Edwin Barnett, and the company stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of a fine ringer and gentleman.

Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham was elected a life ringing member.

Further discussion took place on the Central Council resolution to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' As no one doubted that the Exercise would be in a sorry plight without its own paper, discussion centred on the contents of the present paper and suggestions made to make it more attractive! General opinions of speakers was that the paper lacked interest for the beginner and it was difficult to get them to take it because of this.

Mr. Trollope said that it was difficult to ascertain exactly what ringers did want. He had contributed articles probably more than anyone, and he would be glad to know whether his work found favour or not.

Other points raised were whether the Sunday service touches page could not be revived. Several pages were used weekly with reports of the more secular side of the art (i.e., peals), and reports of the most important phase went by the board. If such reports were published more frequently beginners would find their performances recorded sooner than otherwise would be the case. And some of these Sunday efforts were more creditable to all concerned than a good many peals that were rung!

The meeting learned with regret of a street accident in which the late district secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier) was involved. Happily, he has now recovered from any ill effects.

It was decided to hold a meeting on September 10th at the towers of Bedfont, Stanwell and Harmondsworth in an endeavour to stimulate local interest.

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THE LATE MR. EDWIN BARNETT.

FUNERAL AT CRAYFORD.

The funeral of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett took place on Wednesday of last week at the church of St. Paulinus, Crayford, which he loved so much and where for so many years he had been parish clerk. The service was quite simple in character, but the large attendance showed the respect in which Mr. Barnett was held, not only among ringers, but among his fellow townsmen. The Rector (the Rev. W. H. Andrews) officiated, and the lesson from Thessalonians iv. was read by Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who, despite his more than 80 years, made the journey from Canterbury in order to be present at the burial of an old and valued friend. Together they had served the Kent County Association for a long term of years. The other clergy present were the Rev. W. B. Lord, Rev. D. Wingate and the Rev. E. R. Hougham. The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barnett (son and daughter-in-law), Master E. A. Barnett (grandson), Mrs. A. R. Brough (daughter), Mrs. Keveren (sister), Mrs. Collingwood (niece), Mr. John Clarke (Ross), and Mr. Walter Trevitt. Among the ringers present were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Council), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies Guild), Messrs. E. A. Young (former secretary of the Council), A. A. Hughes (representing the College Youths), G. H. Cross (representing the Royal Cumberland Youths, of which Mr. Barnett was one of the oldest members), Mrs. G. H. Cross, Dr. E. L. Taylor, Messrs. C. F. Winney, J. Parker, T. Groombridge, sen., T. Groombridge, jun., J. H. Cheesman, H. Audsley, H. Rayner, I. Emery, W. J. Jeffries, S. H. Green, W. Saunders, G. Povey, V. Toobey, etc.

In addition to the wreaths from members of the family, floral tributes were sent by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; His Bellringers at Crayford; Holy Trinity (Dartford) Ringers; Rector, Assistant Clergy and Churchwardens of St. Paulinus' Church, Crayford; Church Council, Choir and Sidesmen at St. Paulinus' Church; Wardens and Congregation of All Saints' Church; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. James Parker; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross; Mr. J. H. Cheesman; Mr. and Miss Audsley; Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Povey; Mr. Frederick White; Mr. Stafford Green, and many others.

Immediately after the service the 'whole pull and stand' and a muffled touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of St. Paulinus' Church by Messrs. C. F. Winney, J. H. Cheesman, T. Groombridge, jun., W. J. Jeffries, I. Emery, H. E. Audsley and V. E. Tooby. Later a peal of Stedman Triples was rung, while another band went on to Chiddingstone and there rang a half-muffled peal in memory of a revered colleague, a humble servant of the Church and one of Nature's gentlemen.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE.

In the evening a memorial service was held, at which the Rector officiated. The hymns sung were 'Nearer my God to Thee' and 'Abide with me,' and the Psalm, number 23, 'The Lord is my Shepherd.'

The Rector, in the course of an address from the text, 'Mortality swallowed up in life,' said they were there to remember with the deepest affection and gratitude the life of Edwin Barnett, who had been intimately connected with the work of the parish, he believed, for 43 years. Unfortunately, he had only enjoyed the privilege of Edwin Barnett's friendship for a few weeks. There were some in church who had known him for a great number of years who might think it presumptuous on his part to estimate his life and character. They might say he never knew Edwin Barnett. It was true that he had only known Mr. Barnett for a few weeks, but he had seen enough of him to know that he had had the most powerful influence for good with everyone with whom he had come into contact. They were going to miss him terribly. Mr. Barnett spent himself in the work of the Church, to which he was devoted. His was a life which could be taken as an example of a Christian-like life. That church was the centre of his life, and his passing over would leave a gap which was going to be hard to fill. Even with so short an acquaintance he knew the very last thing Mr. Barnett would wish was that he, or anyone else, should deliver a funeral oration in his memory. He was far too retiring for that. His life spoke with far greater eloquence than any words could do. It was his life they were going to remember with the very greatest respect and affection. Let them not think of Edwin Barnett as a memory, but as a living personality. He was still with them in spirit. They could say with absolute certainty that he was perfectly conscious that they were there. The text, he thought, was one of the most striking of its type in the Bible. Death was not the end, it was merely the beginning of a better, higher and more active life, such a life as people could have no conception of.

'When you think of Edwin Barnett,' concluded the Rector, 'will you think of him as enjoying, without any bodily discomforts, such as pain and suffering, perfect rest, on the other side of the veil, with as much zeal and enthusiasm and with a greater confidence that he was ever able to do while he was here.'

MR. BARNETT'S PEALS.

Mr. Barnett had rung 820 peals, and his list is remarkable for the variety of methods which it includes.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Minor: 4 methods	3	1
Triples:		
Grandsire	115	60
Union	19	10
Plain Bob	2	1
Oxford Bob	3	2
Darlaston Bob	3	1
Court Bob	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure	1	1
Erin	3	1
Stedman	117	27
Major:		
Plain Bob	39	24
Reverse Bob	1	1
Waterloo Reverse Bob	1	
Hereward Bob	1	1
Double Norwich (1 non-conducted)	137	60
Real Double Norwich	4	2
Double Oxford	9	8
Canterbury	19	14
Crayford College	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	78	39
Oxford Treble Bob	5	3
Cam. Treble Bob	1	1
Granta Treble Bob	1	1
Little Bob	2	1
Little Canterbury	1	1
Crayford Little Court Bob	1	1
Dartford Little Bob	1	1
Erith Little Bob	1	1
Superlative Surprise (1 non-conducted)	40	1
Cambridge Surprise (1 non-conducted)	51	3
New Cambridge Surprise	5	
Norfolk Surprise	5	1
London Surprise	13	1
New Cumberland Surprise	1	
Bristol Surprise	3	
Spliced Methods:		
Kent and Oxford Royal	1	
Kent and Oxford Major	2	2
Cambridge and Superlative Major	1	
Double Norwich and Double Oxford Major	1	1
Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major	1	1
Double Oxford and Plain Bob Major	1	1
Canterbury and Plain Bob Major	1	1
Bob Major, Double Oxford and Double Norwich	1	
Bob Major and Stedman Triples	1	
Cators:		
Stedman	26	1
Grandsire	7	
Royal:		
Plain Bob	2	2
Little Bob	1	1
Double Norwich	1	
Duffield	1	
Forward	2	
Kent Treble Bob	17	2
Oxford Treble Bob	2	
Cam Treble Bob	1	1
Granta Treble Bob	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	5	
Cinques:		
Stedman	44	
Grandsire	2	
Maximus:		
Plain Bob	2	2
Little Bob	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	4	1
Cambridge Surprise	2	
Total	820	290

Non-conducted 3.

These peals were rung in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Out of the total, 233 have been rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, and 146 at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith; 235 were rung with his son, Edwin Barnett, jun. (including the father and son peal of Cinques at Shoreditch), and 23 with his grandson, Edwin A. Barnett. In 16 of the latter three generations took part.

A WEEK IN THE WEST.

THIRTY-FIVE TOWERS VISITED.

In glorious weather the ringing tour from August 6th to 13th in Somerset and Gloucestershire, arranged by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, proved most successful from every point of view. The party consisted of 27 visitors from 17 county associations, and included eleven ladies. On Saturday afternoon they met at St. Thomas' Room, Bristol. Mr. H. Burt (chairman) presided at the tea, and in the name of the B.U.R.G. gave the party a hearty welcome. Mr. Edgar Guise (hon. secretary) joined in the welcome, and, in giving a few particulars of the week's arrangements, specially mentioned Bath, because the natives always wanted to know why the bells were rung.

Mr. J. Gould (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) said he was very pleased to have the honour of giving a hearty send-off for the holiday week. In addition to the visitors, the party also included Mr. W. Thomas, Mr. H. Pring and Mr. U. Braven. In the evening, at the 'Crown and Dove,' a social had been arranged by the Bristol members. Mr. Burt presided, and the gavel he used in calling attention to the items was carved from a piece of oak from the old roof of Temple Church. He wore his chain of office, Mr. Braven was in the vice-chair, and Mr. E. Guise assisted in making the visitors feel at home. Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Llewellyn, Mr. Crane and Mr. Emery contributed items, and Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung on handbells.

On Sunday the whole party met at the Tramway Centre, and took tram for Hotwells. Ascending the Rocks Railway and viewing the Suspension Bridge, they made their way to the Zoo. In the absence of Headkeeper Payne, they were conducted over the gardens by Keeper Guise, brother of Mr. Edgar Guise, and partook of tea in the cafe.

The Vicar of Emmanuel Church (Rev. W. Bathurst Soole) kindly invited them to the evening service, and gave a most helpful address on the work of ringing as a part of church worship. He was pleased to know that the members came from as many as 17 different associations and were visiting no less than 38 towers. He gave them a most hearty welcome to that House of God. He was sure that they had the work of the church at heart. He knew a verger who was proud of his work, for, as he said, Vicars come and Vicars go, but he was always there as doorkeeper in the House of God. Whether as preacher, or member of the choir, or sweeping the floor or attending to the flowers, all must do their best; and he knew that ringers did their best as unto the Lord and not unto man. That was the true spirit of the Christian; they called the people to church. Reformation, as well as reconciliation, should be their watchword.

Monday, the first day of the tour, the party met at St. Stephen's early, and were soon en route for Stroud, travelling over the Badminton country via Nailsworth and the Golden Valley. 'Aw, ain't it graund,' says Manchester. The bells were set going to Stedman, but, of course, all were looking forward to Painswick, the home of long-peal ringing. Touches of Grandsire Cinques were rung here, but the visitors could not count the 99 yew trees in the churchyard. At the ringers' house the party were entertained to lunch. The country looked at its best and the country was charming. The route next lay down through Cranham woods to Cheltenham. Soon St. Mary's 12 were swinging, and some of the party promenaded up the avenue, which is one of the finest in England. Tewkesbury was the next call and the 151 steps to the ringing chamber were mounted. Needless to say, tea at the Abbey Mill was much appreciated. At Gloucester the tourists arrived at the most dangerous crossing in the country, and the veteran, Mr. John Austin, met them. Bob Major and Stedman were rung, the Cathedral visited, and Robert Raikes' birthplace noted. Next on to Thornbury, with its fine castle of the Howards, and then home, the distance covered during the day having been 109 miles.

On Tuesday the first call was at Abbots Leigh, reached after a stiff climb; then to Portishead for touches and lunch. Clevedon gave the visitors two hours to enjoy the sea front and gardens, and touches on the old Parish Church bells. Yatton, with its fine memorial, claimed attention; and then to Wrington, where the party had a surprise, as they were joined by the members of the other ringers' tour. Altogether they numbered about 60. The Vicar welcomed them at the church, and touches of Caters were rung. They finished up at the ringers' house with a fine spirit of camaraderie. It was with difficulty that the B.U.R.G. party got away to Bristol.

The first place to be visited on Wednesday was Bath Abbey, but when the party were ready to leave they were three short. They were wondering what had happened when a wheelchair hove in sight with a lady on each side and the youngest of the company riding. He was promptly christened 'the infant.' All was well with him, however, and soon the journey was resumed for Bradford-on-Avon, where, after touches, a splendid lunch was provided. Westbury bells, with 35 cwt. tenor, were tried successfully. Here the curate, in the absence of the Rector, wished the ringers 'God speed.' St. John's, Frome, with its religious history, proved most interesting. A couple of hours later the tourists were on their way to Midsomer Norton, where the captain was waiting for them and cautioned them as to the in and out of course.

Thursday provided, without doubt, the most beautiful run of the week through Burrington Combe, where a halt was made at the rocky cleft which inspired the hymn 'Rock of Ages,' and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung. Then over the Mendips to Cheddar Gorge. The scenery was majestic and inspiring. The whole party was conducted through Cox's caves; then followed lunch and a ring on the eight bells at Cheddar Church. Wells, with its fine Cathedral and curious clock, the operation of which the visitors were able to observe when three o'clock struck, commanded attention. Glastonbury Abbey ruins were next visited and inspected with close interest. Shepton Mallet (noted for its old gaol, now closed) gave them an hour, and then at Chewton Mendip the party were joined by members of the Bristol Guild. This fine Somerset church and its bells called for admiration.

Long Ashton was the first call on Friday, then on to Congresbury (pronounced Koongsbry, please). Here, in error, the bus took the party up the funeral path to the church, but the slip was corrected and they departed by the wedding path with its fine avenue, so all was well. By mid-day they were in Weston-super-Mare, where they were allowed four hours, which they much enjoyed. Burnham, the last calling place for the day, gave them two hours for refreshment, a ring and promenade. By the way, some of the members were brave enough to mount the hill at Uphill and ring a touch. In the evening a social was held, under the chairmanship of Mr. Burt, at the 'Crown and Dove.' Mr. Uriah Braven was in the vice-chair and Mr. Sullivan at the piano. The number was increased to over sixty. Community singing commenced the proceedings, and Miss Milsom sang sweetly. Mr. Emery was at his best in tenor songs, and Mr. Hayden Clifford shone in comedy. There were courses on the handbells and tunes by St. Thomas' handbell ringers.

Mr. Swinfield (Burton-on-Trent), on behalf of the visitors, expressed their pleasure at the success of the tour, and thanked Mr. Thomas, the principal guide. There had been many incidents during the week, one relating to the 'infant,' which he hoped he took in good part as coming from the ladies. He also thanked Mr. Burt, the chairman, who had accompanied them on most days. They represented 17 different associations, and it was a remarkable feat on the part of Mr. Guise to arrange this gathering of the clans. They desired to present Mr. Guise with a small token in remembrance and in recognition of the work entailed. — Mr. Thurston (Mere) seconded, and remarked on the happy times they had had.—Mr. Burt supported, and the presentation was made by Mrs. King (Luton).

Mr. Guise said, in reply, that he could not take all the credit, as he had been most ably supported by his committee. The mirth and music of the party could be attributed to 'the Innocents abroad.'

On Saturday the party was joined by members of the Bristol Guild. After leaving Yate they arrived in Wotton-under-Edge just in time to hear the end of the peal, which some of the visitors, making an earlier start, were successful in ringing. They had to rise between 5 and 6 a.m. for the purpose.

Lunch at the hostel and then on to Dursley, where the tourists were joined by Mr. Guise and family. Queen Anne, although dead, still keeps her memory green in the shape of the statue. Cam (K. A. M.), with its six bells, and the ancient tombstones, was visited, and then on to historic Berkeley. A glimpse of the castle was obtained from the meadows. Thanks to 'Auntie' and 'Phyllis,' the whole party were regaled to a sumptious tea at the hostel. Almondsbury (Amesbry to the natives) was the last place on the list, and whilst some went down the steep hill to the church, the elder members were content to seat themselves on the green and admire the scenery, with the river Severn glistening in the distance.

At Bristol the parting came all too soon, but Sid. Briggs, mounting the stool, could not let the company disperse without presenting Mr. Poppy with a souvenir. This proved to be the card which had been on the bus during the whole week. Mr. Poppy replied and promised to take it back with him to Suffolk.

There were general handshakes and hope was expressed of meeting again not in one coach only, but with a company large enough to require three or four. Mr. Guise wished them all a kindly farewell, and the party broke up. During the week nearly 400 miles were covered, and the pre-arranged programme was adhered to to the last detail, a really wonderful piece of successful organisation.

On Thursday, August 11th, six members of the touring party met at St. Michael's Church, Bristol, at 6.45 a.m., and rang a well-struck 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 minutes. The ringers were:—E. F. Poppy (Eye, Suffolk) 1, J. A. Dart (London) 2, Mrs. L. East (Nottingham) 3, B. W. Pettit (Essex) 4, D. Cooper (Croydon) 5, R. A. Post (Oxford) 6. Conducted by Mrs. East. This peal was unique from the fact that the band consisted of members of six different associations, all staying at the residence of Mr. R. D. Withers, through whose kindness the band was able to obtain permission to ring.

G. D. T.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.—On Sunday, Aug. 7th, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Cooper, sen., 1, G. Tilley 2, V. Darvill 3, W. Mortimer (conductor) 4, R. Darvill 5, G. Martin 6.

NOTICES.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.
PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, August 27th. Six bells, ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look up your methods.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Old Limpsfield on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, August 23rd? All ringers welcome. — meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head), business meeting to follow.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Old Town, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Michael's, Blackburn. Bells available from 2 p.m. at St. Michael's and Cathedral. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively in St. Michael's Institute, and social at 7 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. each, social free, to all who notify Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, not later than Friday, August 26th. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, August 27th.—The bells will be ready for you from 3 p.m. onwards, so come in crowds and enjoy that after-holiday feeling. Tea 5 p.m., Kepier Schools. Post-card to Mr. C. H. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring. Hearty welcome to all ringers.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Cosby bells open for ringing in the evening if required. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—On Saturday, 27th inst., a special monthly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose's, Bristol East, attended by the last Master, Rev. E. S. Saleby. Please make a special effort to be present. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus No. 133 or 144 from Old Market.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Warfield (eight bells), on Saturday, August 27th, at 4 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Sutton on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Please apply for diagram of London Victory (Sutton Delight). Ringing at Wilburton in the evening.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) at liberty at 1.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., preceded by a short service in church. Meeting 5 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Olney, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. Ringing visitors welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly district meeting will be held at Eastnor, Herefordshire, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Hazlebeech (eight bells), on Saturday, August 27th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chart Sutton and East Sutton on Saturday, August 27th. Ringing at Chart Sutton from 2.30 till 5 o'clock. Tea at Sutton Valence. Ringing at East Sutton after tea.—Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 5th Crawford cup contest will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, August 27th. Commence at 2.45. Tea 5. Bells (6) will be open for ringing from 6.15. Through an unforeseen difficulty the Haigh Memorial Tablet will not be dedicated, but the Haigh Memorial Library will be on view. All welcome. Good attendance requested. Tea for those who notify R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Wednesday, August 31st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Monday, August 29th? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley, Sussex.

ST. MABYN, CORNWALL.—Two treble bells to complete the octave, and memorial tablet, by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Rev. Canon Coleridge and the Archdeacon of Bodmin respectively on Thursday, September 1st, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on September 1st and 29th. *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 6th; St. Magnus on the 8th and 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Compton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. C. M. M. Jotcham, The Vicarage, Compton, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, August 31st for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemyock on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Aug. 29th? Uffculme (8 bells) also open.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (5) available 2.45. Service 4. To ensure tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 30th.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea (in Village Institute) at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Leadenham (6 bells), Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Notification for tea by August 29th prompt to Mr. C. McGuiness, 56, Moorland Avenue, Lincoln.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Those requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, September 1st? A. Bradley, Long View, Ingatestone. The bells at Ingatestone will also be available.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, September 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by August 29th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Broadwindsor on Sat., September 3rd. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Notification for tea to C. H. Lathey, Sec., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m.—E. Jennings, Sec., 15, Castle Oval, Kendal.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bangor on Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. David's Church at 3. Bells (8) will be available any time. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me as soon as possible. All ringers welcome.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, September 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me? Members please note alteration of tower.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Turners Hill on Saturday, September 3rd. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, August 31st? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtonstall, Saturday, September 3rd. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

MENHENIOT CHURCH, CORNWALL.—Peal of six bells rehung in new frame by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Truro, Wednesday, September 7th, at 7 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ashford, on Saturday, September 10th, by kind permission of Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair, M.C., M.A. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting and election of officers. A good attendance is looked for, and a card for tea would be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, September 10th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send me numbers for tea by September 5th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus and train will be met by arrangement. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Patrington on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea 1s. 6d. each, on Rectory Lawn, if fine. Application to be made for same to Rev. P. R. Frost, M.A., The Rectory, Patrington, East Yorkshire, by Thursday, September 8th. The presentation to Mr. A. B. Cook, the late Dis. Sec., will be made at this meeting.—Horace S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, September 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. A. Webb, 2, Kimberley Terrace, Lyminge, on or before Friday, September 9th?—Percy W. Smith.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — Special meeting at South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, Sept 10th. Annual Meeting at Newcastle, Sept. 24th. Particulars next week.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—WITHAM.—Dedication of two trebles, to complete the octave, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, at the Parish Church, Saturday, September 17th. Service 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Church House for those who give notice to Mr. A. Evers, 6, Chipping Hill, Witham, not later than Thursday, September 15th. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., North-Eastern Division.

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To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to leader and correspondence re striking, etc., comparisons are odious. Let us try one. Grandfather rang Grandsire for 20 years. If he didn't know how to strike it, he'd nothing else to do. Grandson learns to handle a bell and ring standard methods in 20 weeks, or else no instructor wants him as a pupil. Mr. Smallwood says a school of instruction will cost a lot of money. £5,000 a year wouldn't persuade me to be appointed instructor of S.M.'s. When will our critics remember that ringing cannot be compared to any other art or game? We don't want officials appointed to tell us how good or how bad a peal was. We have no gallery to play to and our listeners like us all the better when we break down. I think I am right in saying that ringers prefer a feed to all the pamphlets all the Central Councils in the world could issue. Yes, old ringers were conservative. They didn't want more to share the ringing because there were more to share the spoils.—Yours truly,

'A FLAT.'

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A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Flecker for conducting the service, for the use of his bells and for the welcome that is always given to the association. Appreciation of the services of Mr. Willard as organist, and Miss Riggs, G. Walmsley and other kind friends, who prepared and served a very excellent tea. This terminated the business, and, after a brief visit to St. Peter's belfry, members went to St. Mary's Church for further ringing, and where Mr. E. J. Butler, on behalf of the local band, extended a warm welcome.



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A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION?

The suggestion that there should be one 'national' association of ringers is not a new proposition. It has been discussed from time to time and it was, we believe, out of one of the earlier discussions of the subject that the Central Council was eventually evolved. Whether it was the direct outcome we are not quite sure, but a 'national' association was certainly canvassed before Sir Arthur Heywood's scheme for a central authority took definite shape. In those early days the country was not so completely covered by a network of associations and guilds as at present, although a number had been formed and others were in process of formation. Since that time the proposal to have only one association for the whole country has been debated at intervals, but, as far as we know, no steps have been taken even to ascertain the opinion of the general body of ringers.

The honorary secretary of the Surrey Association reopens the subject, in a letter in another column, and puts forward arguments which certainly claim consideration, but we have serious doubt whether he will find them sufficiently strong to move the present organisation of the Exercise out of its present form. Administrative centralisation is actually against the present trend of policy, which leans more and more towards devolution, by splitting up association areas into districts which are given considerable executive power. This decentralisation has done much to raise the strength of the associations, by the more intimate propaganda which can thus be carried on among the individual towers. If this is to be maintained—and ringing organisation would quickly lose a lot of its effectiveness if it were not—the present system of administration through comparatively small areas would of necessity have to be retained. Centralisation, therefore, would largely resolve itself into a centralisation of funds, and, while this might have its advantages, it is doubtful if the same personal interest would be taken in a national association as is now shown by individuals in their diocesan or county affairs. It is true that a national organisation could carry out certain greater projects than is permitted by the smaller resources of the present associations, but there must be set against this the risk of diminished interest, not perhaps in the art of ringing itself, but in the running of the organisation, and it might rob it of some of that touch with the Church which has been built up with so much labour and patience.

We voice these doubts merely to ventilate the other side of the question, but we agree that if the same local and individual interest and activity could be retained a national association might do much. It would certainly

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do away with some of the anomalies of which Mr. Kippin writes, such as the overlapping of associations with consequent dual subscriptions, while the 'penalty' which ringers have to pay for the privilege of ringing a peal outside their own association would be eliminated. These things, however, are details which even under existing arrangements might conceivably be altered; what is most important in dealing with a subject like the amalgamation of all the societies into a national association is: 'Would it be advantageous to the art of change ringing and the objects which the present associations are out to promote?'

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tuesday, August 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	FRED PRICE	8
HECTOR G. BIRD	3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	9
ERIC J. COLE	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	10
JOHN NEAL	5	A. PADDON SMITH	11
ALBERT WALKER	6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Specially arranged in honour of the wedding of Frank Eric Haynes to Dorothy Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warman, which took place at All Saints' Church, Stechford, Birmingham, on August 19th.

TEN BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, August 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT NEW COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 20¾ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ...	...*Treble*	†RICHARD A. POST	6
*FRANK MAY...	2	SYDNEY TAYLOR...	7
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW	3	WILLIAM STONE...	8
†WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
†C. ELLIOT WIGG	5	†REGINALD PLAISTER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT... ...	...*Treble*	FRED HAWKES	6
*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	HARRY PRICE	7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	3	WILLIAM RANFORD	8
*MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ...	4	CYRIL TANSELL	9
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Surprise Royal and first attempt. First peal of Surprise above Minor as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur J. Martin.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES	*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	6
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
JOHN G. NASH	3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	8
*ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.	4	WILLIAM PYE	9
†GILBERT E. PLATER	5	STAFFORD H. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Treble*	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	6
JOHN BASS	2	SAMUEL GROVE	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	*REGINALD KYNASTON	8
THOMAS HEMMING	4	HECTOR G. BIRD	9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	5	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Caters. The quickest peal of Caters on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER	*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
KEITH HART	2	CECIL C. MAYNE	6
ALFRED W. GROVES	3	JOHN DEARLOVE	7
NELSON ELLIOTT	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILD OF SERVANTS OF THE SANCTUARY.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

OSWALD J. HUNT, St. John the Baptist, Coventry	*Treble*
FREDERICK G. WOODISS, Banstead, Surrey	2
RONALD H. DOVE, St. Michael and All Angels, Croydon	3
HARRY W. BADGER, Marlow, Bucks	4
CHARLES E. BASSETT, Petersfield, Hants	5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE, Raunds, Northants	6
EDMUND C. CHASTY, Long Eaton, Derby	7
CYRIL E. PALMER, St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by R. H. DOVE.

The first peal rung by a band of altar servers. The band represented eight dioceses and seven counties, and on this occasion and a previous unsuccessful attempt travelled approximately 2,300 miles.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS J. FOWLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	5
ARTHUR MARTIN	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	HARRY WINGROVE	*Tenor*

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

Rung on the jubilee of the eight bells, the treble and 2nd having been presented by Robert Warner in memory of Earl Beaconsfield, and dedicated by the Rev. H. Blagden at a special service on August 20th, 1882. This was the 185th peal on the bells.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	2	PERCY L. JOHNSON	6
KEITH W. WHITTELL	3	WILLIAM STANNARD	7
CHARLES STANNARD	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY, ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HARRY PLATT	*Treble*	FRED DUNKERLEY	5
OGDEN MOORES	2	IVAN KAY	6
JAMES LEES	3	VERNON SYKES	7
THOMAS COCKING	4	BENJAMIN THORPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by B. THORPE.

Rung as a token of respect prior to the funeral of Mr. A. Clegg, an old Glodwick ringer, the bells not being available afterwards, also as a token of respect for the late Mrs. Herbert Dunkerley, of Moorside.

GORTON, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE BROOKFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD F. MAWBY	*Treble*	JOHN FEARNHEAD	5
GEORGE H. SHOKER	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	6
DONALD BROWN	3	TOM WILDE	7
WILLIAM H. SHOKER	4	FRED PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES PLATT. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH	*Treble*	*WILLIAM GRACE	5
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
PERCY J. SPICE	3	ISAAC EMERY	7
ALLISON PURDON	4	EDMUND MOUNTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal of Major.

GLODWICK.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE EYRE	*Treble*	JAMES CARTER	5
ARTHUR TAYLOR	2	JOHN KIRK	6
JOSEPH OGDEN	3	†CHARLES MARSLAND	7
BENJAMIN THORPE	4	JOHN CLEGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. TAYLOR.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Albert Clegg, for 50 years a ringer at the above church, who passed away on Saturday, August 20th.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, August 20th, at St. Mary's, Ealing, the last 742 of Holt's Original: E. J. Walsom 1, H. C. Alford 2, J. E. Churchill 3, J. S. Hawkins 4, C. F. Winney 5, H. Langdon (conductor) 6, A. A. Hughes 7, H. A. Folkard 8. This was rung for the wedding of Mr. Percy C. Clark and Miss Gladys M. Cole. The ringers were kindly entertained at the County School for Boys at Ealing by Mr. and Mrs. Percy E. Clark, when a toast to the health of the bride and bridegroom was heartily accorded.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ...	...*Treble*	HARRY WINGROVE	5
*MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
WILLIAM HENLEY	3	FRANK CORKE	7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ...	4	ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*

Composed by R. T. LAMBERT. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

MISS FLORENCE K. HARTLE	*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
ERNEST BRETT	2	ISAAC EMERY...	6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ...	7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER (Reverse Variation).
Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

GORING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*FRANK MAY...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5
†RICHARD A. POST	2	SYDNEY TAYLOR	6
GEORGE ESSEX	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
CHARLES PULLEN	4	GEORGE GILBERT... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First eight-bell peal. † 50th peal. A birthday compliment to Charles Pullen.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALAN D. STEELE...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HURD	5
WILLIAM P. DEANE	2	WALTER LONGMAN	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ...	7
JOHN E. WHEELDON	4	JOHN WORTH...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the association, and rung without previous practice.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS	...*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
HENRY J. TUCKER	2	ERNEST G. WILLIAMS... ...	6
CHARLES E. BASSETT	3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	7
HENRY JENNINGS...	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15¾ cwt.

LAURENCE POULSON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM STANNARD	5
CHARLES STANNARD	2	GEORGE W. ABLITT	6
KEITH W. WHITTELL	3	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	7
PERCY L. JOHNSON	4	HARRY D. LISTER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

* 101st peal for the Guild, rung in 42 towers.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight 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.

FRANK LORD	...*Treble*	*ERNEST BRITTAIN	5
BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ...	2	*GEORGE W. MOODY	6
PERCY PEACOCK	3	JACK BRAY	7
*GEORGE W. CREASEY ...	4	CECIL PYE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5200 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM COLLISON	5
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	2	*THOMAS E. SONE	6
FREDERICK SMEATON	3	ALBERT RELFE	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	ALEC RICHARDSON ...	...*Tenor*

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

* 175th peal. This composition, No. 51, has all the 4, 6, 8's and the 6's 22 times right, and is now rung for the first time.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ALBERT D. CULLUM ...	...*Treble*	JOHN A. FRANKUM	5
MISS DORIS BLENCOWE ...	2	HARRY W. SMITH	6
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY	3	EDGAR HUMFREY...	7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT	4	CECIL J. CULLUM... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

This was the first attempt for a peal by the brothers Cullum, the treble man being 15 years of age.

SALISBURY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*ALBERT FRY	...*Treble*	*FRANK W. ROMAINE	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	*F. CYRIL SMITH...	6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ...	7
H. JIM RALPH	4	WILLIAM CHEATER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Bob Major. W. B. Cartwright was proposed a member of the Guild before starting. This peal was rung in celebration of the jubilee of the Guild and as a tribute to the valuable work of the late Mr. J. R. Jerram, who was one of the pioneers of the Guild from its earliest days and one of the conductor's oldest friends.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, 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 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

ARTHUR WARREN... ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. CLARKE	3
ALBERT STAPLETON	2	JACK D. BELL	4
BURLEY P. MORRIS ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. SMITH	...Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON	4
WILLIAM SMITH	2	FREDERICK DEARING	5
KEITH W. WHITTELL	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, August 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and two of Plain Bob.

WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN	...Treble	EDWARD E. TIDY	4
JAMES W. KNIGHT	2	HERBERT V. YOUNG	5
LEONARD A. TIDY	3	*JOHN O. WELLER	...Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* 25th peal. Arranged for Mr. H. V. Young, of Taunton, this being his first peal for 13 years, and his first peal in more than one method.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN	...Treble	AMOS SMART	4
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2	FRANCIS BALL	5
MISS EVELYN STEELE	3	WALTER PERKINS	...Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

OLAVE E. BROYD	...Treble	BERNARD W. PETTITT	4
ALBERT CATTERWELL	2	ERNEST TOUNSEND	5
*HAROLD TOUNSEND	3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	...Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

* First peal and first attempt and only 12 years of age.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lancashire, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN BALL	...Treble	ALBERT E. BALL	4
JAMES WARD	2	AMOS SMART	5
FRANCIS BALL	3	WALTER PERKINS	...Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods and the first rung for the Guild by a resident band.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HARVEY H. WINNEY	...Treble	ARTHUR ALFORD	4
WILLIAM T. POSTON	2	JOHN J. WEBB	5
GLYN SHAW	3	THOMAS A. LEWIS	...Tenor

Conducted by GLYN SHAW.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor.

GARSTANG, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

E. ROGER MARTIN	...Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES	4
JOHN CHARNOCK	2	HAROLD DAVIES	5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	3	WILLIAM TAYLOR	...Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells. The bells have been in the tower since 1815 and have been recently rehung and overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY AT SURFLEET.

The annual outing of Leicester Cathedral Society on August 27th must be written up as an unqualified success. The objective was Surfleet, that 'home from home' so well known and so beloved by ringers throughout the country. The exigencies of the 'Police Service' were responsible for an hour's delay in making a start, none daring to suggest that we could possibly depart without the one and only 'H. J. P.,' especially as he was to be delivered to the care of his 'better half' at the other end. Law breaking was responsible for the delayed start, and breaking the law must have been responsible for almost regaining normal schedule. A glorious ride brought us to the first stop at Edenham, where Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major were the order on a nice ring of bells. The peal board expert who accompanied us was very interested in the wonderful memorial works in this church, centuries old lettering appearing as though executed yesterday. On to our destination, where we were received by 'R. R.' with his cine-camera to record the events of the day. Maybe he will some day discover a budding Greta Garbo or Charlie Chaplin.

On the lawn amidst perfect surroundings, with sentinels of the forest in the background, full justice was done to a sumptuous repast, the succeeding wreckage also being recorded for posterity. After tea, ringing in the quaint tower of the church, including Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal, occupied the attention of some, while the ladies were shown over the farm by mine host, who presented them with the ownership for the time being. Enough flowers eventually found their way into the bus to justify a trip to Covent Garden. Others renewed acquaintanceship with old ringing friends by way of the screen, which will, in due course, probably reveal the happenings of this occasion to succeeding visitors. Change and tune ringing on the lawn contributed to the enjoyment of ideal surroundings, where the very trees must be tempted to discuss 'change courses' and to call the 'bobs.'

Reluctant were we to leave this enchanting spot, and envious of 'H. J. P.,' who was left behind to enjoy a week's stay in this hospitable country. Everyone voted it an ideal outing, and no words can express our appreciation for the wonderful kindnesses we received at the hands of Mr. and Mrs. 'R. R.' Their obvious desire to see that all had a good time was more than fulfilled. H. G. J.

NORTON RINGERS VISIT SALOP TOWERS.

The annual outing of the Norton, Staffs, Parish Church ringers took place on Saturday, August 20th, when they visited Hodnet, Stanton and Morton Corbett. Included in the party were ringers from the local towers of Brown Edge, Bucknall and Burslem. The route taken was via Newcastle and Loggerheads, and thence to Hodnet, where they were joined shortly after 3 o'clock by some of the Shropshire ringing community. Mr. Rodenhurst boarded the bus and acted as pilot for the afternoon, enabling the ringers to get to Stanton and Morton Corbett—two villages off the beaten track—in the shortest possible time. At Stanton various touches were rung, while those who did not ring inspected the interesting old church and village. Having spent a pleasant three-quarters of an hour at Stanton, the party went on to the pretty village of Morton Corbett, where there is a fine peal of six. Again various methods were rung, and one heard whispers of 'What about a peal on these?' However, the stay could not be prolonged, as arrangements had been made farther ahead for tea. The party left Morton in high glee—the ringers expressing their delight with the 'go' of the bells, while the honorary ringers spoke of the beauties and interests of the church and grounds, and of the visit to the Castle ruin. The return to Hodnet was via Hawstone Park—a most beautiful ride. After a substantial tea at the Bear Hotel, an invitation was extended to the ringers by the Hodnet friends, and ringing was carried on until 8.30 p.m. The ringers during the afternoon had been highly delighted with the towers visited, and thanks were expressed to those who had been responsible for making the visits possible. The party arrived home in cheerful mood, having thoroughly enjoyed another good outing. W. C.

GUILD OF SERVANTS OF THE SANCTUARY.



The first peal rung by a band of Altar Servers is recorded in this issue. The ringers, who represented eight dioceses, are in the above photograph.

Standing: P. G. Woodiss (Banstead), O. J. Hunt (Coventry), E. E. Whitmore (Raunds), H. W. Badger (Marlow), C. E. Palmer (Woolwich) and C. E. Bassett (Petersfield).

Seated: E. C. Chasty (Long Eaton), the Rev. L. W. Mylrea (Vicar of Christ Church, Epsom, where the peal was rung) and R. H. Dove (Croydon).

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

AN OPEN-AIR MEETING.

On Saturday last the Leeds and District Society paid a visit to the ancient Church of St. Wilfred at Calverley. The bells were rung up about 3.15 p.m., and the methods in which touches were rung were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Little Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

It was a perfect day and a glorious evening, and on the president's suggestion the 34 members present from Pudsey, Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, Headingley St. Michael's, Headingley St. Chad's, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Queensbury and the local company agreed to hold the business meeting in the churchyard (a grassy bank and low wall making a temporary grandstand for the members), and with the Airedale valley and the hills beyond stretched out before them, a very enjoyable meeting was held.

After the business had been successfully dealt with, the president (Mr. W. H. Senior) made a strong appeal to the members to endeavour to improve their striking at every opportunity, and to remember that a vast number of people were bound to hear them when they held their monthly meetings. It was up to the ringers to give the public something worth listening to.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson and seconded by Mr. A. Armitage.—Mr. C. Pratt replied on behalf of the local company.

STANMORE RINGERS MARRIED.

On Saturday, August 20th, the bells of St. John's Church, Stanmore, were ringing merrily to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the ropes being handled by Messrs. J. Rootes, C. Cook, H. Moxon, R. Goodship, G. Goodship, B. Leversuch, G. Hughes, W. Cheshire and F. Edwards, to celebrate the wedding of two of their colleagues, Miss May Banwell and Mr. Hubert Schofield. Both had been members of the Stanmore band for several years, Mr. Schofield being secretary and also a member of the choir.

The service was fully choral, the ceremony being conducted by the Rev. Canon Hewitt. On the previous Thursday the bride and bridegroom were the recipients of a handsome chiming 'grandmother' clock from members of both choir and belfry.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Thursday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: J. Woodcock (first quarter peal) 1, J. P. Cox 2, A. Wenban 3, E. T. Exeter 4, P. Sinden 5, R. Collins (conductor) 6. Specially arranged for E. T. Exeter, of Balcombe. It was also a birthday compliment to ringer of 5th.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the above society, held at Doncaster on Saturday, August 27th, was very poorly attended, only 14 members being present, the towers represented being Arksey, Campsall, Thorne, Tickhill and the local company. Owing to pressure of work, the secretary (Mr. C. H. Holmes) tendered his resignation, as he said that at present he found it impossible to put enough time in to do justice to the office. He also commented on the extremely poor attendances at the meetings during his term of office, which most certainly had been in some cases little short of an insult to the secretary and all others concerned.

There is no doubt that a less enthusiastic and hard-working man would have been discouraged and would have thrown up the job in disgust, but Mr. Holmes stuck to his guns in an exfremely worthy manner, and his resignation was accepted with great regret.

Mr. E. Cooper, of Arksey, was asked to take office, and accepted till the annual meeting, so that a more representative meeting could have a say in the matter.

Arksey was decided on for the next meeting, to be held in September, and it is to be hoped that there will be a larger gathering of ringers present at this and all future meetings, that the standard of ringing will be as high or even higher than it has been in the society's early days and that everybody will attend with the desire to practise something new.

'GRANDAM' TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of 'The Ringing World' for July 29th you publish the report of a peal of Spliced Grandam and Grandsire Triples, rung at Eccleston on July 14th, also the figures of a lead of the former method.

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff has written to me pointing out that the method we rang and published as Grandam Triples has already been rung under the name of New Grandsire Triples, and that it is recorded in Mr. Morris' book. A peal of 5,040 Triples was rung at West Bromwich on April 21st, 1877, and 5,003 Caters at the same place on March 1st, 1879. Therefore, I wish to withdraw the name we gave to this method in the peal of Spliced Triples at Eccleston.

HENRY W. WILDE.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: *W. Prockson 1, *Miss M. Prockson 2, A. W. Coles (conductor) 3, A. Hodkins 4, W. E. Troke 5, W. H. Howe 6, A. J. House 7, W. H. Seabrooke 8. * First quarter-peal.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Sutton on Saturday. Ringers came from Cambridge, Chatteris, Fulbourne, Ickleton, Linton, Over, Sawston, Somersham, Stetchworth, Sutton, Swindon and Trumpington. The Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Woodard) conducted the service and gave an inspiring address. Mr. W. Faux kindly presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Church Hall, Mr. Few having made excellent arrangements.

It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Swavesey on October 22nd.—Mr. Beale of Newmarket, and Mr. S. Few, of Sutton, were elected members.

Mr. Buttress proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to the ladies.

Various methods, including Sutton Delight, were rung during the afternoon and evening. Wilburton was visited in the evening.

Will members please remember the annual district meeting at Sawston on September 10th. Sawston Imperial is the special method for practice.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Hawkhurst on Saturday week in glorious weather, and was attended by about 30 members. The usual service was held, conducted by the Rev. H. E. Ward (curate) in the absence of the Vicar, who is on holiday. He gave an excellent address, in the course of which he warmly welcomed the members, and urged them to think of their work as ringers as something higher than a sport or pastime. Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presided at the organ.

Tea was partaken of at the Eight Bells Hotel, and although considerably more turned up than had notified, the caterer was quite equal to the occasion. The Rev. H. E. Ward had accepted an invitation to preside, but at the last moment, to his extreme regret, he had to cancel it.

The business meeting followed, Mr. H. Markwell presiding. Four new members were elected. Feeling reference was made to the recent deaths of Mr. E. Barnett and Mr. A. Palmer by Mr. W. Haigh and Mr. F. Richardson, and the members stood in silence for a few moments to their memory.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, curate, local members and Mr. Pitman for the various parts they had taken in making such a successful meeting. The members then adjourned to the tower.

DEATH OF A BRISTOL LADY RINGER.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Miss Edith Smith at Maidenhead on Saturday week.

Miss Smith held an appointment at the Colston Girls' School, Bristol, and was a conspicuous worker for St. Michael's Church, Bristol, for a good many years.

During the war, when the towers were empty of men ringers, Miss Smith responded, with other ladies, to ring St. Michael's bells. Miss Smith was esteemed by her fellow members of the Ladies' Guild, but the Bristol United Ringing Guilds mourn the loss of a very loyal and consistent friend. She had been a stewardess of the B.U.R.G. dinners since their inception.

Her death was not really unexpected, as she underwent a severe operation a few months ago, and, after apparently mending, broke down, and, feeling the end was near, went to Maidenhead with her sister.

She was a wonderful organiser, a very keen ringer when health permitted, and loved every part of St. Michael's Church and its working branches.

St. Michael's Church Council and the Bristol United Ringing Guilds mourn the loss of a true friend.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would be glad if you could find space to insert in 'The Ringing World' a few words of thanks and apology in connection with the death of my late father, Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen.

To those who have so kindly sent letters of very real and deep sympathy, and wreaths, I extend my mother's and my own deep appreciation. I am extremely sorry that our thanks have to take this form, but they are none the less sincere. It is impossible to reply individually, the letters are too numerous.

Those of my father's friends who received the first intimation of his passing over from these pages, I ask to accept my sincere apologies, but having regard to the circumstances of his death I know they will understand.

To those, who on ringing tours with him, and at Central Council meetings, have been so kind to him, in seeing that he should have no discomforts, etc.—and there is more in this than I am able to express on paper—we are, and always have been, most grateful. Whenever he returned from one of these expeditions he would always remark, 'Everybody has been kind to me.' I thank them for it.

E. BARNETT.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Many ringers interested in handbell tune playing will be glad to learn that handbell music can be obtained of Mr. William Gordon, 37, Norwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport. They should write for revised catalogue.

Mr. Thomas Benney, one of the oldest members of the College Youths, and for many years a well-known figure in London ringing circles, was 81 years old on Wednesday.

Mr. Frank Eric Haynes, who was married on August 10th at Stechford, Birmingham, to Miss Dorothy Florence Warman, was secretary of Cambridge University Guild in its jubilee year.

Harold Townsend, of Great Bardfield, Essex, has rung his first peal at the age of 12. It was in three methods on six bells, and his striking throughout the peal was highly creditable to him.

A tour in Oxfordshire starts on September 3rd at Christ Church, Oxford—some 19 towers—and the ringers will find ample scope to 'split the atom,' thanks to the generous welcome of the clergy.

Visitors to the West Middlesex meeting on September 10th should note: At Bedfont, which side of the old yew trees have been 'clipped' the most; at Stanwell, which point of the compass shows the most corkscrew spire; at Harmondsworth, if the strawberries are over, whether the pears are 'worth while'?

The 'Pye party' hope to sample the Herefordshire cider on a week's ringing tour from September 17th.

Mr. W. Peglar, of Bangor, has gone into hospital for an operation. All members of the North Wales Association wish him a speedy and safe return to the ringing world.

An Empire peal will soon be possible on one of the peals of bells in England. We are told Miss D. Feltham and Mr. Tony Price are home from Africa and Canada respectively. Messrs. Madgwick and Deal, from Australia, are on the waiting list, and there is a Vancouver man in Bristol. It only remains for two man o' war's-men and Sister Madeleine, from Africa, to complete the team, whilst Harry Adams stands as reserve.

Why, asks a correspondent, were not the bells of the Imperial Institute, London, pealed to celebrate the conclusion of the Ottawa Conference, one of the vital assemblies for the future welfare of the Empire?

THE USE OF A GUILD OF RINGERS.

A correspondent writes: At the summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the secretary said that he sometimes heard the questions asked by beginners, 'What is the use of the Diocesan Guild? And what do we get out of it, if we join?' In addition to the forcible answers given by the secretary, may I state a few facts relating to St. Luke's, Grayshott, Hants, which suggest a clear answer?

In Grayshott Church a new peal of eight was installed and dedicated on August 19th, 1931: a new band of ringers had to be formed and taught to ring, and on August 21st, 1932 (the first Sunday after the anniversary of the dedication), the local band (with the aid of two ringers from outside) rang several plain courses of Grandsire Triples for evening service. This was, of course, no great achievement, but it would have been impossible without the help of the Diocesan Guild and its members. Not only did the Guild give a donation towards the expenses of providing the bells, but the ringers of Woking and Haslemere did the like. The Master of the Guild helped with skilled advice as to the hanging of the bells, and himself was one of the band which rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples after the dedication service. The Haslemere band in general, and Mr. R. Hayes in particular, gave help in teaching the new ringers: and on August 21st, 1932, Mr. Hayes came up from Haslemere and Mr. A. J. Bartlett toiled up from Chiddingfold (nearly 10 miles away) to assist the Grayshott ringers in ringing worthily of the occasion, as they came the year before to help in ringing the quarter-peal at the dedication service.

The Grayshott ringers have no difficulty in answering the questions, 'What is the use of the Diocesan Guild?' and 'What do we get out of it, if we join?'

DUFFIELD BELLS.

THE RESTORATION SCHEME.

Duffield, with which the late Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, founder and first president of the Central Council, was so intimately associated, is endeavouring to raise funds for the recasting of the ring of ten bells. It was one of the last wishes of Sir Arthur that this should be done, but although 16 years have elapsed since his death, it has not hitherto been found possible to do the work. Now, however, the Duffield ringers are making strenuous efforts to carry out the proposal. The cost will be approximately £420, and the ringers have managed to raise about £325. Several generous donations have been given to the fund, and it is felt that those who valued Sir Arthur Heywood's work for change ringing, and possibly those who have rung with him in days gone by, may like to help in the work which he had planned to do. Subscriptions, large or small, will be welcomed and acknowledged by the Vicar's warden, Mr. F. Ruffell, Field House, Duffield, who, it will be remembered, made an appeal at the Midland Counties Association's jubilee dinner for the influence and support of all interested in change ringing towards the Duffield scheme.

The bells are at present sharp in tone and not worthy of the great use which is made of them for Sunday ringing and peals.

A RINGING ADMIRAL.

DEATH OF GUILDFORD GUILD'S TREASURER.

The death occurred at his residence, Homeleigh, Woking, Surrey, on Saturday, of Admiral Thomas Philip Walker, D.S.O., after only a short illness, at the age of 73 years. Admiral Walker had been hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild since its formation. He was also a member of the Surrey Association and a life member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. He had been for 25 years churchwarden of Woking Parish Church.

Admiral Walker's ringing career did not begin until he had left the Navy, and it is probable that he is the only naval officer who learned to ring while holding that rank.

Born on September 16th, 1858, Admiral Walker entered the Royal Navy in January, 1872, and joined his first ship, on the China Station, in January, 1874. He served in this vessel during the operations against the Malays in 1875-76, being landed with the Maroot Field Force, and received the Perak medal and clasp. In June, 1879, he was appointed to the Royal Yacht 'Victoria and Albert,' from which,



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THE LATE ADMIRAL T. P. WALKER, D.S.O.

in accordance with custom, he was promoted to lieutenant. Following a commission in North American waters, he was selected in September, 1882, to qualify as a gunnery officer, and, on passing out of the 'Excellent,' served as gunnery lieutenant of several vessels. Among these were the battleship 'Northumberland,' flagship of Vice-Admiral Baird in the Channel Squadron, in which vessel he was shipmate with King George, who was a lieutenant.

Promoted commander in January, 1893, he served from April, 1896, to March, 1899, in the Naval Intelligence Department of the Admiralty. He left Whitehall to become captain of the cruiser 'Warspite,' flagship of Rear-Admiral Lewis A. Beaumont in the Pacific, and in April, 1901, transferred to the cruiser 'Royal Arthur' with the Rear-Admiral on the latter's appointment as Commander-in-Chief in Australia. In October, 1904, he became captain of the battleship 'Formidable' in the Mediterranean, and served there until his appointment in April, 1906, as Assistant to the Admiral Commanding Coastguard and Reserves, which post he held for two years, when he was promoted to flag rank. From February, 1907, until advanced to rear-admiral on March 22nd, 1908, he served as an Aide-de-Camp to King Edward.

Admiral Walker was retired under the regulations in September, 1911, but he rendered valuable service as an Assessor under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act in attending Admiralty Appeals in the House of Lords. He was also an Assessor on Investigations into Shipping Casualties. As soon as the war broke out he offered his services to the Admiralty, and as there was no opening for him in his own rank, he took a temporary commission as captain in the Royal Naval Reserve for duty in the Auxiliary Patrol. In this he served all through the war, commanding successively the yachts 'Clementine,' 'Aegusa' (which was blown up by a mine) and 'Marynthea.' For his valuable and arduous service he was awarded the D.S.O.

Admiral Walker leaves a widow, one son (serving in the Navy on the West India Station) and two daughters.

'OUR TREASURER.'

BY THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The passing of Admiral T. P. Walker has removed from the Exercise a delightful personality and from the Guildford Diocesan Guild a revered and much loved member. Those who knew him best appreciated most the many kindly traits of his character and the quiet but forceful influence of his life. To no one more than to Thomas Philip Walker, Admiral, member of the Distinguished Service Order, could the description 'a Christian gentleman' be applied. He was first and foremost a servant of God. He was a true son of the Church, which he served with zeal and devotion; a sailor who loyally served his King and country. His service to his God was his personal concern, but it was evinced wherever he came into contact with the things of everyday life, for his leisure was devoted to the service of others. His zeal for the Church found expression in the active work which he undertook; as churchwarden of the Parish Church of Woking for 25 years and in a variety of other directions, including membership of the Ruri-decanal and Diocesan Conferences. It was this same eagerness to serve the Church that led to his taking up bellringing. His services to King and country were long and arduous. During his naval career he sailed in all the oceans of the world, and when the Great War came, soon after his retirement, he volunteered his services, and, with the rank of Captain, R.N.R., undertook hazardous work in the Mediterranean, where on one occasion his ship was blown up under him by an enemy mine.

But it is not of these phases of his life that I would write; I am more concerned with his connection with bellringing. There may be some who would say that his career in this direction was undistinguished. Judged by standards of outstanding brilliance or great performance, or even by length of years, it cannot compare, perhaps, with many a man's, but there were things connected with Admiral Walker's ringing which make it as much worthy of record as the activities of numerous better known ringers. First of all, he learnt to ring at an age when many men are thinking of laying down the ropes. A few years ago, in the church where he was churchwarden for so long, there used to be six bells, and he sometimes chimed them for week-evening services. Then, within their limited scope, he chimed tunes upon them. From this it was but a short stage to becoming interested in the proper ringing of the bells, and so it came about that he was taught to ring.

Never was there a more enthusiastic pupil. Long after he was able to take part in the 'open' ringing he would go as often as three times a week and put in 'dummy' practice, in which, with the other ropes before him, he would mentally hunt his bell through Doubles and Minor, by transposing the coursing order. He went on to imaginary Triples and Major, before there were eight bells in the tower, by suspending two additional ropes in the ringing room.

He rang his first quarter-peal of Minor on January 1st, 1928, in celebration of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Later he rang a quarter-peal and a 'date touch' of Bob Triples, but he never rang a complete peal, much to the regret of many of his friends in the Guild. It was loyalty to his own band that was the reason for this. The Woking company wanted to ring a local peal, which would have been the first by all the band, and for this purpose Admiral Walker declined all invitations to stand in any other attempts. The Admiral was very apt in finding sea terms to apply to his ringing—for instance, he coursed 'astern' of another bell. After the last attempt for a local peal on Whit Saturday, a telegram reached me at Plymouth announcing the result in nautical language: 'A bob went adrift and we missed stays.'

When the Guildford Diocesan Guild was formed, Admiral Walker became honorary treasurer, and held the office until his death. It was through his instrumentality and largely by his efforts that the bells at Woking Parish Church were augmented to eight in 1929, although he disclaimed any greater part in the scheme than that shared by the other members of his company. But that was typical of him. He regularly attended the meetings of the Guild in every part of the diocese, and his presence was ever welcome, for his geniality was as infectious as his enthusiasm. He was always delighted if he took part in a successful touch, and there were few things which in ringing had given him more pleasure than a course of Bob Royal, to which he rang the 2nd at Leatherhead.

Men of the type and standing of Admiral Walker are all too rare in the Exercise. He will be sadly missed in the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and by the honorary secretary most of all. His kindly counsel, his unrelaxing efforts to foster the Guild spirit and extend its influence, and his readiness to help in any direction, were a constant encouragement to all who came in contact with him, and his association with the Guild will long remain a happy memory.

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A DEVON RESTORATION.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF TALATON BELLS.

The reopening of Talaton Church bells, a nice ring of six, took place on August 11th. Some time ago the tower developed cracks on the western and eastern faces, and ringing was stopped. It was decided, when the remedying of the defects was taken in hand, also to improve the bells. This part of the work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have tuned five of the bells to the tenor on the latest principles, and provided an iron frame with all new fittings. The weight of the tenor has proved to be 12½ cwt.; it was generally thought to be much heavier. The total cost of the work on tower and bells has been about £500, of which about £300 has been secured. Messrs. Dawson and Sons, of Bristol, who dealt with the tower, have grouted the cracks, done other work, and put in strengthening rods, so that the stability of the structure should be assured.

Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Bradford), assisted by the Rev. E. A. Jullyan (Rector of Whimple and chairman of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers). The Lord Bishop of Bermuda (the Right Rev. Heber Browne, D.D.), by courtesy of the Lord Bishop of Exeter, performed the dedication ceremony, and was attended by the Rev. E. Reid, of Halberton, as chaplain.

The Bishop, who is well known in the parish, gave an address, in which he mentioned that the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, who compiled about 70 years ago details of all church bells in Devon, was connected with Talaton by ties of kinship. He alluded to the uses of bells of calling people to worship, in celebrating national and parish events, and on occasions of mourning. Two of the bells—4th and tenor—were pre-Reformation, and had been sending out their messages to the people for 400 years.

The opening ringing was done by the Talaton band, under Mr. G. C. Woodley, and the next by the president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (the Rev. E. S. Powell), Mrs. Powell (hon. secretary of the Aylesbeare Deanery), Messrs. T. Laver (hon. secretary of the Guild), E. Shepherd (Exeter, one of Devon's representatives on the Central Council), A. W. Searle (chairman, Exeter District, Devon Guild) and J. H. Godfrey (hon. secretary, East Devon Branch).

Later, ringers from Ottery, Exeter, Christow, Bradninch, Plymtree, Payhembury, Sowton and other places rang the bells, and expressed appreciation of the great improvement effected.

A collection in the church amounted to £7 7s., and a good sum was realised by a tea, arranged in the school by lady members of the Church Council.

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THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Woking on Tuesday afternoon, when the Parish Church was filled by a congregation representing all grades and classes of the community, gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to one who had endeared himself to people in every walk of life. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack and surmounted by the Admiral's naval hat and sword, rested at the entrance to the chancel almost beneath the white ensign worn by the ships he commanded throughout the war from 1914 to 1918, and which he later presented to the church.

The service was shared by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Golding-Bird (Assistant Bishop of the Diocese) and the Vicar (Canon Askwith), the latter reading the lesson and reciting the committal at the grave. The hymns were 'The Saints of God,' 'The King of Love my Shepherd is' and 'For all the saints,' while, specially announced as 'the Bell-ringers' Psalm,' Psalm 150 was sung.

A long procession wound its way through the public street from the church to the burying ground, and there, in a grave lined with evergreens and gladioli, the mortal remains of the gallant Admiral found their final rest, the plaintive notes of the 'Last Post' being sounded at the close of the service.

Mrs Walker and her daughters were the chief among many mourners. The Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (general hon. secretary), Messrs. W. R. Melville (Ringing Master), G. L. Grover (hon. secretary), W. C. Ryde, K.C. (Grayshott), Mrs. Melville (Guildford), C. Hazelden (Guildford), representing Guildford District; A. Harman (Ringing Master), W. James (Cobham), representing Leatherhead District; R. Hasted (Ringing Master), C. W. Denyer (hon. secretary), C. Edwards, T. Upshall and G. Upshall (Farnham), W. Denyer (Aldershot), J. Corbett and F. Nye (Bagshot), representing Farnham District; H. Hancock (hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Chaffey, representing Chertsey District; and the following members of Woking Parish Church band: Mr. J. Brackley, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards, Messrs. T. Strudwick, D. Munday, F. Foot, A. P. Osborne, L. W. Young, G. Cole, etc.

Before the service the local ringers rang touches of Triples with the bells fully muffled, except for the tenor open at back stroke. Afterwards the bells were rung half-muffled by other members of the Guild, and in the evening a representative band rang a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples.

There were a large number of floral tributes, including one in the shape of a bell from the Guildford Diocesan Guild, a wreath from the Woking ringers and a sheaf from the ringers of Ottershaw, where Admiral Walker frequently attended the practices.

RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.

A LETTER 'STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are many causes to me which tend to drive ringers and would-be ringers away from our ranks, viz.:—

1. Often the one responsible to train a probationer to learn handling a bell is snappy and grumbling and wants his pupil to run before he can walk.

2. Sometimes the captain of the tower uses his authority over the other ringers as though they were nonentities.

3. Occasionally three or four members of a band 'rule the roost' as it were, making rules which fit their own selfish ideas, and making the rest of the band eat 'humble pie.'

4. Many parsons are at variance with their ringers through paltry, flimsy differences; they never enter the belfry and don't care a toss whether the bells ring or not.

5. There are many conductors who, when arranging peal attempts, select one band nearly every time, men or women who have rung scores of peals in various methods. Why not give the young, keen ringer a chance to score his first peal, if he is desirous, in some method? It would keep his interest alive instead of allowing it to decay!

6. When a strange ringer (presumably) appears in the belfry they are treated oftentimes as if their presence was not wanted; no one asks, 'Can he ring?' or gives him the opportunity.

7. At association meetings the experienced have touches of Surprise methods all to themselves. When the lesser experienced have their turn at Bob Major or Grandsire Triples, all the Surprise men have taken a walk. What a brotherly spirit!

My letter is rather of a 'straight from the shoulder' type, but, nevertheless, it is truth, and if anyone wishes to know my name they may have it. 'WOULD-BE PEAL RINGER.'

Nottinghamshire.

'DRIVEN AWAY!'

Sir,—If the whole facts be gone into, I think you will find that more young ringers give up because of the many discouragements placed against them than through removals, as you quote in your leader on the subject. A case similar to that mentioned by 'Scribe' has existed for the past 5½ years in this county, with the result that this ringer, being determined not to be dictated to by others, goes into other counties to get his ringing. Ought this to be? A ringer who will stick to it and travel miles like this surely ought not to be lost through petty jealousy, as is so in this and many other cases. I, too, am convinced that more young ringers are DRIVEN away than drift!

A correspondent has asked, 'When will these critics remember that ringing cannot be compared with any other art or game?' I will go further still and ask, When will these men realise that recruits are, after all, ONLY VOLUNTEERS and not paid servants? What a great many of these men forget to realise is that without new recruits there would be no one to fill their places as they pass on.

'NORTHAMPTONIAN.'

5,040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of 26th August you state that seven different extents of Oxford Treble Bob Minor can be obtained which do not cause the tenors to dodge together the wrong way in 5-6. I am aware of only two such extents, both of which were incorporated in the peal rung at Ealing on 18th August, and I should like to see the figures of the other extents you mention.

In the same issue of 'The Ringing World' are the reports of two peals of Cambridge Surprise Minor, composed by the Rev. E. B. James. This composition does not consist entirely of 720's, but is, nevertheless, accepted as a true peal. Both the Rev. E. B. James' peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor and the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung at Ealing consist of every change rung seven times. Therefore, if the one is considered to be a true peal, then so must the other. ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

[Mr. Turner is correct in stating that there are only two different extents of Oxford Treble Bob Minor which bring the tenors always the right way together behind, and the statement in 'The Ringing World' last week was erroneous. It was made under a misapprehension. We had no intention of misleading our readers, and naturally regret the misstatement. It was not upon this, however, that our article was based, but upon the general principle of whether such compositions, rung and claimed as peals, are leading us forward or backward in our standard of peal ringing.

In regard to the Rev. E. B. James' composition of Cambridge Minor, there are many who still hold that these 720's are individually true. Each is made up of 30 leads of the method as shown in the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' in which the initial row 123456 is an integral and immutable part of the first lead. For those who accept this view, Mr. James' composition contains seven true and entire 720's, and in that respect differs from the 5,040 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.—Ed., 'R.W.']

A YORKSHIRE TOUR.

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PONTEFRACT.

Bradford to Pontefract was the journey for Thursday. We had a pleasant, sunny ride, via Leeds, to the ancient town, famous for cakes, its castle, its racecourse and its two peals of church bells. The local authorities were kind, and we again enjoyed a 'double' event—on St. Giles' ten and All Saints' eight. The History of Pontefract states that the former church had no bells up to 1707 and that a bell was cracked ringing for an election in 1826. In 1835 Taylor, of Oxford, supplied a ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt. After the destruction of All Saints' in 1648-9, St. Giles' became the parish church of Pontefract, though the rights, privileges and emoluments were not legally transferred until 1787.

All Saints' bells, a ring of six, tenor 16 cwt., were again a Taylor casting of 1863, the metal of older bells—of historical value—being used at Loughboro'. These old rings of bells—at each tower—have since been embodied in the present augumented rings with new frames and fittings, and both go well, the bells highly tuned and a pleasure to ring upon. Our thanks to the clergy, Mr. Lenton and Mr. Walters respectively for their help and for fixing up lunch.

The present structure is hardly older than the 14th century, but a church was standing as far back as the 11th century, referred to in Doomsday Book and in a charter to Robert de Lacy about 1090 A.D. Lying amidst its ruins this noble building has earned for itself the title of Minster of the Moors. In 1695 the north transept was repaired as a chapel for burial services, and in 1832 the transepts were restored for worship. The nave is still a ruin. The tower, central to a cruciform church, is 22 feet square inside, with walls 3½ to 4 feet in thickness, the height 115 feet, and is said to have once contained twelve bells. After the last siege of Pontefract Castle (close by), 1648-9—in which the tower suffered greatly—Col. John Bright, of Badsworth, obtained a grant of some of the bells for his own church.

Our day ended with a pleasant journey back to Bradford in good time to stow 'two more' in the handbags and get off a little correspondence before turning in to our Yorkshire beds, to dream of Yorkshire Surprise.

FRIDAY'S 'UNLUCKY' START.

On Friday—the octave of our holidays—the journey to Keighley by bus gave us an opportunity of counting the numerous chimney stacks of coal mines and textile works. The town is an important business centre, and has good buildings and fine streets. The bells, by Mears, 1907, with tenor of 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb., go well—with the exception of one bell. We were favoured with a morning attempt and met by the Vicar, but came away pealless.

Resuming our tour—after lunch—Guiseley was the next parish, where the church, a graceful stone building, has a western tower, with the usual four pinnacles. The lower part, open to the church, is made a feature of in a pretty interior, extending the nave. Here the visitors' book was signed by the wardens' particular wishes, this being St. Oswald's Day, the patron saint of the church. The ringing room is reached by a troublesome stairway of very steep steps. It is immediately under the bells, and two of the ropes are incommoded by a hoisted clock and case. The bells were supplied by C. and G. Mears in 1846 (tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.) and the ropes have double sallies, but bells go well, nearly 100 peals having been rung upon them. Mr. Sam Brown, now 83 years of age, rang two peals with the late Jasper Snowden, and he is still a service ringer, but I cannot say how he manages to crawl up the steps.

Preparations were in hand for a week-end of church festivity, a pageant depicting the life of St. Oswald on Saturday; a service with sermon by the Bishop of Durham on Sunday; a public meeting at the town cross, with an address by the High Sheriff of Yorkshire.

Our festival peal accomplished, Archdeacon Howson invited us to look over the ancient Rectory, dating from Tudor days and one of the features of Yorkshire, with its quiet, restful gardens and the lake. This enabled us to cool down before tea and the return journey by tram to Shipley and bus to Bradford.

This being our final evening together, we patronised the Unicorn once more and made our farewells to the Cathedral ringers and friends. A report of our week's 'results' was submitted for their approval, but the only consolation offered for our strenuous operations was a request to stay 'another week,' when the Yorkshire lads would find another set of towers for our use just as easy to reach as those we had been to.

On Saturday the tourists dispersed, after visiting Queensbury Church—dedicated to the Holy Trinity—for the morning's attempt for Superlative. In the absence of the Vicar on holiday, the churchwarden came up to kindly give us a welcome, so this broke us down after an hour's ringing. Mr. W. Ambler, foreman, had locked us in and gone off with the key, but the Verger had another, and so allowed the intrusion unintentionally. This church stands on high moorlands, half way between Halifax and Bradford, erected in 1844 upon the site of an old smaller one. It has the usual square tower, with the four pinnacles, an excellent ringing room, up to date in

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THE ADVANTAGES OF A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think your correspondent who advocates a 'National' Association as a means of forming a School for Instructors is on the right track for progress.

It seems absurd in these enlightened days that so many separate associations and guilds exist, each with the same objects—the main one 'to further the cause of change ringing'—and a subscription to join each, penalising the peal ringer who visits another part of the country. The associations, in fact, have no connection with each other at all except representation upon the Central Council.

The confusion in this part of the country is really the last word, through the formation of Diocesan Guilds in the midst of County Associations, the boundaries of the dioceses in the vicinity giving credit to the intelligence of an office boy. Perhaps the following examples may surprise a good many ringers of the Exercise.

The Dioceses of Guildford and Southwark between them cover the whole of the county of Surrey, except Croydon. Guildford takes a minute strip of Hampshire, and Southwark a small portion of Kent, and I believe there is something similar in regard to the London Diocese. Croydon is in the Diocese of Canterbury and is AN ISLAND separated from the town in the mainland by two dioceses and a distance of 60 miles. What would happen if Kent decided to have diocesan guilds and took in Croydon as part of the 'Canterbury Guild' or a 'Southwark Guild' coming upon some of the Kent towers?

In this area towers are covered by two associations, some ringers belonging to both, entailing them a double subscription to associations with the same objects.

A National Association would eliminate all this chaos and a great deal of unnecessary expenditure by ringers in general.

There is another very important problem fresh in the minds of the Exercise. What is going to happen to 'The Ringing World' when circumstances compel the present Editor to relinquish his duties? Is it not very unwise to go on year after year with no provision being made for the future?

To my mind, a National Association again is the solution, 'The Ringing World' becoming the association's weekly journal. Although at the present price, I think there would be many more readers than there are now if it was published by an organisation to whose support they contribute. Except for a kind of yearly summary or year book, the necessity for printing annual reports would be abolished. In this matter alone there would be a great saving of expense, as the total cost of printing associations' reports throughout the country must be enormous. Full time work would be required, but I do not doubt that honorary officers would be forthcoming as before.

Perhaps some of the older generation would condemn the whole as impossible and unworkable. These I would ask for a solution to the several points I have mentioned, but I am sure that there are sufficient brains in the ringing Exercise to make an undertaking such as this successful, as in the case of other organisations, whether religious or secular.

I shall be glad to know your views, and those of your readers.—
Yours faithfully, CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Beddington.

A FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to express my humble apology to Mr. Maurice Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, and his band who rang my false peal of Stedman Triples, referred to in your last issue. The peal was discovered, with about 200 others, in my investigation 43 years ago. In looking over these peals during last winter, I noticed in two cases that the singles were out of place. I sent corrected copies of these peals to Mr. Swinfield at once, but, unfortunately, one of the peals had been rung. The mistakes are much regretted.—Yours truly, J. J. PARKER.

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every respect, the bells being by Mears, 1907, tenor 15 cwt. On the walls are new records, showing the progress of the local band.

An old set of rules, in suitable frame, may be seen with a very pointed footnote as follows:—'N.B.—The ringers shall be men of good character who are leading sober, honest lives, and they shall be present at one service at least every Sunday.'

The final meal was consumed in Bradford, from whence some half dozen members went on to York to see the Minster and hear the wonderful ring of twelve bells in the Cathedral tower on Sunday. I have no doubt some of them will meet again in some quiet churchyard—with a tower and bells—that is for ever England's.

'And now our changes all are rung
Here ends our dying song.
Our last, our final peal is done,
Farewell, farewell, ding dong!'

W. H. P.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF EASTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, August 27th. Ringers were present from Newcastle, Sunderland, South Shields, Durham, Darlington, Blaydon, Whickham, West Hartlepool, Chester-le-Street and the local ringers.

Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and, after a substantial tea in a nearby cafe, a short meeting was held. Mr. R. L. Patterson, who presided, said he had visited Mr. J. J. Leighton, a most respected member of St. Ignatius' band, and also a regular attendant at meetings, who was lying very ill in hospital. He was pleased to say Mr. Leighton was improving and sent his best wishes to the meeting.

Mr. Storey proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and said although many meetings were held at Houghton, the Rector always gave a hearty welcome to the ringers, and it was always a pleasure to ring there.

Sympathy was expressed by Mr. Storey in the passing away of Mr. W. H. Porter, of Darlington, an old and valued member of the association. He would, he said, be greatly missed by all.

Mr. Storey impressed on each ringer the desirability of taking 'The Ringing World,' and young ringers especially would find it very interesting. If a big majority of ringers would only take a copy each week, it would probably mean a bigger paper at a lesser price, and, although it was a splendid paper now, it could be even better if all ringers helped.

The Chairman said the Vicar of Bishop Auckland would be pleased to have the ringers there to help their ringers on. A special meeting had, therefore, been arranged for September 10th, the notice of which was in 'The Ringing World.' He hoped that as many ringers as possible would be present.

The next meeting of the Eastern District will be arranged by the vice-president and secretary after the annual meeting in September.

After the meeting, ringing again took place, the methods rung being Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. The meeting was most enjoyable and successful.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FIRST VISIT TO THAMES-SIDE TOWER.

The first meeting of the Essex Association ever held at West Tilbury took place on August 13th. It was favoured with beautiful weather, and, although the place is rather difficult of access, over 30 members put in an appearance from Romford, Great Bentley, Leytonstone, Walthamstow, Stanford le Hope, Orsett, Leigh-on-Sea, Prittlewell, Bentley and Swindon, together with a good muster of the local band. The bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman till 4.45, when a short service was conducted by the Rector. Tea, kindly arranged by the West Tilbury band, was then partaken of, followed by the business meeting. Two new members were elected and Waltham Abbey selected as the place for next meeting of the South-Western District, to be held on September 17th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. J. R. Fellowes) for giving permission for the meeting and conducting the service, to the organist for accompanying the hymns, etc., to the West Tilbury band for making all arrangements, and to all those who had in any way contributed to making the meeting such a success, was carried unanimously, and replied to by the Rector and Mr. Wilkins, who voiced their pleasure at seeing so many present, and expressed the hope that a further meeting will be held in their rather out of the way village as soon as convenient.

After some handbell ringing tracks were made by some back to the tower, others walked on to the Rectory for a stroll round the gardens, whilst others could be seen enjoying the beautiful scenery from the church tower, from which a splendid view can be obtained, Tilbury Docks and Gravesend on the one hand, the Kentish Hills opposite, whilst the fine expanse of the Thames Estuary can be seen on the left of the church, which shows up prominently owing to its situation at the top of the hill.

Owing to the poor train service most of the visitors had to leave by 8 p.m., but despite this early departure, from the remarks one heard it was evident that all who had been present had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. J. Butler) made a strong point in impressing on all present the great necessity for supporting 'The Ringing World,' with the result that at least five additional readers have been secured.

TIPTON RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers and friends of St. Martin's Church, Tipton, had a very enjoyable tour on Saturday, August 20th, for their annual outing. They left Tipton at 2.15 p.m. by motor-coach, and went through Stourport on to Martley, where a call was made to ring on the peal of six bells. Afterwards the tourists went to Holt Fleet, where tea was enjoyed. The journey was then continued to Hallow, where ringing took place at both churches. Courses in various methods were brought round. The party then went on to Worcester and Hartlebury, reaching home about 11 o'clock. The party wish to convey their thanks to Rectors and others for the arrangements made.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT OLNEY AFTER MANY YEARS.

On Saturday, August 27th, Olney was the venue for the quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch, it being many years since a meeting had been held at this church owing to the state of the bells. The weather, being fine, was responsible for a good attendance, the following towers being represented: Bletchley, Bradwell, Emberton, Hanslope, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Stoke Goldington, Weston Underwood, with ringing visitors from Northampton, Wellingborough and Dunstable, including Mr. H. Chapman. A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. G. E. Fermor-Leggat, the Guild form of service being used.

About 40 sat down to tea. Mr. W. Sear, secretary of the branch, apologised for the absence of the chairman (the Rev. L. Moxon), who was away on holiday, and stated that there was no special business to bring before the meeting. He was happy to have been able to arrange a meeting at Olney, with the object of getting the Olney tower back into the branch, and was pleased to say that there were seven members to be proposed that day. He thanked the Olney ringers for the welcome they had given to the branch.

Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar and those responsible for providing tea.

Ringing during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Major.

A VALUED CHURCHMAN.

At the Parish Church, Farnham, on Monday, August 22nd, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 minutes by: J. Beagley 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Basted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

Rung as a last token of respect to the late Mr. A. Grange, who was interred that day, and who for several years was a sidesman at the church, and from January, 1926, to January, 1931, was Rector's warden. He was also an honorary member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Grange took a great interest in the bells and the ringers, and was one of those instrumental in getting the chimes of the church clock put into working order after a silence of 14 years, and having the bells rehung on ball bearings in January, 1930. He took an active part in the collection of the necessary funds, the whole of which were collected through the local Press and local agency, with the result that after the work had been paid for, there was a balance sufficient to provide a new dial for the tower clock. Mr. Grange was a member of the Urban District Council and a highly respected resident of the town.

About a month ago he assisted at a fete held at Waverley Abbey in aid of the church funds, when he caught a chill, which, with complications, was ultimately the cause of his death.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEEDS.—On Sunday, August 28th, at Christ Church, Armley, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Gaunt 1, H. Grimwood 2, H. Lofthouse 3, G. Moorhouse 4, F. Rayment (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 7, J. Thackray 8.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 28th, after the children's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Dixon 1, H. Connell 2, F. Mason 3, N. Brown 4, J. W. Wood 5, J. H. Clark 6, William Dickinson (conductor) 7, F. Warrington 8. Specially arranged for the conductor.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Fry 1, W. A. Romaine 2, J. Daniel 3, F. C. Smith 4, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 5, E. J. Bury 6, W. W. T. Daniel 7, W. Chalk 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Fry 1, J. Daniel 2, E. J. Berry 3, W. A. Romaine 4, W. W. T. Daniel 5, F. C. Smith (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, F. W. Romaine 7, W. Chalk 8. Arranged for E. J. Berry and W. W. T. Daniel, who belong to Swindon.

SEDBERGH, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 21st, for evening service at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal (1,248 changes) of Superlative Surprise Major: H. Dawson 1, E. Jennings 2, E. Pennington 3, J. Smith 4, T. Lisson 5, H. Haresnape 6, J. Pennington 7, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): D. Phillips 1, J. Cross 2, J. Dale 3, G. Playle 4, J. G. MacDougal 5, J. Blay 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, August 21st, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. H. Stebbings 1, H. S. Barker 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, R. G. Harvey 4, H. Stebbings (conductor) 5, E. J. Howard 6. First 720 in method by six of the local ringers.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, August 14th, for morning service at St. Giles', 1,299 Stedman Caters: A. H. Taylor 1, F. Wilford 2, T. Law 3, J. J. Taylor 4, T. Tebbutt 5, H. Marlow 6, F. Hopper 7, J. Hensman 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, F. Bruce 10.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Sept. 29th. *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 6th; St. Magnus on the 8th and 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Compton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 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.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemyock on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Uffculme (8 bells) also open. — R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (5) available 2.45. Service 4. — G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea (in Village Institute) at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Leadenham (6 bells), Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2 p.m.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. The bells at Ingatestone will also be available.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, September 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Broadwindsor on Sat., September 3rd. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Notification for tea to C. H. Lathey, Sec., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m.—E. Jennings, Sec., 15, Castle Oval, Kendal.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bangor on Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. David's Church at 3. Bells (8) will be available any time. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me as soon as possible. All ringers welcome. —W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, September 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me? Members please note alteration of tower.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, Saturday, September 3rd. 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.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Lytchett Matravers on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, address by Rector (Rev. J. A. R. Swaby). Tea, in the Old School, 5.15. Ringing at St. James', Poole, 7 p.m.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MENHENIOT CHURCH, CORNWALL.—Peal of six bells rehung in new frame by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Truro, Wednesday, September 7th, at 7 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ashford, on Saturday, September 10th, by kind permission of Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair, M.C., M.A. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting and election of officers. A good attendance is looked for, and a card for tea would be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, September 10th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send me numbers for tea by September 5th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus and train will be met by arrangement. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Patrington, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea 1s. 6d. each, on Rectory Lawn, if fine. Application to be made for same to Rev. P. R. Frost, M.A., The Rectory, Patrington, East Yorkshire, by Thursday, September 8th. The presentation to Mr. A. B. Cook, the late Dis. Sec., will be made at this meeting.—Horace S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, September 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. A. Webb, 2, Kimberley Terrace, Lyminge, on or before Friday, September 9th?—Percy W. Smith.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at Mirfield. Bells (10) available from 1 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, to those who apply before Tuesday, Sept. 6th, to Mr. A. Robinson, 56, Shill Bank Lane, Mirfield.—Wm. Ambler, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Enstone on Saturday, Sept. 10th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged, followed by business meeting. Please turn up in crowds.—E. H. Bagworth, Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A combined meeting with Lancashire Association (Liverpool Branch) will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower will be open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 6 o'clock. Will intending visitors please let me know if they require tea. — Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harpole on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 6th?—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, at the Angel Inn, 5 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 7th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Great Yarmouth, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m, Rev. Canon Aubrey Atkins presiding. All visitors welcome.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting, on invitation of the Vicar, at South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available after 2.30. Tea in Mission Room at 5 o'clock, 6d. each. Members requiring tea please advise Mr. Peverall, 23, Main Street, Bishop Auckland, before Sept. 7th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A 'meeting-cum-outing' will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing arrangements: Bedfont (6), 3.15-4.30 p.m.; Stanwell (5), 4.45-5.15 and 6.15-7 p.m.; Harmondsworth (6), 7.30-8.45 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf, Stanwell, at 5.15 p.m. Assistance of motor transport welcomed, but buses (116 and 506) connect. Route 116 leave Hounslow at 2.53 and Bedfont 3.15 and then hourly. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The annual district meeting at Sawston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in the Church Institute, at 5 o'clock. Election of district officers. Please apply for diagram of Sawston Imperial.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. For tea (1s. each) please notify Mr. H. Pickles, 8, Manor Road, Horbury, near Wakefield, by Thursday, Sept. 8th. All are welcome. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Monthly meeting at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation to all. Kindly advise me by Sept. 5th.—Oliver E. Hill, Hon. Sec., 5, Elm Terrace, Lightpill, near Stroud, Glos.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buckhorn Weston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Marsh Gibbon, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (5) available from 2.45 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Liverpool and Wirral Branches will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. For tea notify Mr. H. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.—Claude I. Davies, H. Brocklebank, Branch Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Redditch on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service in church at 4.15, with address by the Vicar (Rev. L. Bradley). Bells available at 3 p.m.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—WITHAM.—Dedication of two trebles, to complete the octave, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, at the Parish Church, Saturday, September 17th. Service 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Church House for those who give notice to Mr. A. Evers, 6, Chipping Hill, Witham, not later than Thursday, September 15th. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., North-Eastern Division.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting will be held at Knaresborough on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head to all who make application to the Rev. J. L. Ogle, The Vicarage, Knaresborough, not later than first post Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid without delay.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravensfield Common, near Rotherham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Sept. 14th without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Littleham Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Service at 4 p.m., with address by the Vicar of Exmouth. Tea 4.45. Please send numbers by Sept. 12th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsclere and Wolverton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Kingsclere Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Kingsclere Schools. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 12th to Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Cowley on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Please notify me by the 13th inst. those who intend being present. — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.30 (9d. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A summer outing meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (10) at 2.30. Tea and meeting at 5.30, at Harvest Home. Ringing and social hour after. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Kippin, 18, Guy Road, Beddington, by the 15th. Cheap returns from London termini. All ringers and friends welcomed. —J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Meeting at 5.30. Further particulars later.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

IN MEMORIAM.

PREWETT.—Killed in action on August 31st, 1918, Bertram Prewett. Unforgotten.

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ANOMALIES, AND A WAY OUT.

Any suggestion which appears to tamper with the existing order of things in ringing affairs is likely to meet with strenuous opposition, and for that reason, among others, there is little chance of a scheme for a national association finding general favour. For the same reason also, any suggested reorganisation of all ringing associations into diocesan units would be bound to meet with resistance in most if not all of the societies not at present carrying a diocesan title or operating in an area coterminous with a diocese. Yet there are several reasons why territorial ringing organisations should adopt diocesan status, and Mr. E. P. Duffield, in a letter elsewhere in this issue, refers to some of them. The subject, of course, like that of a National Association, is not a new one, but it is one which, we believe, must eventually receive serious consideration.

The overlapping which has been referred to is due to the dual forms of organisation—the county and the diocesan. Had one or the other been adhered to from the outset of the formation of modern associations, the anomalies of which we now hear would have been avoided, but from the first the founders of the territorial associations used the different styles of title. In those days, while the aim was the same, to secure, among other things, the better recognition of the ringers' office by the Church, the importance of organising on diocesan lines did not seem so important as it does to-day. There can be no question we think, as Mr. Duffield points out, that a diocesan body is more likely to commend itself to the Church than a county organisation, and where there is so much dependence on the goodwill of the Church as there is in bell ringing—for it must be recognised that much of the ringing that is done is not entirely in the service of the Church—anything, if only a title, which will tighten the bonds is greatly desirable.

The change, however, can only be made from within. It is only the members of the territorial societies which are not at present diocesan in character who can bring about the alteration, which in some cases would need a shuffling of boundaries, but where that is the case there should be no difficulties if the matter is approached in the right spirit. In some cases, notably Devon, Essex and Sussex, the county areas are practically identical with the diocesan areas and in such instances the only change would be one of title. Some of the rest of the county associations, however, offer more complicated problems, but as the trend of ringing during the last fifty years has been more and more towards recognition as a part of Church work and away from the purely secular view which was at one time taken of the art, so the objective of all the organisations should be towards diocesan status.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK HANNINGTON	...*Treble*	HUGH THOMAS	6
GEORGE POPNELL	2	WILLIAM BOLTON	7
ALFRED W. HEATH	3	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	8
CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH ...	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
JOHN W. JONES	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. MILES. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Specially arranged for the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, of the Hereford Guild.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM PILLAR ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK ROBSON	6
HAROLD ROBSON	2	†EDWARD C. ROBSON	7
SIDNEY BREEZE	3	ERNEST BURNETT	8
*MISS EFFIE STEPHENSON ..	4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ...	9
WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	5	LESLIE GREENHAW ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. Ringer of fifth hails from Newcastle, eighth from Kirkby Stephen, ninth from Sunderland, rest are local ringers. Miss Stephenson is the first local lady to ring a peal in West Hartlepool, and also in the County of Durham, on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	SAMUEL ROBERTS	5
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
FREDERICK R. EVANS	3	JOHN A. RANDLES	7
JAMES ALDERMAN...	4	ARTHUR TILSTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. William Edwyn Jones.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY... ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	3	CECIL C. MAYNE	7
STEPHEN H. HOARE	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY	...*Treble*	†RICHARD W. R. COATES ...	5
EDWIN R. GOATE	2	†ANDREW L. WHATLING ...	6
*GODFREY WALPOLE	3	†ALBERT E. COLEMAN ...	7
FREDERICK A. FINCH... ...	4	CHARLES F. SAYER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. Rung on the 73rd birthday of the ringer of the treble. The ringers of the treble, fifth, sixth and seventh are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ...	...*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
WILLIAM DENYER	2	ALBERT HARMAN...	6
CHARLES W. DENYER... ...	3	CHARLES HAZELDEN	7
JOHN H. B. HESSE	4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., Hon. Treasurer of the Guild, a ringer at this church, and churchwarden for 25 years. The band represented the four Districts of the Guild.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JIM HURRELL	...*Treble*	JOHN E. LYDDIARD	5
ERNEST B. CROWDER	2	ERNEST BRETT	6
JOHN J. LAMB	3	FREDERICK J. HURRELL ...	7
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ...	4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Charles George Kay-Mount and Miss Beatrice Vera Rivers, younger daughter of the Rev. Elphinstone Rivers, Vicar of Eltham, and Mrs. Rivers.

HANBURY-ON-THE-HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD BOB SIX-PART, No. 77.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ...	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	E. HARRY STONELEY	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first odd bob six-part.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE	...*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
FREDERICK J. SMITH	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
JAMES G. RUMSEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
REGINALD C. KERSEY... ...	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	...*Tenor*

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

First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank Mr. F. Barber for his kind hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19 cwt.

CHRIS GUDGEON	...*Treble*	WILFRED MOSS	5
THOMAS FOSTER	2	NORMAN HEAP	6
WILLIAM JONES	3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ...	4	ARTHUR BURTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

This peal was rung with the bells fully muffled, as a token of deepest sympathy and respect to the late Rev. Marquis Lord Normanby. He was the Vicar of Worsley some 60 years ago and an hon. member of the Lancashire Association.

CHESHUNT.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on Sunday, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. House (first quarter) 1, R. Cousins 2, — Corney 3, A. House 4, W. Newnham 5, W. Seabrook 6, J. Waugh (conductor) 7, H. Tulley 8.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM ARNOUR ...	...*Treble*	DAVID VINCENT	5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR	2	THOMAS STEPHENSON	6
HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ...	3	JOSEPH W. PARKER	7
FRANK AINSLEY	4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24¾ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	FRED HAWKES	6
JOHN AUSTIN...	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE ...	...*Treble*	*ROYDON DAVIES	5
SIDNEY ELTON	2	*TONY PRICE...	6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	3	*DANIEL COOPER	7
*H. BERNARD WELLS... ...	4	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal of New Combridge on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	2	JOHN WHEADON	6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
EDWARD BROWN...	4	HARRY HOVERD	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

* First peal in the method inside. This was the conductor's 100th peal, also first peal as conductor.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL ...	...*Treble*	WILLIE PROCTOR...	5
JOHN WINDLE	2	VERNEY BAIRSTOW	6
JOSEPH BROADLEY	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
ALBERT PICKLES	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

Quickest peal on the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. POULTON	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	2	ARTHUR ALFORD	6
GLYN SHAW	3	WILLIAM POSTON...	7
JOHN J. WEBB	4	HARVEY H. WINNEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART, No. 7. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ...	...*Treble*	*HARRY PENDRY	5
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	6
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT...	7
STEPHEN H. HOARE	4	CECIL C. MAYNE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled, in memory of the Rev. C. E. A. Rowland, Vicar of the parish for 22 years, and a life member of the Association, who died on August 26th, 1932.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

PERCY AMOS	...*Treble*	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	5
RONALD RUSSELL	2	E. HARRY STONELEY	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	EDWIN CATTELL	7
HARRY L. SMITH	4	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. G. HEYWOOD MAY. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BOREHAM	...*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD...	2	F. DONALD BOREHAM	6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
WILLIAM H. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. Pipe, also in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford, parents of the ringer of the second.

STREATHAM, SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS B. M. MILLS ...	...*Treble*	T. W. WELBOURNE	5
MISS H. F. MILLS	2	I. J. ATTWATER	6
*F. G. SHORTER	3	J. W. CHAPMAN	7
F. E. HAWTHORNE	4	W. E. G. HEWSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by I. J. ATTWATER.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss B. M. Mills.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Treble*	JOHN BURLES	5
HENRY C. ALFORD	2	*HARRY ARGENT	6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3	ALBERT A. HUGHES	7
GUY R. AMBROSE...	4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged and rung as a wedding peal for Mr. F. A. Mitchell (a member of the Society) and Miss Ivy D. E. McIntier, both members of the local band, who were married in the above church immediately preceding the peal. The band were kindly entertained afterwards by Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, parents of the bridegroom.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, August 21st, at Brookfield Church, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Ollier 1, P. Rushton 2, E. F. Mawby 3, A. Fearnhead 4, J. Fearnhead 5, E. Seddon 6, F. Page (conductor) 7, William Dyer (Croydon, first quarter-peal in the method) 8.

HEADCORN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

PHILIP HODGEIN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTTON	5
CHARLES H. SONE	2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ...	6
*ALBERT RELFE	3	*THOMAS E. SONE	7
PERCY PAGE	4	KENNETH PATTENDEN	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* 75th peal together.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM...	...*Treble*	CHARLES H. WEBB	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	ERNEST TIPLER	6
WILLIAM A. WOOD	3	FRED COTTON	7
THOMAS PITTHAM	4	FRED PERRY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. COTTON.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 4, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

RICHARD A. POST ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. STOATE	5
MAURICE SMITH	2	WALTER F. JUDGE	6
SYDNEY TAYLOR...	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
*ALBERT W. BOND	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT E. WILLIAMS...	...*Treble*	C. WILLIAM EDWARDS ...	4
ALLEN E. GWYNNE	2	HENRY J. TAYLOR	5
JAMES P. HYETT	3	CHARLES EDWARDS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

H. EDWARD FROSSELL ...	*Treble*	REGINALD WEST	4
J. H. R. FREEBORN	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON	5
MISS EVELYN STEEL	3	PEARL INSKIP	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the second, in order that he might attempt his 100th peal in the parish in which his mother was born and married, and in the tower where his uncles, Charles and Percy Howard, well known to the older generation of ringers, learned to ring.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK G. WELLS ... ...*Treble*	*FRANK A. PENN... 4
†REGINALD H. NEWTON ... 2	A. OWEN WRINTMORE ... 5
†JOHN H. S. GIDDINGS ... 3	PERCY W. G. HARDING ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. O. WRINTMORE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(FARNHAM DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, August 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

E. GARDNER... ... ...*Treble*	W. DENYER 4
C. W. DENYER 2	*H. H. ALEXANDER 5
W. H. VIGGERS 3	R. J. WHITFORD... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. DENYER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., Hon. Treasurer of the Guild.

OLD WARDEN.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY ... ...*Treble*	FRANCIS BALL 4
AMOS SMART 2	WALTER PERKINS 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED BACON ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES NEWMAN 4
*KENNETH NEWMAN 2	VICTOR BOWEN 5
GRAHAM SPRATT 3	LEE FEATHERBY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEE FEATHERBY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. The peal was rung to celebrate the recovery of the Vicar (Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake), after his serious accident.

LAUNTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb.

*EDWARD G. VIRGO ... ...*Treble*	†SYDNEY TAYLOR... 4
†A. JOHN EVANS 2	†C. ELLIOT WIGG 5
†FREDERICK SHARPE 3	*EDWARD J. BRITNELL ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK SHARPE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung as a compliment to J. E. Badham, M.A., on his appointment as Headmaster of the City of Oxford High School. The ringers are all 'old boys' of the City of Oxford High School.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MARCUS TURNER ... ...*Treble*	HARRY HATFIELD 4
FREDERICK NEALE 2	FREDERICK SHARPE 5
†ROBERT GREEN 3	EDWIN HIMS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN HIMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BURWARTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

E. RICHARD BALDWIN ...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DAVIES 4
HUBERT JONES 2	ARTHUR C. NASON 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	CHARLES H. CARTWRIGHT...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. T. H. Parker, who is shortly leaving Burwarton.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

FRANK CLAYDON ... ...*Treble*	†LEONARD NEWMAN 4
*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 2	OLAVE E. BROYD 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

* First peal with an 'inside' bell. † First peal.

WEST HENDRED, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings.

*WILLIAM BOSHIER, SEN. ...*Treble*	ERIC J. F. HANKS 4
JOHN NOBES 2	FRANK W. BONCE 5
WILLIAM BOSHIER, JUN. ... 3	*PERCY A. HAINES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Mr. W. Boshier, sen., is in his 73rd year, and this was his first peal. He has been ringing at the above church for forty years. The ringers of second and fifth hail from Steventon, fourth from Milton, the remainder are local.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

EDWIN H. LEWIS... 1-2	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4	*ALBERT A. HUGHES 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major in hand.

A VISIT TO SOMERSET TOWERS.

On Saturday, August 20th, East Brent ringers and friends had their fourth annual outing. Starting from East Brent at 9 a.m. by motor-coach, they stopped first at Churchill, where they were met by the sexton, who kindly conducted the visitors around the church, explaining the items of interest, which everyone appreciated. Then the bells were soon sending forth their music, and the journey was continued to Dundry, where another beautiful view of Somerset's scenery is available on a clear day. Unfortunately, hazy conditions made visibility rather poor, although the principal object of the visit, the bells, which were soon in motion, caused atmospheric conditions to be forgotten for a while, and the ringing was enjoyed by all. Leaving this lovely ring of six bells, the journey was continued to Clapton-in-Gordano, where the party were met by Mr. Wyatt. After luncheon, ringing was again enjoyed, and the visitors next went on to Abbots Leigh, where Mr. G. Bennett met and rang with them. Easton-in-Gordano was the last call. In all, five towers were visited, and in each Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, with rounds for the beginners. Tea was partaken of in Bristol, and a visit to the Bristol Hippodrome completed a splendid outing which everyone enjoyed. Home was reached about 10.30 p.m. The party wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Vicars for allowing the use of the bells, also to those who met the party and had all in readiness and assisting to make up a most enjoyable outing.

W. E. W.

A DARTFORD EXPEDITION.

AN ATTACK ON LONG CRENDON.

Historians tell us that many years ago one Wat Tyler started from the neighbourhood of Dartford Church and gathered a crowd en route for London. Something similar occurred on Saturday, August 27th, but the object was not quite so drastic (the poll tax is a thing of the past, although the pint tax still rankled in the breasts of some of the company). The only slaughter contemplated was a lunch promised by the Rev. Williams, Vicar of Long Crendon (formerly of Dartford), and as the majority of the company remembered a similar encounter six years ago, they were full of fight, even if half-starved. Unfortunately, the historical starting place was not fully observed, as John H. Cheesman and Dick Smith, of Northfleet (whether in their anxiety to make sure of visiting Oxford to finish their education, or merely to make sure of a corner seat is a question to leave to their own conscience), boarded the conveyance at Greenhithe and so forestalled the main company at Dartford. A further stop was made at Crayford to pick up the arms (12 of them, tenor 18 in G), which stop was further prolonged when it was learned that one of the crowd, who was working on a night shift, had disappeared behind a machine with a bucket, some soft soap, and his Sunday clothes. After a short stay he emerged bearing not a trace of his night's toil (it is presumed he BAD toiled), and then off for the final 'pick-up' at Eltham, where 'Granddad' and Bob Brett-Smith filled the last available seat, causing numerous squeeze-ups and adjustments, and so off to Long Crendon, which was reached without incident about 11 a.m.

Here a pleasant surprise awaited the company, where six years ago the 'stickers' indulged in an hour's slimming, while the others bolted for the safety of the churchyard. They found instead a peal on which it was a pleasure to ring, and soon the neighbourhood was resounding with the music of London Surprise. Cambridge, Superlative, Stedman and Grandsire followed, and a 5,040 might have been 'sneaked' had not that magic word 'lunch' been called.

The meaning of this call is not explained in any of Snowdon's books, but it resulted in the bells going the 'other end up' in next to no time. The next hour saw Mrs. Williams and her helpers as hard at it as the band that rang the quick peal at Crayford, minus perhaps the blisters, as carving knives and table spoons are not quite so rough as rope ends.

'Rounds' being reached again, Dick Jenkins managed to push the table away, laboriously arose and made a new record, 'a SHORT after-dinner speech,' in which he expressed the sentiments of the entire company, their thanks for the cordial welcome, the 'spread' which fortified them all for the rest of the tour in Oxford, and congratulations upon the great improvement effected in Long Crendon belfry, and also in the church, which reflected great credit on the enthusiasm and work of the Rev. Williams. The latter, in responding, reiterated his welcome, and dwelt on some of the old Dartford associations. This left about 20 minutes before starting time for Oxford, and some made a short tour of the Vicarage grounds, while six attempted Grandsire Cinques on the lawn, which certainly came round all right, but—oh! that last helping!—with knobs on in places.

Reinforced by the Rev. Williams, the party afterwards stormed the tower of Christ Church, Oxford, the first visit to a twelve-bell tower by several of the younger members, who each availed themselves of the opportunity, and proved to Granddad that youth moves apace, for, while he was discussing the advisability of a youngster tackling the treble for his first pull on twelve, young Fred silenced the argument with 'One's going—she's gone,' and carried on as if brought up on twelve.

Treble Twelve, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, rounds on the twelve, Superlative and Cambridge on the back eight brought along an invitation to visit St. Ebbe's for half an hour, and try conclusions with a 4½ cwt. peal of eight. Here again all had a ring, from rounds to Cambridge Major, although some of the younger element were only rescued from Woolworth's just in time for the last touch. A quick visit to a tea shop and then farewell to the Rev. Williams and on to the final item, All Saints', High Wycombe, where rounds, Treble Twelve, Stedman Cinques, with several local ringers, finishing with a well-struck course of Cambridge on the back eight, rung after the scheduled time for returning. The farewell to the locals had, therefore, to be somewhat brief. One incident might have marred the homeward journey but for the good temper bred by a successful day. One individual was told off after a time to keep a look out for a suitable spot for the driver to pull up and cool his engine. After several likely places had flashed passed unnoticed by the look-out man, it was realised that he was a 'T.T.' The necessary adjustment having been made, a promising spot was soon found and all was well, although there is a suspicion that the one who slept the last six miles did so deliberately in order to avoid being shown the landmarks which were observed on that road when he lost the last bus after a peal at Edenbridge and had to walk it. Eleven-thirty saw the end of 'a perfect day,' and the company wish to express their thanks by this means to the Rev. and Mrs. Williams, to the local authorities and ringers at Christ Church and St. Ebbe's, Oxford, and All Saints', High Wycombe, for the splendid assistance they gave Dick Jenkins, also Dick himself for the work he put in in so ably organising another Dartford outing that will be talked of for many a day to come.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

RINGING CONTEST AT ORDSALL.

The annual competition of the North Notts Association took place at Ordsall, when, for the third time in succession, the Crawford Cup was won by Ordsall A team, their actual faults in a 360 of Minor being only 25, but they were penalised a further 50 points because they were ringing in their own tower. The Crawford Cup was presented to the Association in 1928 by Mr. Arthur Crawford, of Rampton, in memory of his father, Mr. Charles Crawford, of East Markham, who was an enthusiastic ringer.

The judges for the contest were Mr. J. Flint (Bolsover) and Mr J. Brothwell (Treeton). Five teams competed, each having to attempt 360 in any method.

After the contest, the competitors and friends adjourned for tea in the Ordsall Parochial Hall.

The Rector of Ordsall (the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson) presided over the business meeting which followed, and was supported by Mr. Hugh Longbotham, J.P., Ordsall House; the Rev. R. E. Rogerson (East Markham); the Rev. Arnold Doxey (West Bridgford, Nottingham, and formerly assistant curate at Ordsall), the Rev. B. Hughes (who is doing temporary duty in Ordsall parish), and Mr. R. W. Stockdale, hon. secretary of the Association.

The Rector extended a hearty welcome to the large gathering of ringers and friends, and remarked that it was one of the best he had seen in North Notts. He was pleased to say that members were showing more interest and displaying more enthusiasm in the work of the Association. There was a spirit of goodwill in the different towers. In regard to the competition for the cup, he assured members that they were doing a good work for the churches, for bell ringing in general, and change ringing in particular. The competition created great interest in the area, and he hoped members would not be afraid to enter for it. It was good experience for young ringers. He expressed the pleasure of the Association at the presence of Mrs. Crawford, and said they valued her continued interest in the Association.

THE RESULT.

Ringers were present from East Retford, Worksop, Ordsall, Anston, Blyth, Shireoaks, Sutton-on-Trent, Gamston, Collingham, Bolsover, Treeton, Misterton, Lincoln, Ranskill, Mansfield Woodhouse, Edwinstowe, Cuckney, etc.

The Rector announced the result of the contest as follows:—

Ordsall A, 25 faults, 50 penalty on a home band, total 75.

Sutton-on-Trent, 101 faults, 10 penalties, total 111.

Ordsall B, 107 faults, 10 penalty on a home band, total 117.

East Markham rang out.

Shireoaks rang out.

The cup was presented to the winning team by Mrs. Crawford, who offered her congratulations.

Mr. Longbotham was elected a vice-president of the Association; Mr. T. Bettison, Mansfield Woodhouse, a life member; and Mr. H. Proctor, Ranskill, a ringing member.

The next meeting was fixed to take place at Shireoaks in November.

Mr. H. Revill, Ordsall, assistant secretary, proposed, and Mr. J. Hurst, Ordsall, seconded, a vote of thanks to the judges.

Mr. C. McGuinness, Lincoln, moved a vote of thanks to the ladies who prepared the tea.

The Rev. R. E. Rogerson proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Ordsall for presiding and allowing the use of the bells for the competition. He paid a tribute to the Rector of Ordsall for the stimulus he gave to the art of ringing in the North Notts area. He said that the ringing in this part of the country was not only devotional, but it was artistic.

The Rector, in reply, acknowledged the encouragement which was given by the Vicar of East Markham to bell ringing, and remarked that if there were more Vicars like Mr. Rogerson there would be more change ringing in the area covered by the Association. There were eight splendid bells in the tower of East Markham Church, and the ringers were keen members of the Association. He wished that Mr. Rogerson would become a ringer.

BELLS NEEDING RESTORATION.

Continuing, the Rector said he was glad to tell the members that ringing matters were not quite stagnant. The church of All Saints at Barnby-in-the-Willows, near Newark, possessed four derelict bells. They were in an atrocious condition. Some person had left a sum of £300 which had to be spent on the bells, and the money could not be used in any other way. The death-watch beetle had got into the timbers. A new bell frame would be absolutely necessary, the bells would have to be recast, and he was urging the Vicar to add two more bells to make a peal of six. This would make another six-bell tower in the area of the Association. He had reason to believe that the Association would be willing to give a grant from the funds towards such an object. This might influence the Vicar to add the two bells. The authorities of St. Lawrence's Church, Norwell, Newark, had asked his advice with regard to their bells. The bells—three of them were dated 1730—were fixed in an old wood frame, and they needed restoration. His advice was to instal a steel frame and go in for two more bells, making a ring of six in this magnificent church tower. North Wheatley Church was almost completely restored, and there was a chance of the bells being taken in hand in a year or so.

(Continued in next column.)

SHEFFIELD VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

On Sunday week, at St. Marie's Church, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, a special 82 lead touch of Bob Major was rung in 55 mins.: J. Tuke 1, J. Osguthorpe 2, George Lewis 3, T. O'Hara 4, G. Holmes 5, R. Harrison 6, T. E. Lee 7, R. Harrison, jun., 8. It was composed and conducted by Mr. George Lewis, and rung as a mark of esteem to Mr. W. Turton, of Ecclesfield, on attaining his 82nd birthday, the touch consisting of one lead for each year.

Mr. Turton comes of a ringing family, his father and two brothers having been members of the Ecclesfield Parish Church company in past years. He has taken part in several peals and in contests in the West Riding at a time when transport difficulties had to be reckoned with. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1884, but although still active, has retired from ringing owing to failing eyesight.

MUFFLED RINGING FOR CATHEDRAL RINGER.

On Monday, August 22nd, at St. Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,296 changes) was rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the late Mrs. F. A. Burnett, a regular ringer at the Cathedral for several years: J. H. Cassidy 1, E. Martin 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, C. Shepherd 4, P. Giles 5, E. G. Williams 6, R. P. Cook 7, F. W. Rogers (composer and conductor) 8.

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There were five bells, and they were dated from 1793. The Vicar of Blyth had yet to raise another £1,000 to meet the cost of the work of restoration which had been in progress for the last few years. It was estimated that the cost of rehanging the six bells would be about £450, and he thought an effort should be made to make up the number to eight.

It would thus be seen, concluded the Rector, that the Association was moving behind the scenes and trying to push on matters. 'The more bells there are in North Notts, and the more the ringers are together, the happier we shall be' (laughter and applause).

THE HAIGH MEMORIAL.

The Rector explained that it had been decided to place a memorial in Ordsall Church tower to the memory of Mr. Herbert Haigh, who was one of the original members of the Association and secretary for 17 years. Some little time would elapse before it was possible to secure what they desired. A faculty would have to be obtained from the Chancellor of the Diocese, and the inscription would have to be submitted to the Parochial Church Council. A cupboard had already been placed in the tower to contain bound copies of the 'Ringing World' for the past twenty years, and Mr. G. R. Winter had sent several useful ringing books to go with the collection of books left by the late Mr. Haigh.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Caerphilly on Saturday week. The bells, a musical ring of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were raised about 5 o'clock, and kept going in various methods until 4.30. Service was then conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. W. Davies), and the Rev. C. D. Cotterill, B.A. (curate), presided at the organ. Following the service, tea, which had been very generously provided by the Vicar, was served in the Church Hall by the wives and friends of the ringers. The Rector presided over the subsequent meeting.

The hon. secretary stated that since the last meeting was held death had taken two members, Mr. Trevor Edwards, of Penhow, and Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., of Crayford, who was a life member. As a mark of sympathy with the relatives, the Chairman asked all to stand for a few moments in silence.

Restoration and augmentation reports were submitted, and also instructors' reports.

The place in which to hold the next Glamorgan meeting was left over for selection until the annual meeting.

A number of new members were elected and various minor items mentioned.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for his kindness, for the service, the use of the bells and his hospitality was ably proposed by Mr. W. Bolton and suitably replied to by the Rector, who remarked that it would be always a pleasure to him to do all in his power for the ringers, who were doing a noble work.

Mention must also be made of the ladies, who looked after the tea so admirably, and also of the local leader and his ringers for doing all they could to make the meeting so successful and enjoyable.

All were pleased to see Mr. Bolton present and to know that he had recovered from the serious motor accident in which he was involved at the beginning of the year.

The bells were afterwards rung in several methods until late in the evening.

OFF TO AUSTRALIA.

At Dulverton, Somerset, for evensong, on August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. How 1, T. Newberry 2, W. Bellamy 3, W. Burge 4, C. Parkhouse 5, O. French 6, W. G. Newberry (conductor) 7, A. N. Williams 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the third, fourth, sixth and tenor. Also rung as a farewell to W. Burge, who is shortly leaving for Australia. He had not previously rung a bell in any method for eight years. First quarter-peal together by T. Newberry and W. G. Newberry (father and son).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The paragraph in this column last week with regard to 'Empire' ringers, brings a reminder that there are at least two other well-known ringers who can be included in the list, viz., Mr. J. H. Cheesman, of Greenhithe, Kent, who at one time resided in Christchurch, New Zealand, and Mr. J. Dearlove, of Brighton, who was at Vancouver. There are thus eight Empire men available, and it is possible a peal may be arranged later on.

A well-known ringer—wild horses will not drag from us his name—had an unhappy experience while on a ringing tour lately. It must have reminded him of his war services. While out on a reconnaisance he found himself among barbed wire entanglements, with sorry results to his only available coat. And yet he was lucky—it is a good thing it was only his coat.

A young lady who rang remarkably well through a peal the other day, was noticed afterwards to be actively exercising her legs. 'What, are your legs stiff from standing so long?' asked one of the ringers. 'Yes,' came the reply, 'and so is my jaw from keeping quiet so long.'

The bells of Solihull, Warwickshire, have recently been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and hung in a new steel frame. The church has also been extensively renovated, and the work is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, October 1st.

After being a ringer for 40 years, Mr. W. Boshier, sen., of West Hendred, Berks, has rung his first peal at the age of 72!

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, published in our last issue, was George E. Large, and not George E. Fearn, as reported.

The Middlesex Association meeting arranged to be held at Southgate, on September 17th, has been postponed until September 24th.

The meeting of the Leicester District of the Midland Counties Association, which was to have been held at Syston to-morrow, has been postponed, as the bells will not be available.

Mr. I. J. Attwater, of London, is returning to America to-morrow to resume his duties as instructor of ringing at Kent School, Massachusetts.

What is probably the first peal by Old Boys of a school was rung at Launton, Oxon, on Friday, when six Old Boys of the City of Oxford High School rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Launton.

Is it correct that a well-known Midland ringer is now a travelling representative for a green pea company?

'Who,' it is asked, 'were the two lady ringers who strayed from their husbands after a visit to Skegness, and why did their spouses tour the county until the early hours in search of them?' We give it up.

RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is rather a pity 'Would-be Peal Ringer' did not give his name and tower, instead of putting all the towers in Nottinghamshire under suspicion.

He, however, said he would give his name if asked to do so—so this letter is formally to request him to disclose his identity and name of the tower he is attached to.

I feel almost sure his accusations do not apply to my tower—but I should like to be clear on the matter, and I am sure many other towers would like to be also.

St. Peter's, Nottingham. H. R. COBBIN.

THE CASE OF A 'DRIFTER.'

Dear Sir,—As one who has 'drifted,' perhaps my case may interest others. I attended a church for 20 years (Holy Communion and other services), whether ringing was on or not. I was laid up for 28 weeks, actually in bed, and then required time to be able to walk again. During the whole of my illness I received two visits from one of my fellow-members, and when I entered the church again received sarcastic remarks, with the result that I also drifted.

Ringers, like other members of the church, should not forget that visitation of the sick is part of their Christian faith.

I have not lost ALL interest in ringing, but DRIFT from tower to tower, unattached. Also, I maintain, once a ringer always a ringer, and to those who have once loved the sound of bells, nothing will ever make them drift completely.

RATEA.

720 SHORT OF A PEAL.

CONDUCTOR USED UP ALL THE METHODS.

On Saturday, at Billingborough, Lincs, a touch of Minor, 4,320 changes, being six 720's, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and College Single, (2) Double and Single Bob, (3) Oxford and Kent, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double and Single Court, (6) Double and Single Oxford: William Waldron 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, M. Billings 3, H. Carter 4, J. Curry 5, J. G. Ames 6.

This was a peal attempt, but owing to the conductor having used all the methods in the six 720's, he called 'stand,' although it was good ringing all through. The band did not throw him down the steps.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION?

DIOCESAN GUILDS BEST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In one thing only do I find myself in agreement with my friend, Mr. C. H. Kippin, namely, that the present system of overlapping existing among the 'territorial' Associations and Guilds is, in many instances, farcical. The remedy, however, does not lie in the formation of a National Association.

Supposing such an Association was brought into existence, it would have to be divided into numerous areas, with boundaries conforming either to counties or dioceses. These areas would again have to be divided into districts, just as our present Guilds are at the present time, for purposes of district meetings. These districts would elect their representatives on the area committees, which would in turn appoint delegates to the National Association committee. The expenses of the delegates from remote areas in attending committee meetings would prove prohibitive, and fully representative gatherings would seldom, if ever, result.

With the exception of the overlapping of certain ringing associations, I am at a loss to see where any improvement could be effected to our present system. All ringing bodies are linked together under the auspices of the Central Council, and it only remains, for those who have not already done so, to agree to accept all rules and decisions of that body for us to have what is, in effect, a truly national association.

The formation of a National Association would render the Central Council superfluous, but this course would be a great mistake, since it is far better that local bodies should be left to conduct their business and do their own spade work in the manner best suited to their respective and various conditions.

I am sure there are many ringers who will say, as I do, that they have never begrudged the payment of a non-resident life membership subscription when desirous of ringing peals under the auspices of Associations, toward the running of which we otherwise contribute nothing. It is, in fact, a very small return for the trouble invariably taken to ensure the utmost amount of pleasure and comfort to visiting ringers.

As regards the overlapping, I can only express the opinion that it would redound to the credit of the bodies concerned if they got together and solved their own problems instead of striving to keep their own pet society in existence regardless of the best interests of the Exercise as a whole.

For my own part, I am fully persuaded that our territorial organisations should be formed on diocesan lines. Ringing is, almost exclusively, a part of Church work, and there are times in the course of our activities when it is most essential that we should have access to, and the fullest sympathy of, various ecclesiastical bodies. To this end it is advisable that we should identify our organisations as closely as we possibly can with similar organisations of other church workers. I do not suggest for a moment that our County Associations are any less zealous in their work for ringing than our Diocesan Guilds, but it is a fact that Church dignitaries are apt to be a little narrow in their outlook upon bodies not definitely associated with their own sphere of activity. A Bishop might even be forgiven for declining to lend his full support and patronage to a Society whose boundaries might take in part of a Diocese other than his own. Certain it is that he would rather see one ringers' organisation covering the entirety of his Diocese. The point is that we want his full support rather than his aloof benediction.

Mr. Kippin has mentioned the curious instance (and unique one) of Croydon being an 'island' part of the Diocese of Canterbury. County boundaries are quite as irrational as those of Dioceses. Worcestershire is an illustration of this. On Mr. Kippin's own showing it would appear that the Association of which he is hon. secretary is hardly necessary at all, since most of the ground is served by other Societies. It only appears necessary for some arrangement to be made for Croydon and for the Society known as The London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (has anyone ever heard of a Diocese of North Southwark?) to reorganise itself into a Southwark Diocesan Guild, in order to render it completely unnecessary.

I regard it as a pity that my own Association does not change its name to 'The Chelmsford Diocesan Guild,' to which might be coupled 'late The Essex Association.' I am only deterred from pursuing the matter further because I have only been a resident member about seven years. On the one occasion that I brought the matter up the opposition appeared to come entirely from members of several years' standing, who thought more of an old-standing association with a name than they did of the best interests of our Association. In this instance no change of boundary is involved, which would simplify procedure considerably.

Similarly, it seems to me that in the case of the Redfordshire and Hertfordshire Associations these should comprise a St. Albans Diocesan Guild. Such a change, although trivial in nature, might conceivably add considerably to the status of the two Associations concerned.

It was not originally my intention to digress at such length on these matters, but I shall be grateful to you, Mr. Editor, if you can find sufficient space to give this letter in full, and I shall feel I have not written in vain should it cause some who are interested in ringers' organisations to give some thought to the possibilities that lie along the lines I have indicated.—Yours truly,

Colchester. EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

THE PROPOSED SCHOOL OF BELL RINGING.

BY A. S. ROBERTS.

Mr. Cave is looking ahead, and we must thank him for doing so, but his sense of vision has been lost by several correspondents. Naturally, such a proposal will take a long while to materialise, but it is to be hoped that it has already set our greater minds on the Central Council thinking. We have only to remember the Stedman Commemoration, and we are at once convinced of the fruits that can be borne by a combined effort through organised channels.

It appears that the present problem is one of finance. This is evident from the letters which have appeared on the subject, and as the actual foundation of a 'School of English Church Bellringing' is far distant, several years will, no doubt, pass before sufficient funds have accumulated to found such a school. Let us hope that this problem will be tackled in the proper manner when a definite and authoritative move is made, and in the meantime consider the advantage and usefulness of such a school, how its existence might be beneficial to the Exercise at large, and how it might help to eliminate some of the difficulties which are continually arising.

If Guilds, Associations and local towers, the last perhaps more than any, are to produce the very best results, and if progress is to be the one ambition and desire, the leadership must be in the hands of the most capable. Only too often we see ringers drift away because of the continuation of an old tradition which becomes tiresome. We are glad that the more brilliant ringers are usually recognised, but this is not always the case, and our proposed school could help us immensely in this respect, and could speak with authority. If a young ringer assumes to himself knowledge of certain matters, his own assumption is not enough, he needs the authority which would testify his ability. This is where an examination would be most useful, and it would be to a school of ringing, founded by the Exercise itself, that one would look for the necessary authority.

In addition to the suggested test in ringing, composing and conducting, it would be wise to test the student's knowledge of bells and bell hanging, and the Art in general to determine his interest in all matters connected therewith. Naturally, there would be different grades of examinations, as some conductors do not compose, and some composers do not conduct to any extent. The more good, practical and intelligent ringers we get, and the more they are recognised from their experience as conductors, ability and originality at composing, and correctness of handling a bell, and the ease which naturally follows at ringing the same, all testified to by a qualification of a certain grade, the easier and better it will be to select persons as having the ability to teach, and having taught, the knowledge to lead any band to progress faster than many do at present.

Your article on 'Ringers who drift away' certainly makes one think of the many causes, the primary one being lack of interest which checks any desire to continue. There is, however, another problem which we can call, that of the 'useless ringer,' who learns to handle a bell badly however good the instruction may be, will strike badly, sticks to a band like a limpet to a rock, is always the first to make a fuss, who usually stops away when he could fill a gap, and turns up if he is not wanted: in fact, a most troublesome and tiresome person. Our school might set us a standard of general efficiency, accepted by every Guild and Association, which would eliminate and rid us of such a person, often a greater problem than that of finance.

The question of a National Association is one which will have to be handled with great caution, and, to be candid, does not appear to have a very wide appeal. How is it to be proceeded with? It would revolutionise all present organisations. We must agree with Mr. Kippin that the overlapping in his district gives cause for general complaint, but we have also to point out that Diocesan Guilds, firmly established, recognised, and welcomed as diocesan organisations, are extremely jealous of this title as a setting and background, and sincerely hope that the protective distinction shall remain so that our connection with the Catholic Church in England shall never appear to be altered by change of title. For instance, we in the Diocese of Truro would very much resent our title being altered to the 'Cornish Branch of the National Association of Ringers.' Since the beginning of the Oxford Movement, a great deal has been done so that Ringers' Guilds are more and more recognised as a valuable organisation within a diocese, and we do not want the Central Council to have before it next year, when the Centenary of this Movement is to be celebrated, a proposal to form a National Association.

Rather, we would wish the Council to express a strong desire and recommendation for reorganisation in Diocesan Guilds, where possible, and we would also like to see the appointment of a committee to draw up a proposal of such reorganisation. Of course, it would be a representative committee which would understand the difficulties. We desire the Council to lead us in all matters, and in important matters as recently and herein discussed It must be our guide. As a body it has done much for the Exercise, and it will do more.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN SOUTER.

A SUFFOLK VETERAN.

A well-known stalwart in Suffolk ringing has passed away in the person of Mr. John Souter, of Diss, who, had he lived until the 21st of this month, would have been 82 years of age. Mr. Souter died on Saturday after only a short illness. Prior to that he had been rarely indisposed, and it was not until he was 80 that he was visited by a doctor.

Mr. Souter was a native of Mendham, near Harleston, and had lived since 1884 in Diss, being the licensee of the Sun Inn. He had been associated with ringing since boyhood, and helped to ring the bells at Mendham in celebration of the marriage of the late King Edward. Mr. Souter was a fine ringer, and very outspoken if there was any bad striking. A certain clergyman who went to ring at Diss, and made a very poor hand at striking, was admonished by Mr. Souter something after this manner: 'Sir, you are the worst striker we ever had in this steeple, but it is not your fault. It is the fault of the ringers who taught you. When you handled your rope wrongly, and made bad attempts in ringing rounds, they told you it was quite all right because they were afraid to offend you.'

Right up to the day before his last illness, Mr. Souter rang regularly. He had rung 218 peals in all, many of which he conducted, including one by a band of septuagenarians.

The bells of Diss Parish Church were rung half-muffled on Sunday, and the funeral took place on Wednesday.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

On Saturday the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, following their custom of visiting as many towers as possible, held a meeting at Cramlington. This colliery village possesses a fine church with a peal of six bells (tenor 20 cwt.). The bells were kept going from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall for tea. An excellent repast had been prepared by the friends of the local ringers, which was thoroughly enjoyed. The Rev. —. Fox, the curate, joined the company, and apologised for the absence of the Vicar, who had only that day returned from holiday.

A short business meeting was held to elect officers for the ensuing session. Messrs. John and R. S. Anderson having expressed their intention of not standing for another year, Messrs. W. L. Gofton and Richard A. Gofton were elected vice-president and district secretary respectively in their places.

The retiring vice-president thanked the members for their support, and hoped the same help would be given to his successor.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for the excellent tea.

After a short touch on the handbells, a return was made to the tower, where many methods were rung. Everyone agreed that the meeting had been successful, and especially for the assistance given to the younger ringers.

REV. ROBERT HERRICK'S CHURCH.

HELP NEEDED FOR BELL RESTORATION FUND.

Dean Prior, near Buckfastleigh, Devon, is situate about midway between Exeter and Plymouth, on the main road.

The Church is dedicated to St. George the Martyr.

Two of its stained glass windows have been placed in the church within the last seven years: one to the memory of the very well-known and much beloved Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Perry Keene, and his wife, who both died in 1926; the other, subscribed for by lovers of the erstwhile Poet-Vicar of Dean Prior, the Rev. Robert Herrick. He was appointed to the living in 1629, thrust out during the Commonwealth, and returned after the Restoration. He died at Dean in 1674, and was buried in some spot unknown to-day. Some think in one of the aisles, others under one of the yew trees in the churchyard.

The tower of the church contains a ring of five bells, with a tenor of 13 cwt. The treble is by Warners, and dated 1886. The second was recast by Hamblyn, of Blackawton, in 1836, and the third and fourth are by Pennington, dated 1734. The tenor, dated 1734, is by Henry Mudge.

It is interesting to note that on the three back bells are the arms of John Yarde, who would evidently be of the same family as the present Vicar of Dean Prior, the Rev. Canon the Hon. R. J. Yarde-Buller. For some years past the 'go' of the bells has been far from satisfactory, and the tower has been in a state of dilapidation. In June, 1929, it was deemed necessary to cease all ringing, as it was considered it would damage the tower. Steps are being taken to obtain funds for their restoration, and a new treble bell has been generously offered to increase them to six. Estimates have been obtained from two well-known firms of founders, and it is evident that over £400 will be required. As the parish is a very poor one, it is necessary to appeal to the outside public, and any donations, however large or small, will be very gratefully received by the Rev. Canon the Hon. R. J. Yarde-Buller, Dean Prior Vicarage; the Churchwardens at Dean Prior; Mr. Edgar Hoare, Higher Dean, Buckfastleigh; or Mr. A. L. Bennet, 9, Bossell Terrace, Buckfastleigh.

BURTON WORTHIES.

ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE 'ANCIENT CLAN.'

Through the generosity of Mr. W. W. Worthington, each year there gathers together the 'ancient clan' of Burton, and although time, in its inexorable march, gathers them one by one to their rest, the 'family' make the best of their time in fraternal reunion. This year—on August 27th—they met as usual at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, and the first arrivals consisted of Mr. W. W. Worthington, Messrs. J. Jaggar, J. Austin, W. Smith, E. W. Beadsmoore, J. Hough, J. H. Swinfield, J. George, and 'Maurice, the Stedmanite.' After a memento group photo had been taken, they adjourned to the belfry, where Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were rung. During the latter touch the party was augmented by the arrival of Messrs. J. Oldham, of Loughborough Bell Foundry, and Ernest Morris, of Leicester, better known as the author of the 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' A course of Caters was rung, and then all hustled down to motor to Alrewas. Here a fine ring of eight were set going to Maurice's favourite method, while Morris explored archæology. Then Double Norwich was essayed, and John J. did a few gymnastic tricks on the treble. Away again (after Maurice had had a little practice on his yo-yo) to Netherseale, through some very fine country. Here, as may be guessed from the numerous peal tablets, was formerly the home of Mr. Worthington, and, although the ring is a left-handed one, Stedman Triples and Kent Major were rung. Off again to Tamworth, and here, in a magnificent church, hang a worthy ring of eight, recently overhauled and rehung by Taylor's. After another go on his yo-yo, Maurice called a musical odd bob touch of Stedman, at the conclusion of which the 'still small voice' of the youth from Birmingham exclaimed, 'I'd love to turn the tenor in to Double Norwich.' His wish was gratified! Then to Lichfield St. Michael, whose churchyard is reputed to be one of the largest in England.

After noting the gravestone inscription of the parents of his (so he believes, but not yet definitely established) ancestor, Dr. S. Johnson, the 'author' pulled up the tenor in a very fine 'rise.' On Mr. Worthington suggesting 120 Grandsire Doubles, and J. O. volunteering to call it, the 'author' gasped to find only six bells in the tower, and he thought there were eight! Evidently he had been with his departed ancestors during the raising of the bells, for it was noted he had his eyes shut! Touches of Stedman and Plain Bob brought the ringing to a close, when tracks were made for Maple Hayes to enjoy the hospitality of our host. After a look round the grounds, full justice was done to the sumptuous fare provided.

Adjourning, the evening was spent in recounting past adventures, viewing Mr. Worthington's book of memoirs, etc., and J. C. hopelessly trying his hand at yo-yo! The titbit of the evening was Maurice performing at the piano a course of Double Norwich, and a touch of Stedman Triples called by J. George, who also called the same on handbells. After J. J. had sung how it should be rung, he and the 'author' played a tune on handbells, when J. J. broke out into song again! About this time our host was missing, but later was espied in a corner taking a lesson from Maurice on the yo-yo. Evidently he was not successful, for the remark was heard in an undertone, 'Here, take the blank thing, it's only a kid's plaything.' All too soon the time arrived for each to wend his way homewards, after giving the host a hearty vote of thanks, and expressing a wish that all might be present again another year.

AN OLD PEAL MODERNISED.

The peal of Bob Major rung 'in hand' at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry was arranged from the well-known six-part peal by J. Reeves. The calls were first rearranged so as to keep the 2nd out of 5-6, and the peal was shortened to five parts on the plan believed to have been first introduced by the Rev. E. Bankes James, but subsequently used by many other composers.

5040 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	M	H
34256			2
53246	—	(b)	3
52436	—		2
64235		(a)—	—
23645	—		—

Four times repeated.

(a) Call single for bob in first part.
(b) Call single for plain in fourth part.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. James' Church, West Derby, Lancs, on September 1st, a date touch of 1932 changes (492 Oxford Bob and 720 each Oxford and Kent Treble Bob), in 1 hour 9 minutes: E. L. Corteen (longest length) 1, D. Parry 2, J. Brown (conductor) 3, J. Martin 4, J. McKee 5, H. Hancock 6. Longest length on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank two years ago, the 'go' being all that is desired.

5,040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR.
AND THE REV. E. B. JAMES' CAMBRIDGE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the 1927 Edition of The Central Council's 'Rules and Decisions,' page 15, it is laid down as a condition of peal ringing that 'On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds' (1898). Therefore, the Rev. E. Bankes James' composition of Cambridge Surprise Minor does not consist of seven true and complete 720's. In this peal there are two touches of 2160 each (three 720's spliced) and one 720. It is a fact that if the initial row 123456 is taken to be part of the first lead, and so on throughout the peal, each 720 is true, but as the first change FROM rounds is 214365, and the peal MUST end WITH rounds, six of the 720's in this composition are false in themselves.

When the Council's definition of a peal of Minor was amended by the Hereford resolution, it was generally agreed that Mr. James' peal was thereby admitted, but I submit that the above condition rules it out of those peals of Minor consisting of 'seven true and complete 720's.' I make no attack on Mr. James' peal. It is an excellent composition, and, having rung it, I would not wish to ring 'seven true and complete 720's,' some with the tenors dodging the wrong way. But just to bring it within a certain 'decision' is not sufficient reason for completely ignoring another 'decision.' Would it be admitted in a peal of Triples? Suppose that I, in calling a peal of Stedman Triples, stopped the bells at the handstroke lead of 1325476, and then claimed to have rung a peal because rounds was rung at the beginning. Would it be passed without strong objections? It might be said that in any case the bells should come round, but why ring rounds twice in a peal of Triples, and why should not I have my rounds at the beginning instead of at the end, if such a right is claimed in Cambridge Surprise Minor?

The Hereford resolution was an attempt to bring the Council's definition of peals of Minor and Doubles up to date, and to include Mr. James' peal and similar compositions. It, however, does not go far enough, and should be amended to include such peals as Mr. Turner's one-part peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. This composition contains each of the 720 changes seven times only. So does Mr. James' peal, and so does a peal consisting of 'seven true and complete 720's.' How can one be false, and the others true, when they all contain the same changes exactly the same number of times?

This is not a matter of going backwards or forwards, but of widening the scope of ringing. A peal such as Mr. Turner's will test the ability of present-day conductors much more than calling seven separate 720's, and as such should be encouraged. The only real objection to ringing such a peal is, as was once scathingly said by a late member of the Council, 'that grandpapa did not do it.' I suggest that grandpapa would have done it if the great idea had occurred to him.

—Yours faithfully,

21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4. C. T. COLES.

COUNCIL'S RULES SHOULD BE ADHERED TO.

Dear Sir,—During the past three or four years I have often wondered whether a certain section of the Central Council wishes to thrust their ideas upon the Exercise. Several things have happened which, under existing laws laid down by the Council, are irregular.

Personally, I do not care what is rung, so long as it complies with the rules laid down from time to time by the Council. Amongst the Central Council publications is a book entitled 'Rules and Decisions,' on page 17 of which rules will be found which should be strictly adhered to if the Council is to be the proper authority. Rule: 'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, the bells striking round only once, at the end of each and immediately going into the next.' No one has any right to ring anything different to the above—that is, if the Council is to rule.

If a departure from the above rule is thought necessary, then alter it in a straightforward manner. There is no necessity to ring Bankes James' Cambridge Minor to get 5-6 right way in a peal. A peal can be obtained in seven different extents or variations, 5-6 right way, which will comply with the rules.

Taunton. J. HUNT.

At the meeting of the Central Council at Hereford in 1928 the rule referred to above was altered by, inter alia, the following:—

'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, rung without interval and without "rounds" or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720.'

A WILTSHIRE OUTING.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Rodbourne Cheney, Wilts, had their first annual outing on Saturday, when a party of 20 (including several friends) set off for a circular tour, stops being made for ringing at Marlborough, Pewsey and Upavon (where tea was also taken), and then on to Market Lavington, Devizes and Bishops Cannings. The ringing varied from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor, but, owing to the large number of six bell ringers, the eight bell ringing was confined to Stedman and Bob Major. Everyone voted the outing a success, and expressed the hope that it was the forerunner of many others to come. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the churches and all others who contributed to such a successful day.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
MEETING AT BANGOR.

The North Wales Association held their half-yearly meeting at Bangor on Saturday. About thirty members attended, representing Wrexham, Llandudno, Rhyl, Portmadoc and Bangor. Mr. A. J. Hughes (Bradford), the former Ringing Master of the Association, was also present. A service was held in St. David's Church, and conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Cybi Jones), who gave an interesting address and warmly welcomed the Association to Bangor.

At the business meeting which followed the secretary referred to the loss the Association had sustained by the death of the president (the Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones), and as a mark of respect the members stood in silence.

An apology for absence was received from the vice-president (Chancellor Watkin Davies), who unfortunately had caught a chill, and so was unable to attend. Two new members were elected, including the Rev. R. Cybi Jones, who is becoming quite proficient in the art of ringing.

Several alterations to rules and suggestions were discussed, but were adjourned to the annual meeting, which is to be held at Rhyl.

The business having been disposed of, tea, kindly provided by the local ringers, was partaken of.

Before returning to the belfry for further ringing, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. J. Hughes to the Vicar for presiding, and also to the ladies who had prepared a most excellent tea.

Some very good practice was put in under the guidance of the Ringing Master (Mr. A. E. Pegler). It was pleasing to note how well two or three of the lady ringers could handle their bell.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Hellingly on Saturday, August 27th, when about 20 members attended from Mayfield, Heathfield, Hastings (All Saints), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), and the local band. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Busch), who gave a most interesting address on bells.

A splendid tea was provided in the Parish Room, the Vicar presiding. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair, and Mr. C. M. Taylor, of Eastbourne, was elected an hon. member. The election of Mr E. H. Lewis, of Brasted, Kent, as a non-resident life member was confirmed.

The Secretary announced that the Association had now been split into four Divisions, and that the Eastern and Western Divisions were holding six meetings this year instead of four.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address at the service.

The Vicar, in responding, stated how pleased he was to welcome the Association, and only wished he had eight bells to offer them.

This concluded the business, and the members returned to the tower and kept the bells going until 8 o'clock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BUILDING UP A BAND AT LYTCHETT MATRAVERS.

The Wimborne branch held a quarterly meeting at Lytchett Matravers on September 3rd, when, despite the unfavourable weather, there was a good attendance.

The usual service took place, and the Rector (Rev. J. A. R. Swade) gave an excellent address, in the course of which he welcomed the company to this recently affiliated tower of the Guild. The bells were augmented from three to six last November, and he was very pleased—not only with the bells themselves, but with those they had to ring them. It was only at the time of dedication that the local ringing band was formed under the leadership of Mr. E. Head, all possessing little knowledge of the art, but with kind assistance from Poole, they now had become very promising. Five ladies are also receiving instruction (but one more is wanted), so that when a vacancy occurs it may be filled.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, followed by a business meeting. The Rector, who presided, was elected an hon. member.

Mr. J. I. Davis introduced 'The Ringing World' to the new members, who decided to purchase three copies regularly.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded by the Rev. C. A. Phillips to the Rector and to those who had helped in making such a successful meeting. The members then adjourned to the tower.

Earlier during the day the ringers were honoured by a visit to the belfry from Sir Evelyn and the Hon. Lady Cecil, accompanied by Commander Lane, of Bloxworth, and Mrs. J. A. R. Swade, who were deeply interested in the art, and intently watched a touch of Stedman being rung.

A BROKEN ROPE.

On Saturday an attempt for a peal of Surprise Minor, at Emberton, Bucks, was lost through a rope breaking, after ringing 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, York, and 600 of Durham: F. Maynard 1, H. W. Gayton 2, A. Smart 3, Miss E. Steele 4, C. W. Clarke 5, W. Perkins (conductor) 6.

IN THE WIMBORNE DISTRICT.

A GLOWING EXAMPLE.

Those who are acqueinted with the art of bellringing in this charming corner of the Salisbury Diocese need little telling of the splendid meetings that take place there. One cannot omit referring to the valuable and energetic secretary, the Rev. C. A. Phillips, who does much to make any such event an enjoyable one. An accomplished change ringer, he is always prepared to eliminate himself for the comfort of others, and once again his goodwill was bestowed upon the company who attended a meeting at Cranborne recently, visiting Crichel and Gussage St. Michael en route.

Prior to mentioning the details of ringing business, it may be amusing to reveal how 'spice' was added to the occasion. It was in the midst of the August heat wave. A coach left Bournemouth at 2 o'clock, and collected the 'strayed' in the course of its drive to Poole, where 'Fred' and his 'scholars' were in readiness. It then proceeded towards Wimborne. Only a short distance had been covered when a 'Morris' car—in the skilled hands of an adventurous-looking person—flashed by. However, it did not hold its pace or place, for, after leaving Wimborne, it was a case of 'finding way,' and consequently the 'witty Morris' crawled at the rear, for we were able to accept the route from a member who, to our knowledge, was familiar with the district; but apparently he was out for fun, and not until a road-sign indicated Crichel one mile in the opposite direction to which we were travelling did we discover his idle intentions. So we returned accordingly—meanwhile, the 'Morris' had made inquiries as to the direction of the church, and considered itself possessing sufficient information to overtake again, gave us the signal to follow. The result was we were misled to some country mansion. A motor-cycle had by that time ranked in procession, and this, with car and coach, came to a standstill on private property. So back again—three times through one village—but the 'Morris' had not digested the instruction of a native this time, and promptly challenged us to the church. It was a strange road, but all was well, and the most enthusiastic 'fans' from North Dorset were ready to greet us.

The bells were soon swinging, but slipping ropes for a while caused a little inconvenience. Eventually 'Jim' remedied the situation, enabling a few short touches to be rung.

The length of the journey caused time here to be limited, but it was anticipated the run to Gussage would be simple and provide an opportunity to recover some of the lost minutes. But yet again a little way on the road and further inquiries as to the route led to the discovery that we had been carefully 'misguided' along three sides of a square instead of one. Nevertheless, we arrived, finding 'Morris' parked in the churchyard entrance. The moral is, 'If you want to find your way, never ask a native.'

A very hearty welcome was extended by the Rector, the Rev. O. M. Stent, whose interesting talks added considerably to the pleasure of the visitors. An old Jacobean staircase led to the ringing chamber, where an unusual right-hand ring was experienced.

But the story does not end here. Mr. Good, churchwarden, refreshed the company with 'cider,' which was partaken of beneath the shady yew. The curious growth of the tree led to a discussion, but an expert on the matter 'could see' that two trees had grown into one. This apparently testified to the quality of the cider. We understand an invitation has been accorded to visit Gussage next year at 'cider-time.'

We went on to Cranborne, and, on passing through 'St. Giles,' some cheerful person pointed out the 'old stocks,' but it is pleasing to state no one qualified for them just then. A fair number partook of tea at Cranborne, including a goodly number of ladies, without whom no party is complete.

A brief business meeting followed, in the course of which Mr. J. I. Davis expressed sympathy, on behalf of the company, with the Rev. C. A. Phillips, who had sustained the loss of his brother-in-law. It was decided to convey condolence to those who are mourning the loss of Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, one of the oldest members of the Guild. The gathering stood in silence as a token of respect.

The speaker then made reference to 'The Ringing World.' He said those who profess to have the cause at heart should not hesitate to support their specialised journal, for if the Exercise were suddenly left without a paper devoted to its interests, it would be a staggering blow. He mentioned how one copy had been shared in a tower among the whole band, but this was not good enough—one between every two ringers should be the least. 'In our own tower (Poole),' he said, 'we have ordered four extra copies, in addition to those obtained regularly in the past. This,' he added, 'is an example I trust many others will adopt.'

A vote of thanks was accorded to those who had given much consideration to the company, and for such a splendid tea, the appreciation of which was shown by what was consumed.

The ringers then proceeded somewhat lazily to the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich were rung.

Although only a practice meeting, there was a good attendance, and the ever keen and enthusiastic Ringing Master, Mr. F. W. (Fred) Townsend, with the popular Mr. W. C. (Bill) Shute, of North Dorset, rendered much help to the 'enterprising' learner. We were glad to

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Fryerning on Saturday last. Ringers were present from Braintree, Broomfield, Bentley (St. Paul's), Chelmsford, Cheshunt, Great Baddow, Galleywood, Woodford, Romford, Writtle, Springfield and Fryerning. The Rector (the Rev. C. S. Trimble) conducted the service, and gave an inspiring address. Tea was served in the Rectory, given by the members and friends of the local band.

The business meeting followed, Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P. (Master of the Association), taking the chair. Two non-resident life members were elected.

It was arranged to hold a mid-week meeting at Writtle about the middle of October. The exact date will be announced later.

The annual district meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, November 26th.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, the ladies and the local band for their warm welcome.

A VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH.

The famous Loughborough Bell Foundry was the venue selected for the annual outing of the Guilsborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Starting from East Haddon at 1.30 p.m. via Welford to pick up others of the party, the journey was made via Leicester, through beautiful Leicestershire scenery, which was looking at its best on this lovely August afternoon. The foundry was reached just after 3.30, when the party were met by Messrs. Fidler and Stubbs, of the foundry staff, and the Guild Master, Mr. F. Wilford, and his party, who had arrived earlier, and others who had made the journey by car, all being eager to make the best of the time at their disposal. They were escorted round the foundry, where they saw many fine bells in various stages of manufacture from the mould to the tuning shop, which, although being the least compartment, is the most important of all, as everyone must know who has heard the famous Taylor bells. After this interesting tour, the visitors found more excitement, as the foundry campanile was at their disposal, and good use was made of these 'little beauties' from rounds to Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples.

Tea was served at the Enterprise Cafe. Next came ringing on the fine peal of ten (tenor 30 cwt.) at the Parish Church, which were made good use of in various methods until 7 p.m. After visiting the famous war memorial carillon, and a 'welcome refresher' by the kind hospitality of Mr. Fidler, a start on the homeward journey was made at 8.30. Everyone agreed that a most enjoyable afternoon had been spent, made possible only by the kind hospitality of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

G. A. H.

LUTON RINGERS' TRIP.

The annual outing of the Luton Parish Church bellringers took place on Saturday, August 27th, when they visited Loughborough. The day was all that could be desired, and the journey was made by the noon 'Scotsman' train of the L.M.S. Railway, seats being reserved for the party. Lunch was partaken of on the train. The ringers were met at Loughborough by Mr. C. Harrison, Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s representative, who piloted them round the bell foundry. There were various peals of bells on view, which included the frame and new peal of 13 bells for Leeds Parish Church and the old peal of 10 from Ripon Cathedral. A visit was then made to the Campanile for a ring on the light peal of 10, the treble weighing about 2 gr. and the tenor 6½ cwt. The visitors soon got used to this light ring, and rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major.

After tea at the Enterprise Cafe, a visit was made to the Parish Church of All Saints, with its lovely ring of 10 bells, the methods rung on this grand peal being Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and London Surprise Major. The Luton band wish to thank the Vicar of All Saints', Messrs. Taylor and Co., for the use of the bells and the visit to the bell foundry, and Mr. Harrison, for looking after the visitors, who will ever remember their first visit to Loughborough.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Knutsford, Cheshire, on Tuesday, August 30th, 2,520 Bob Minor, in 1 hour 25 minutes: J. Webb 1, R. Hough 2, J. Johnson 3, C. Pothecary 4, N. Hough 5, S. Hough (conductor) 6. Rung to commemorate the Mrs. Caskell centenary.

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have the assistance of two ringers who had been less fortunate in peal attempts at Ringwood and Southampton during the day, but who retained sufficient energy to join us in the evening. 'Fred' went home delighted after the 'perfect touch' of 'Double Norwich,' while others amongst the community still talk of the good drinks at Gussage.

Thus the day ended, as one may term it, like a sweet song, but its tune will linger on.

L. F. C.

NOTICES.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Sept. 29th, St. Magnus on the 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ashford, on Saturday, September 10th, by kind permission of Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair, M.C., M.A. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting and election of officers. A good attendance is looked for, and a card for tea would be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, September 10th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus and train will be met by arrangement. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Patrington, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea 1s. 6d. each, on Rectory Lawn, if fine. The presentation to Mr. A. B. Cook, the late Dis. Sec., will be made at this meeting.—Horace S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harpole on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, September 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. A. Webb, 2, Kimberley Terrace, Lyminge, on or before Friday, September 9th?—Percy W. Smith.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at Mirfield. Bells (10) available from 1 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head,—Wm. Ambler, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Enstone on Saturday, Sept. 10th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, at the Angel Inn, 5 p.m.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec. Weston House, Weston, Bath.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Great Yarmouth, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m, Rev. Canon Aubrey Atkins presiding. All visitors welcome.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting, on invitation of the Vicar, at South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available after 2.30. Tea in Mission Room at 5 o'clock, 6d. each.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A 'meeting-cum-outing' will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing arrangements: Bedfont (6), 3.15-4.30 p.m.; Stanwell (5), 4.45-5.15 and 6.15-7 p.m.; Harmondsworth (6), 7.30-8.45 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf, Stanwell, at 5.15 p.m. Assistance of motor transport welcomed, but buses (116 and 506) connect. Route 116 leave Hounslow at 2.53 and Bedfont 3.15 and then hourly. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buckhorn Weston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Liverpool and Wirral Branches will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. For tea notify Mr. H. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.—Claude I. Davies, H. Brocklebank, Branch Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The annual district meeting at Sawston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in the Church Institute, at 5 o'clock. Election of district officers. Please apply for diagram of Sawston Imperial.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Redditch on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service in church at 4.15, with address by the Vicar (Rev. L. Bradley). Bells available at 3 p.m.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

BRIDFORD, near EXETER.—The ring of six bells restored by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton at 7 p.m. on Thursday, the 15th inst.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—WITHAM.—Dedication of two trebles, to complete the octave, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, at the Parish Church, Saturday, September 17th. Service 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Church House for those who give notice to Mr. A. Evers, 6, Chipping Hill, Witham, not later than Thursday, September 15th. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., North-Eastern Division.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting will be held at Knaresborough on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head to all who make application to the Rev. J. L. Ogle, The Vicarage, Knaresborough, not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 14th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid without delay.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravensfield Common, near Rotherham.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Cricket match versus Wrington and Others, at Wrington, on Saturday, September 17th. Private bus leaves St. Stephen's Church, Bristol, 1.15 p.m., fare 1/8 return. Tea at moderate charge. Annual dinner.—Preliminary Notice. —The annual dinner will held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 21st, at 6 p.m. Bishop of Malmesbury guest of the evening.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, September 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head, followed by the business meeting.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A joint meeting with the Warwickshire Guild will be held at Burbage on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, at 5. Please endeavour to make this meeting a success.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Llangattock, on Saturday, September 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5, kindly supplied by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsclere and Wolverton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Kingsclere Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Kingsclere Schools. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 12th to Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Littleham Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Service at 4 p.m., with address by the Vicar of Exmouth. Tea 4.45. Please send numbers by Sept. 12th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock will be arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. — J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary and All Saints', Beaconsfield, on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Miss D. Fletcher, 11, Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.— The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, September 17th, instead of the 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held as a joint one with the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, September 17th, at Burbage, near Hinckley. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Please turn up in good numbers.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 24th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1/3 per head, followed by business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, the 21st?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Meeting at 5.30. Further particulars later.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5, and tea, at 1/- per head, 5.30. Please notify Mr. A. G. Measures, 22, Rother View Road, Canklow, Rotherham, by Thursday, the 22nd, for tea.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.— Next meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1/- each, at 5.30. Please advise Mr. W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, N.14, if you require tea. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A summer outing meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (10) at 2.30. Tea and meeting at 5.30, at Harvest Home. Ringing and social hour after. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Kippin, 18, Guy Road, Beddington, by the 15th. Cheap returns from London termini. All ringers and friends welcomed. —J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich (8 bells), on Saturday, September 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. —D. Brown, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.30 (9d. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Sept. 14th without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Cowley on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Please notify me by the 13th inst. those who intend being present. — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a six-bell contest and quarterly meeting at Kirkburton on Saturday, September 24th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those requiring tea, 1/6 each, please send not later than September 19th to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify Mr. B. W. Pettitt, Alderford Street, Sible Hedingham, not later than Thursday morning, the 22nd.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. Lionel Lambert, Rector, at 4.45. Tea (1/-) at 5.30. Reports for distribution. Please send word by Tuesday, 20th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) available early. Will those who require tea kindly notify Mr. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmton Road, Cresswell, by Wednesday, September 21st? Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampford Speke on September 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 (1/- each). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by September 19th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, October 1st. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The eleventh annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past Officers of the Association will be held at Stephenson's Exchange Restaurant, Castle Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available for touches from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Also Handsworth bells (8, tenor 12 cwt.) are offered for peal attempt, all applications to be made as early as possible to Mr. F. Watkinson, 159, Old Hall Road, Handsworth, Sheffield. Good accommodation found for visitors staying overnight. Applications for dinner tickets (price 4/- each) to be made to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, October 4th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 87, Bradley St., Crookes, Sheffield, 10.

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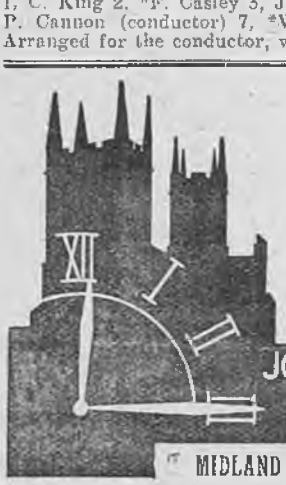
MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Thorne 1, C. Strawbridge 2, G. Stacey 3, W. Knight 4, F. Date 5, L. Mason 6, J. Pugsley (conductor) 7, W. Male 8. Rung for morning service, and a compliment to Mr. J. Pugsley for his 60th birthday.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On Sunday evening, July 10th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 minutes: W. Baldwin 1, C. King 2, *F. Casley 3, J. Sumpter 4, W. Soer 5, R. Roffey 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, *W. Bradbrook 8. * First quarter-peal. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Deal, Kent.



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THE COUNCIL'S PEAL DEFINITIONS

The 5,040 Oxford Treble Bob Minor recently rung at Ealing has raised anew the question of what shall be accepted as a peal on six bells, and the Central Council will have to make up its mind what it is going to do on this thorny subject, if its authority in these matters is to be maintained. At present its rulings are being ignored in some quarters, but the Council cannot continue to accept this situation and retain its dignity. Years ago it laid down certain definitions of what was to be recognised as a peal; at Hereford in 1928 it amended its definition of a peal of Minor and, for the first time, set down a definition for a peal of Doubles. It did this because it considered it was bringing its rules more into line with advancing practice. But certain ringers, led by members of the Methods Committee, quickly discovered that this amendment did not go far enough to meet their own views, and they have put forward the argument that any 5,040 on six bells, which contains all the 720 changes seven times—no matter in what order they are produced—has an equal claim to be called a ' peal ' as a 5,040 comprised of seven true 720's.

When this new contention was advocated at Chelmsford in 1929 the Council, by its voting on various motions which were submitted, vacillated and, in its indecision, compromised on its attitude towards peal compositions which do not consist of true 720's. The Council cannot, however, much longer defer a decision. There may be those who would advocate leaving things as they are, merely because they have not reached finality. But there cannot be finality in ringing any more than in any other science. If the new ideas are really in the interests of the art—and truth is the foundation of it, at any rate as far as peal ringing is concerned—then the Council should further amend its rules so that there can be no misconception and in order that its own members shall not ride roughshod over its decisions.

If the existing rules are not sufficiently elastic to cover what, in the opinion of the Exercise, should in these days be recognised as a peal on five or six bells, the Council should adopt the necessary amendments—or scrap the rules altogether. It is useless to have rules to establish a standard for peal ringing if they are not acceptable to the Exercise. To do so is to lower the prestige of the Council, and the Council would be better without them. There is no need, however, to scrap the rules. The members should be prepared to express an opinion on a subject of this kind—that is what they are there for—and if they are of opinion that the present rules do not meet the case, they should alter them.

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KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HENRY H. FEARN	...Treble	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	*C. HOWARD STANLEY	7
†GEORGE E. LARGE	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
†CHARLES E. LAWSON	4	FRED PRICE	9
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	GEORGE F. SWANN	...Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.

ST. ALBANS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*HAYDN E. GOODYEAR	...Treble	BEN JARMAN	6
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM	2	SIDNEY R. GARDNER	7
JOHN W. MALYAN	3	FREDERICK J. SPICER	8
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	9
HAROLD V. FROST	5	THOMAS J. HULL	...Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	...Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON	6
ERNEST J. KING	2	FRANCIS E. DAWE	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	8
GEORGE CROSS	4	HARRY MANCE	9
GEORGE A. CARD	5	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	...Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Thomas Wilfred Taffender, assistant secretary of the above association, and Miss Jessie Margaret Foote, which took place the same day at the Church of St. Saviour and the Holy Cross, Raynes Park, Wimbledon.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY PLATT	...Treble	ROSE BELL	5
WILLIAM BERRY	2	HAROLD HAMER	6
JOSEPH OGDEN	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	4	HERBERT DAVENPORT	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT	...Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
OLIVER SIPPETTS	2	ALFRED J. BULL	6
JOHN W. WARD	3	CECIL NICE	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	FREDERICK DENCH	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. DENCH.

DEVIZES, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(DEVIZES BRANCH.)
On Sunday, September 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE WINTER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. SWIFT	5
VINCENT E. SWIFT	2	WILLIAM C. WEST	6
SIDNEY HILLIER	3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... ...	7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	...*Tenor*

J. T. DYKE'S TRANSPOSITION OF J. HUNT'S COMPOSITION.
Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
Sidney Hillier has now completed the 'circle' of the tower.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

MARK LANE	...*Treble*	ALBERT FLEET	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2	H. DOUGLAS HARRIS	6
MISS EVELYN STEEL	3	HORACE H. SMITH	7
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS	4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.
A farewell peal to the Rev. B. C. Pratt, Vicar, and Miss Tanquery, churchwarden, who have recently resigned office at this church.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST W. FORBANK	...*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH	5
*THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. This composition contains 2,944 of London, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative and 608 of Bristol. Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE THREE-PART, No. 87
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	J. CHARLES DICKEN	6
MAURICE SWINFIELD	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	JOHN CURTIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
This composition is now rung for the first time and is the first peal of Stedman Triples in three equal parts.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, September 8, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

JACK GIBBONS	...*Treble*	THOMAS J. ELTON	5
ARTHUR HINGLEY	2	HARRY BOSWELL	6
DAVID HINGLEY	3	WILLIAM FISHER	7
DANIEL MATKIN	4	BERT HORTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BERT HORTON.
First peal in the method for the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd, who, together with the conductor, are members of the local band. Rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells (a peal of Bob Major rung on August 27th, 1810), and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Horton, mother of the conductor.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On Friday, September 9th, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Metcalf 1, F. Looker 2, J. Ralph 3, H. Sanger 4, W. Shute 5, E. Coward (conductor) 6.

TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS	...*Treble*	FREDERICK A. ADAMS	5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	2	WILLIAM T. PALMER	6
NORMAN C. LEWIS	3	WILLIAM BIGGIN	7
WILLIAM J. THYNG	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 396).
First peal in the method on the bells.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK MAY	...*Treble*	SYDNEY TAYLOR	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ...	2	ALBERT E. LOCK	6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	3	RICHARD A. POST...	7
HARRY MILES	4	GORDON CAUDWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.
First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN SPARROW	...*Treble*	EDWARD G. TALBOT	5
DANIEL COOPER	2	ROYDON DAVIES	6
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	3	FRANK E. DARBY...	7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major by the association, upon the bells and by all the band. This peal contains 2,880 changes of Cambridge and 2,176 of Superlative.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM LINCOLN	...*Treble*	†EDWARD G. ELLINGER ...	5
THOMAS LINCOLN	2	GEORGE GREEN	6
PERCY GREEN	3	JOHN WOOD...	7
*FREDERICK A. WATTS ...	4	ARTHUR HEAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Payne and his daughter.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	...*Treble*	TOM SAUNDERS	5
*MRS. H. BAKER	2	*THOMAS E. SONE	6
MISS MARGARET PACK ...	3	WILLIAM BUTTON	7
CHARLES H. SONE	4	ALBERT RELFE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 100th peal together; both have rung the same number of peals, viz., 177. Credit is due to Miss M. Pack, who, although only 15 years of age, rang well throughout. This was her first attempt for a peal on eight bells. A birthday peal for Mrs. C. H. Sone. The composition, No. 80, is rung for the first time. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their kind hospitality after the peal.

FELSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

George Wiffen	...*Treble*	Frederick Ridgwell ...	5
Frank Claydon	2	Walter Arnold	6
Arthur Saunders	3	Lewis W. Wiffen	7
Herbert C. Reason	4	Albert Wiffen	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. Miller. Conducted by Albert Wiffen.
First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part.

Arthur Tomlinson ...	...*Treble*	Thomas Calderbank	5
*Thomas King	2	James Harrison	6
Norman Kenyon	3	Joseph Ridyard	7
†James Jackson	4	Fred Hindle	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Tomlinson.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

SEDBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Richard Dennison ...	...*Treble*	Thomas S. Jefferson ...	5
Frank Wilson	2	Edwin Jennings	6
Jim Tebay	3	Alexander Waddington	7
Hector Woodburn	4	*James E. Brown ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Jennings.
* First peal of Triples and belongs to Whitehaven. First peal of Triples on the bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(The All Saints' Guild, Feering.)
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*Stanley Fisher ...	...*Treble*	Ernest Mingay	5
William Keeble	2	*Henry Nicholls	6
John C. Newman	3	George Hayward	7
Stanley Pye	4	Frederick Fludder...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. Lockwood. Conducted by William Keeble.
* First peal. First peal by the Guild. The conductor has now rung peals with 500 ringers. The peal was a farewell to Prebendary A. E. Dalton on his retirement after 50 years in the ministry.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

William Wathen ...	...*Treble*	Harry D. Lister	5
Arthur Grimwood	2	William Stannard	6
Keith W. Whittell... ...	3	Garnham A. Blaxcell ...	7
George W. Ablitt	4	Lawrence Poulson ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by James Motts. Conducted by Garnham A. Blaxcell
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The ringer of the 2nd has now completed the circle in this tower.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

BASSINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, September 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Harold Walker... ...	...*Treble*	John Walden	4
Charles McGuiness	2	*Charles B. Lyon	5
John R. Freeman	3	George W. Creasey	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by G. W. Creasey
* First Surprise peal. J. R. Freeman's and J. Walden's 500th peal together.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, September 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being thirteen 240's of Pitman's and eight of Morris'. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

William Warren ...	...*Treble*	James T. Randle	4
*Charles Davies	2	James P. Hyett	5
T. William Rowley ...	3	Joseph T. Morris ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. Hyett.
* First peal. Rung on and as a birthday compliment to T. W. Rowley.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Horton, Biddulph, London, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

Samuel B. Bailey ...	...*Treble*	Charles S. Ryles	4
William P. Deane	2	William C. Lawrence ...	5
John E. Wheeldon	3	James Walley	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Wheeldon.
Rung on the 30th anniversary of the wedding of the Rector and Mrs. Hamlet, the ringers wishing them 'many happy returns.'

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*Ernest Swain	...*Treble*	†Thomas Hannan	4
John Woods	2	†Richard Rainford	5
†Alexander Waddington	3	Edwin Jennings ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Jennings.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Egerton, Kent.

NETTLEBED, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Fifteen callings.

*S. Smith	...*Treble*	A. P. W. Fletcher	4
*A. Jacobs	2	J. Smith	5
G. Wilkins...	3	J. Broad	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Smith.
* First peal. Ringers of 3rd and 4th are from Cholsey; the remainder are local.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Herbert L. Harlow	...*Treble*	Henry W. Gayton	4
Henry Stapleton	2	William Stock...	5
*Joshua J. Partridge ...	3	*Albert Minney... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Henry W. Gayton.
* First peal 'inside' in seven Minor methods.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT & BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents in 21 methods, viz: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Valo Royal and St. Werburg; (2) Trowell, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury; (3) Poynton and Old Oxford; (4) Bocking and Willesden; (5) Grove Delight and Neasden; (6) College Bob IV. and Wragby; (7) Oxford, Overton, Saudal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN ...	*Treble*	HARRY LANGLEY	4
WILLIAM FERNLEY	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	5
*JAMES A. MILNER	3	*ERNEST BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. BENNETT.

* First peal in 21 methods.

MINSTER, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SEXBURGA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of College Single. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MRS. EDWARD H. SPICE ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM SPICE	4
†WILLIAM J. WOOD	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	5
GEORGE KENWARD	3	EDWARD H. SPICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' This is the first peal of Minor on the bells, which were augmented to six in 1931 through the generosity of Mr. Hipwell, a resident. Mrs. Spice is the first lady to ring a peal in the Isle of Sheppey.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	1-2	*FRANK I. HAIRS	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE	7-8

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witnesses—Mrs. R. Richardson and Mrs. H. J. POOLE.

* 400th peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor size 13 in E.

RUPERT RICHARDSON	1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	MRS. F. I. HAIRS	7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witnesses—Mrs. R. Richardson and Mrs. H. J. Poole.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS	5-6
*HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witness—Mrs. R. Richardson.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

READING, BERKS.—On Wednesday, August 31st, for the Patronal Festival Service, at St. Giles' Church, 960 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 46 minutes: W. Osborne 1, Miss P. Holloway 2, L. T. Osborne 3, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 4, A. Bailey 5, J. Swain 6, A. Jeffery 7, H. Osborne 8. Longest in the method by ringers of 1, 2 and 7.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
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On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON	5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE	7-8
FRANK I. HAIRS	9-10		

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

Witnesses—Mrs. H. J. Poole and Mrs. R. Richardson.

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On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor size 13 in E.

HAROLD J. POOLE	1-2	FRANK W. PERRENS	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7-8

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Witnesses—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Mrs H. J. Poole and Mrs. R. Richardson

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
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On Friday, September 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE	7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
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On Sunday, September 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	MRS. F. I. HAIRS	7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. L. L. EAST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. JACK BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3-4	*HAROLD WALKER	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

FIRST 720 ON ANCIENT BELLS.

At Eythorne, Kent, on Monday, September 5th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: S. A. Bamford 1, Miss M. Pack 2, W. Terry 3, J. Pack 4, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 5. Believed to be the first 720 on the bells, an ancient peal, two of the bells dating from the 15th century and one from the 16th century.

AGED TEN!

At Witham, Essex, Freddy Mellin, who is ten years of age, has rung 360 Bob Minor on handbells: Freddy Mellin 1, W. Mellin 2, V. Glass 3, A. Evers 4, E. Bright (conductor) 5-6.

5,040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR.

AND THE REV. E. B. JAMES' CAMBRIDGE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I had no intention of taking any part in the discussion re the above peals, as I have on previous occasions expressed my views on these freak compositions in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' but there are one or two points in Mr. Coles' letter which appear to call for some comment. I quite agree with the greater part of his letter, but when he compares the above mentioned compositions as being equal in merit I cannot agree. I am not defending Mr. James' peal, only stating why I do not agree. It is admitted that both contain the 720 changes seven times repeated, but if we take 123456 as the first row in Mr. James' peal, we produce a true 720. Now what of the latest freak? We get repetitions galore, hand-stroke lead of the treble with the back-stroke lead, and then as a climax to the whole we have hand-stroke leads when the treble is dodging down, repeating with the back-stroke lead when it is dodging up, and this all in the first 720 changes. Is this going forward or backwards?

Mr. Coles writes that the peal—Mr. Turner's—should be encouraged, as it would test the ability of the present-day conductor. If this is his honest opinion, I am afraid his knowledge of the subject is very limited. May I suggest, sir, that Mr. Coles gets a band together, conducts Mr. Turner's peal and then turns his attention to Cambridge and conducts the peal given in your issue of Aug. 23rd, 1929, page 535, and, after a successful end to both peals, give your readers his opinion as to which tests the ability of the conductors the most, the seven 720's or Mr. Turner's peal?

I quite agree with Mr. Hunt that a section of the Central Council are trying to thrust their ideas on the Exercise, and on six-bell ringers in particular. If they will only leave us alone, I think there are plenty of purely six-bell ringers capable of progressing in an orthodox manner. You have only to look at the peal records to see why Mr. James' composition is rung. In two out of three you will find eight-bell ringers taking part, some only that the footnote may read, 'The ringer of the 3rd has now rung a peal on all numbers of bells, 6, 8, 10 and 12, in the above method.'

C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

THE COUNCIL'S RULES.

Dear Sir,—I should like very much to be allowed to say, 'Hear, hear,' to Mr. Hunt's letter on the question of peals of Minor—which, as he remarks, should comply with the rules laid down by the Central Council. At the same time, I think, possibly those rules do not to-day allow quite sufficient scope, and, if that is so, then, as Mr. Hunt remarks, the existing rule should be altered, and in a proper and straightforward manner. For that reason at the meeting at Chelmsford in 1929 I proposed that the Council should either delete the existing rule or ratify it. Unfortunately, they did neither; they simply allowed an alteration made at Hereford the previous year to go on, which alteration allows nearly anything to be rung and called a peal of Minor. If some such peals of Minor as are being rung, and some others which are being talked of, are to be recognised by the Council, then to go on printing the existing rule is ridiculous. For anyone to adopt the attitude that such 'up-to-date' peals should not be countenanced simply because 'grandpapa' did not do it is also ridiculous; and it is surely equally ridiculous to go on printing a rule with a 'tail' attached to it, which allows anyone wishing to do so to drive a coach and four through the whole thing. If the time has arrived (and, personally, I think it has) when the existing rule does not cover the requirements of the Exercise, then it is time that the rule and definition for peals of Minor should be brought up to date. The whole thing, as it stands to-day, is, to say the least, unconstitutional, and has the tendency to make 'Rules and Decisions' of the Council disregarded.

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

ANOTHER QUESTION.

Sir,—If a peal of 5040 Minor is to be considered true as long as it contains each change seven times, can anyone tell me whether a peal would be true if part of it was rung in the following form?:—

123456
214365
123456
214365
241635
426153
241635
426153
462513
645231
462513
645231
etc.

The calling could be as for an extent of Plain Bob, and, at the end, 1,440 changes would have been rung. And if it is true, is it 1440 Plain Bob or 1,440 Treble Bob? It seems to me that if repetitions by leads may occur within the length of 720, there is no reason why individual changes should not be repeated within a lead.

MINOR.

DODDERHILL'S NEW PEAL.

BISHOP OF WORCESTER AND THE USES OF BELLS.

On Thursday evening, August 25th, the Bishop of Worcester dedicated the bells of St. Augustine's Church, Dodderhill, in their new form of an octave peal, and he thus set a seal on what might be described as the zenith of the bells' remarkable history. Dodderhill Church, overlooking Droitwich from the crest of a hill, has for centuries been a Worcestershire landmark, and its bells have told succeeding generations in the surrounding countryside of happenings grave and gay. Although there is no record existing to show when the bells were added to the church, an entry in 1551 was made in the 'Inventories of Church Goods, King's Remembrancer,' which referred to five bells hanging in the steeple of 'Dedurhyll, whereof oon was bought att ye frierre at ye suppressyn of ye seyd howse, for the wyche we owe XLVIs. VIIId.'

No doubt most of those five bells suffered the fate of their kind in those days, and, even if they escaped spoliation at the hands of Edward VI., worse was to follow 100 years later. During the course of the Civil War more than half of St. Augustine's Church, including the nave and tower, was ruthlessly destroyed, and 50 years elapsed before a belfry tower again reared its head at Dodderhill. The tower built in the early years of the 18th century, however, has lasted until the present day, and, after several recastings, the bells with which Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove, equipped the tower in 1708 have served as the voice of the church for some 230 years. Mr. Sanders installed four bells, and these had been increased to six by 1756. So the peal was maintained until 1927, when it was found that the 200 years old bell-frame was unsafe. After consultations with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the bellfounders who made 'Great Paul,' the heaviest bell in the British Empire, it was decided to recast five of the bells, and to rehang them, with three new ones, on a steel frame. The old treble, which bears the inscription, 'Richard Sanders made mee 1708,' has been rehung as a separate bell, together with an old bell, formerly used at a chapel at Wychbold.

The impressive dedication service was preceded by a stately procession from the churchyard gate to the church, the clergy, with the Bishop, being accompanied by the Mayor and members of Droitwich Town Council, the borough magistrates, representatives of the bell-founders (Messrs. J. Oldham, manager, and D. Collins) and the ringers of Dodderhill, Messrs. F. Summerton, C. Smith, C. Harrison, H. Maycroft, A. Moseley, A. Thomas and W. Harrison. Ringers were present from Droitwich (St. Peter's), Suckley, Claines, Upton-on-Severn, Bromsgrove, Wychbold, Crowle, Old Hill, Wednesbury, Selly Oak, Northfield, Evesham, etc.

As the procession entered the church, which was crowded, the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung. Prayers followed, said by the Vicar, and after two psalms, the Rural Dean read the lesson from Corinthians xiv., 1-15. After the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' the Bishop proceeded to the bell tower, accompanied by the Rural Dean, the Vicar, churchwardens and parish clerk. The Bishop, having offered prayers for peace, greeted the ringers and representatives of the bellfounders, and at the invitation of the Vicar dedicated the bells to God's holy use. A short peal was rung while the procession returned to the stalls, and the Bishop then gave thanks to God that the bells had been refashioned, and prayed that they might arouse a true response in the hearts of those who rang them and of those who heard their music.

LARGE EXPENDITURE JUSTIFIED.

The hymn, 'Lifted safe within the tower,' preceded a sermon delivered by the Bishop.

Speaking from the text, 'Unto you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of man,' the Bishop said they were glad to have taken part in that service of thanksgiving at the end of a strenuous time for those in the parish of Dodderhill who had been striving to raise funds for an important piece of work. He knew something of the self-denial that had been exercised by many poor people in the parish, and the service on the previous Sunday evening was a witness to it. Yet the raising of £900 for anything to do with the Church to-day required some justification. They all knew the financial difficulties which they were experiencing, and they knew also the dreadful need of many church societies at home and abroad. What, then, were they to say about a single church spending £900 on its bells? Obviously the first answer would be that the bells were in themselves a great heritage, and when they were found to be badly hung, not capable of being properly rung, and not particularly well tuned, it was natural the people should be concerned and should do their utmost to hand the bells down to generations yet to come in a better condition. But he did not think that by itself would be sufficient justification. There must be something higher and deeper, and surely it lay in the fact that the bells were to be, as they had been in the past, a very real summons and a constant reminder to the people in the parish, and in Droitwich too, of the glory of God and His call to them to worship Him. Upon that ground they could really justify what had been spent on the restoration and enlargement of the peal of bells. There could be no question, at least there was none in his mind, that if there was one need greater than another to-day, it was that people should be roused to think more about God, to hear His call to worship, and to give Him the glory that was His due.

Speaking of the early history of bells, the Bishop said it was their use that really mattered most, and that mattered still to-day. In the olden days, when a bell was cast and placed in a church, it was baptised, so important was it thought to be. One prayer used at such a service was, 'Wheresoever this holy bell shall sound may all visitations of Satan, all dangers of whirlwinds, thunder, lightning and tempest be driven away; may devotion increase in every Christian when he hears it; and may the Lord sanctify them by His Holy Spirit and infuse in them the Heavenly dew of the Holy Ghost.' The importance of the bells was summed up in a mediæval Latin couplet, which, translated, was, 'I praise the true Lord; I call the people to worship; I gather together the clergy; I weep for the dead; I dissipate the cloud; and I give honour to the festival.' In pre-Reformation times the bells played an important part in the church services, and in reminding the people of all services and times of worship during the day. At Skipton Parish Church, in his last diocese, there was a remnant still of pre-Reformation times. The Angelus bell rang twice a day, in early morning and at night, omitting the usual third ringing of pre-Reformation times at mid-day. A use for the daily ringing of the bell was to remind those people who perhaps could not come to church that intercession was going on for them, and that they could join in, for, thank God, prayer could be said anywhere. It was indeed necessary, he added, that people should be reminded of the worship of God and His due on Sundays, when most people could come to church, but did not often do so, alas, to-day. The bells rang out and reminded them of God's due. Some people would, he knew perfectly well, say that was sentiment, and that he was trying to rouse a certain emotion in the heart by the sound of the bell. Well, after all, sentiment went a very long way in this life. They could not run their lives without sentiment. He felt quite certain one of the things which turned men back to the Church and to the worship of God Himself was the sound of the bells on Sundays. God grant that the Dodderhill bells might often remind them of the worship due to Him, and might pass to all the glad news of the Saviour's love which was shed abroad in their hearts through the Holy Ghost.

During the singing of 'When morning gilds the skies,' a collection was taken on behalf of the Bell Restoration Fund, and a sum of £15 10s. was received. The Te Deum was chanted prior to the Blessing, which was pronounced by the Bishop, and after the procession had left the church the bells rang out jubilantly.

All the ringers present appreciated the fact that the work has been carried out in a thorough manner, customary of the Loughborough firm. The tone of the bells is particularly sweet and mellow; and modern fittings having been supplied, the 'go' is excellent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bratton on Saturday, September 3rd. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Collett. Tea was served in the Church Institute, where 30 sat down, including the Vicar. At the business meeting which followed the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbothom) welcomed the visitors, namely Mr. F. Locker, of Frome, Mr. W. Tiley, of Bruton, and Mr. J. H. Beazer, of Mershfield. The secretary having sent a letter of good wishes from the branch to Mr. W. J. Mees, a reply was read before the meeting acknowledging same, with thanks.

On the proposition of Mr. S. Hillier, seconded by Mr. W. A. Swift, the election of the following as members of the Guild was confirmed: Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. F. White and Mr. W. J. Parsons as life ringing members, and Mr. R. H. Newton as a ringing member.

The Chairman then asked all towers in the branch area to celebrate on September 14th the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Guild by ringing and also arranging to hoist the flag on the church tower.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, to which the Vicar replied, especially thanking the members for attending.

During the visit to the church the members greatly admired the beautiful oak door which has been erected to the memory of the late Mr. B. L. Cook, who had been churchwarden, captain of the ringers and vice-chairman of the Devizes Branch for a number of years.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's, and St. James', Southbroom), Rowde, Bishop's Cannings, Warminster, Holt, Trowbridge, Melksham and Bretton, and the following methods were rung: Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. During the evening a party of 'stalwarts' visited Edington, where six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round.

'OLD BOYS' PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On Saturday, November 2nd, 1929, six members of the Christ Church, Macclesfield, service band rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor and claimed it as rung by 'old boys' of the day schools. Altogether the band have rung 14 peals which could be claimed as 'old boys' peals.

JOHN WORTH.

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Further letters on 'Why Ringers Drift Away' and reports of several outings are unavoidably held over.

The peal rung at Disley, Cheshire, on Saturday, is another reminder of the possibilities of Minor ringing. It comprised 21 Treble Bob methods spliced into seven true 720's. It is not, of course, a record in the number of methods embraced in a 5,040, but it provides an illuminating example of what may be done in Minor ringing, especially when one recalls that last year nearly 50 per cent. of the peals of Minor were in one method only.

To-morrow a company of tourists will begin in Herefordshire their annual 'holiday'—two peal attempts a day for a week. They will begin with an attempt for Cambridge Surprise Royal at Hereford Cathedral, where the tenor is about 40 cwt., and the ringing room is among the beams supporting the bell frame.

An Oxfordshire tour last week produced 13 peals from 16 attempts. The peals included Stedman 3, Double Norwich 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Superlative 3, Cambridge 3 and London 2.

Twenty-one ringers took part in the successful performances, including six resident Oxfordshire men, and the conducting was shared by Messrs. G. Williams and G. R. Pye, three each, G. Martin and J. C. E. Simpson, two each, G. Lindoff, J. Riding and W. Judge, one each.

The handbell peal of Stedman Caters rung at Camberwell on Aug. 19th was umpired by Mr. E. E. Richards.

With reference to the peal of Surprise Minor rung at Old Warden, Bedfordshire, on September 1st and claimed as the first peal of Surprise on the bells, Mr. R. Howard writes that a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung there on August 1st, 1925, by members of the Bedfordshire Association, and conducted by him. He has no doubt that the peal on September 1st was the first in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

THE TENOR AND GOOD STRIKING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Can any reader say whether to secure good striking the tenor (in rounds ringing, for simplicity) should strike at regular time intervals or should it be held up at hand in a similar way to the treble?

Consider, say, an eight-bell ring. Suppose the bells strike at quarter-second intervals. Then, if the tenor swings EVENLY, it will strike after every two seconds. In this case the open lead at hand will have to be made by crowding the hand-stroke blows. In other words, the two seconds between the tenor's back and hand-strokes will have to be divided into nine parts, while the two seconds between the tenor's hand and back-strokes will be divided by only eight.

On the other hand, if each bell strikes after a quarter-second and a quarter-second is left open at hand, the tenor will strike after 2¼ seconds at hand and after two seconds at back. If the tenor SHOULD be held up at hand, will someone please come forward and say so, as many tenor ringers swing their bells as regularly as clockwork and leave the others to do the rest. In fact, I have often heard treble ringers being told, 'You must ring by the tenor.' I am not so sure that the opposite should not be the case!

'STRIKE FIRST.'

RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE TO LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

There will be a large gathering of ringers at Liverpool on October 22nd, when there is to be a pilgrimage to the Cathedral, followed by a supper and social.

The arrangements are being made by Mr. Claude I. Davies, hon. secretary of the Liverpool District of the Lancashire Association, and already over 300 ringers and friends have promised to attend. The party will meet in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 4 p.m., when a short service will be held. The Dean of Liverpool will then conduct the visitors on a comprehensive tour of the building, including the roof and the latest additions, which include the base of the tower and the crypt.

The 'first annual supper and social of the Lancashire Association' is to follow at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, and will be presided over by Canon H. J. Elsee, the president. The guests will include the Lord Bishop of Manchester, the Dean of Liverpool and the Archdeacon of Warrington. There will be a short toast list and there will also be music and handbell ringing. Visitors will be welcome, and any information can be obtained from Mr. C. I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool. A stamped addressed envelope should be sent.

CONTRASTS IN BELFRIES.

A meeting of the Bedford District of the Beds Association was held at Harrold on Saturday, August 27th. On the same day the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Olney, Bucks. A ringer, after a visit to the latter place and ringing there during the afternoon, called at Harrold in the evening, and, on entering the ringing room, remarked that he had just left the darkest place in England, and now had entered the lightest.

At Olney there are no windows to the ringing room, the only light obtained being by gas, while at Harrold the room is lighted by a window some 20ft. high by about 8ft. wide. Hence the contrast.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ?

'THINK NATIONALLY.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter from Mr. Kippin on this subject raises a rather big problem. His letter, however, would be still more interesting if he went into details more fully. Nearly every art, profession and calling and almost every game or sport has its own national headquarters, with branches for every county or town or other area, as its members operating in that area consider necessary. I think such a national organisation under the patronage and presidency of the highest possible personalities in the land would strengthen the cause of ringing tremendously. The various branches, or whatever they might be called, would make their own by-laws to suit the needs of their own respective districts and all be subject to the general rules and regulations of the National Guild.

How this is to be brought about or whether it is even in the region of practical politics Mr. Kippin does not tell us, and we await his further explanation. It seems to me that a scheme such as this would involve nothing less than the voluntary winding up of all the present guilds and associations and eventually the Central Council itself as such. The latter body would, I suppose, if they thought the time was ripe, recommend its affiliated bodies to put an end to their own existence, and then re-form the whole of the country into areas. There again Mr. Kippin does not make any suggestion as to how he would divide the country. It seems to me that, as we obtain our privileges from the Church authorities, and we are more or less under the auspices of the Church, the most expeditious scheme would be for each diocese, whether large or small, to have its own diocesan guild, with the Episcopate at its head, each such guild to be responsible to, but to have the support and protection of, the proposed National Guild or Association.

I hope that Mr. Kippin is an optimist, because before anything like this could be brought to a head you would have people writing and talking about the glorious traditions of such and such a body, and, of course, a real difficulty would exist as to the funds accumulated by the various ringing bodies, but let a small but strong committee get together, and even this question might be equitably solved, especially if everyone could be induced to 'think nationally' first and parochially afterwards.

International affairs at the present day are moving quickly. We ringers, as a body, are, I believe, rather inclined to delight in basking in pleasant old reminiscences, but if we are to take our proper stand with the adherents of other arts and pursuits, we shall have also to look forward, as well as backward, and make arrangements in the interests of the Exercise itself and for the well-being of those who will follow us.

HARRY BARTON.

Ventnor.

'CHURCH OF ENGLAND BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATION.'

Dear Sir,—Your leader of September 9th is, in my humble opinion, very much to the point. Every bellringer must feel that he has the goodwill of the Church, and he should back up the Church on every possible occasion. I, therefore, suggest that when the time is ripe for a National Association, that association should be called 'The Church of England Bellringers' Association'; there is nothing more national than the Church.

However, there is plenty of work which could be done to improve things as they stand; little adjustments might be made to get the boundaries into line. A number of clergy take an active part in ringing, others are willing to help, and will let us have their bells (not to take away, but to ring), but there is no reason why all should not be interested and to know a little of the theory, of which some ringers like to make a mystery. Then the call change men could be roped in (I can imagine somebody saying this is going a bit too far), but why not? They are ringers and there are many amongst them who would like to advance if they had the opportunity.

Associations could also run little schools of instruction by having special meetings, say twice a year, for teaching tower leaders the best lines upon which to instruct the young pupil and conductor, and, of course, upon the arrival of the pamphlet prepared by two eminent ringers, on the correct way to handle the rope. We might then see no more awkward ringers.

Lastly, there is the social side. Surely this goes a long way in keeping ringers from drifting. Somebody said 'a feed is preferred to pamphlets.' But I suggest that pamphlets, a feed and something to wash it down would be better still.

W. A. OSBORN.

North Cadbury, Somerset.

A FINE ON EFFICIENCY.

Dear Sir,—I think we already have a nucleus of a National Association in the Central Council, and a large number of guilds and associations send representatives to the annual meeting, which, I suppose, is all that could be done under a National Association. It might and probably would be necessary to pay a larger affiliation fee.

But even failing such a formation, I contend most strongly that even now all those who are affiliated to the Central Council are national members, and, like Mr. Kippin, I would like to see all bona-fide paying members have the privilege of ringing peals anywhere, without being mulcted in a fee of anything from 2s. 6d. to 5s., which is nothing but a fine on efficiency of the highest order, and has been, and is, a great sacrifice financially to many of our best ringers. I agree it is quite time something was done to eliminate this unnecessary expenditure.

I think, too, it would be a pity to centralise the local organisations, but by adopting some such system as the above this would be avoided.

F. BARBER,

Branch Secretary, Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

Wellingborough.

DIOCESAN GUILDS.

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Duffield for his very able letter on this subject of a National Association in your issue of the 9th. In my view the issue is, 'Are we to move with the times and progress or merely mark time?' Will not the clergy look more favourably on a diocesan guild than on a county association? I think so, and incidentally encourage them to take more interest in the services which the ringer renders to the Church.

The question of a Chelmsford Diocesan Guild has been discussed at meetings, and I once heard one ringer remark, 'We don't want these new fangled notions.' But times change and public opinion also, otherwise it would be a sorry world to live in. I know some of the members in one corner of the county are against changing the title in Essex, as they ask, 'Where shall we be if and when the diocese is again divided?' But that position has not arrived yet, and when if ever it does, I have no doubt there will be talent enough to deal with it. As a member of the Essex Association for 37 years, I think the time is now ripe for a diocesan guild. There will be no change of territory, nor exclusion of any tower, and I believe the advantage will greatly outweigh any disadvantage.

W. KEEBLE.

Feering.

SAVE US!

Dear Sir,—We have a NATIONAL Government. For the love of Mike save us from any further calamities!

H. W. KIRTON.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING AT REDDITCH.

A meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held on Saturday at Redditch, a town noted for needles and fishing tackle. It is on the extreme boundary of the division and a rather awkward place to get to. Nevertheless, there was a very fair muster of enthusiasts. The Vicar (the Rev. L. Bradley) greeted the visitors. With a little more coaching by his tutor, Mr. W. B. Cartwright promises to develop into an enthusiastic member.

The service was conducted by the Vicar in the south chapel of the church. The singing, though unaccompanied, would have done credit to many a choir, Mr. A. E. Parsons, an old chorister, giving the lead. The Vicar gave an address on the duties of a bellringer.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Institute, the Vicar presiding.

The officers were all re-elected except the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Skidmore, Brierley Hill), who resigned, Mr. H. F. Martin, of Bromsgrove, being elected in his place.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Skidmore for his past services so efficiently given to the branch.

It was unanimously decided that the quarterly peal be attempted at Redditch, although the church is situated in a central position in the town.

The best thanks of the meeting were given to the Rector, churchwardens and local ringers of Halesowen for their kind invitation to hold the next meeting in January at that church.

Reference was made by the secretary (Mr. A. J. Skelding) to the death of a very old member of the Bromsgrove company, Mr. J. Eades.—The secretary stated that he had written a letter of condolence to the family, and, in confirming his action, the members stood in silence for a short period.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for allowing the meeting to be held at his church, for conducting the service and the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in reply, said he appreciated their visit, and although quite new to the work of the association, hoped they would pay another visit in the near future, when he hoped he would be able to make better arrangements for the gathering.

The members then adjourned to Garfields Cafe for tea.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A very representative gathering was present at Lyminge on Saturday, September 10th, when the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association held a ringing meeting. Ringers attended from Canterbury, Brabourne, Deal, Dover, Hythe, Littlebourne, St. Lawrence, Thanet, Whitstable, Wickhambreaux and the local tower. Good ringing was the order of the day and the various methods rung included Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major.

Tea was held at the Coach at 5 o'clock, and through the kindness and generosity of the Vicar (Bishop Knight) and Mr. Dawes, who is a life member of the association, the cost of the tea was defrayed.

The next meeting will be held at Canterbury in October.

ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT IN CORNWALL.

NEW TREBLES DEDICATED BY CANON COLERIDGE.

The little village of St. Mabyn, near Wadebridge in Cornwall, was alive with excitement on the evening of Sept. 1st. and in the throes of invasion by a steady stream of visitors. It was the occasion of a dedication service at the church to inaugurate two new treble bells to increase the ring of six to one of eight. They were the gift of Mrs. F. R. C. Coleridge in memory of her husband, Frances Randolph Cyril Coleridge, who died early this year. The late Mr. Coleridge was at one time a chief constable in Ireland, and subsequently held that post for the county of Devon, and an added interest to all ringers lay in the fact that he was a cousin of the ex-president of the Central Council and had been brought up with him since boyhood.

Appropriately enough Canon G. F. Coleridge dedicated the new bells and preached the sermon immediately after the ceremony. He paid tribute to the keen interest of Cornishmen in their bells and to their wonderful skill in raising and falling and even striking of changes and call changes, but he made a strong appeal to those listeners who were ringers and had not studied scientific ringing to make an effort to master the higher branch of the art.

A tablet commemorating the gift was dedicated at the same service by the Archdeacon of Bodmin.

About 70 ringers attended the opening, including those from Truro Cathedral, Egloshayle, St. Kew, St. Endellion, St. Teath, St. Tudy, Withiel, Penzance, etc.

In addition to 'raising and lowering in peal' and call changes, touches of Triples were rung by members of the Truro band with the assistance of Canon Coleridge, Dr. Symons (of Penzance), Miss Symons and Mr. Cyril Johnston (of Croydon).

The ring of six was rehung in an iron frame in 1920, and their dates are, respectively, 1787, 1854, 1891, 1920 and 1787.

The two trebles have been supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have made an excellent splice, and their work in a difficult tower earned unstinted praise from all those who were privileged to take part on this memorable occasion.

The draught of rope is quite abnormal, for the tower is high, but, although the ringers stand on the ground floor, it was found that the two trebles—comparatively light bells—could be handled with the greatest ease.

THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

FOURTH LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	90	17	6
Bristol and Wotton Branch Meeting		11	10
Holy Trinity Guild (Darlington)		8	0
Mr. C. F. Johnston and Ringing Staff	1	1	0
Alderton Meeting (Cheltenham)		12	0
Mr. W. Yeend	1	1	0
Mr. A. B. Bennett (London)	1	1	0
Miss Hill (Tewkesbury)	1	1	0
Rev. M. E. Thorold	1	0	0
Lydney Guild of Ringers		10	0
Littledean Guild of Ringers		10	0
Painswick Youths		10	0
Mrs. Browett		5	0
Mr. Arthur Prince (Bath)	1	1	0
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association	2	2	0
Miss I. B. Thompson (Nottingham)		2	6
Llandaff Association Towers	3	10	0
St. Briavel's Guild		10	6
Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee	1	1	0
Mr. W. H. Shaker (Manchester)		2	6
Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould (Henbury)		10	0
Swansea and Brecon Guild	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. Dyer (Tewkesbury)		5	0
Mr. F. G. May (South Africa)		5	0
Mr. E. Alex Young	1	1	0
Mr. G. Dent (Harlow)	1	0	0
Mrs. R. J. Wilkins		2	6
Mrs. Wheatley		10	0
Mr. and Miss Skinner	2	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Reid and family		5	0
— Neal		2	0
— Willett	1	1	0
Jesse Davies		5	0
Bristol Casual from Farnham		5	0
A. Coleman		10	0
George Fox	2	2	0
H. F. Darell	2	2	0
V. M. Darell	1	1	0
	£123	6	4

Acknowledged by Lloyds Bank, Ltd., the Rev. E. S. Saleby, P. C. Williams and E. Guise.

THE LATE MR JOHN SOUTER.

FUNERAL OF DISS VETERAN.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Souter, of Diss, whose death was recorded in our last issue, took place on Wednesday week amid many manifestations of regret among his fellow-townsfolk, with whom he was held in wide respect. The first part of the service was held in the Parish Church, where Mr. Souter had been a ringer since 1884, and the interment took place at the cemetery, the Rector (the Rev. L. Holt Wilson) officiating. Six ringers acted as bearers: Messrs. C. J. More, D. Whiting, G. Archer, W. Steggals, A. G. Harrison and A. Leeder, and at the close of the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung at the graveside on the late Mr. Souter's own handbells by C. J. More, W. Ireland, G. Archer, E. F. Poppy and W. Steggals. Other ringers present were Messrs. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), W. Rose (Peterborough), W. Wiskens, W. C. Chenery (New Buckenham), W. Duffield (Tasburgh), J. Cunningham (Banham), C. Cutting (Pulham Market) and J. Etheridge (Fressingfield). A large number of friends also attended. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from the Diss ringers.

After the service touches of Stedman Triples and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung at the Parish Church with the bells muffled.

AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I add a word or two to supplement the notice in your current issue recording the passing over of John Souter, of Diss?

He was a stalwart in all ways—physique, ringing ability and in friendship, and a type of man not always to be found in our belfries to-day. Many of his peals were noteworthy, and his great ability in turning in a tenor—whatever the weight and whatever the 'go'—was proverbial in Norfolk and Suffolk.

In 1889 the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. W. Washbrook rang at Diss their first peal of Oxford Major, and the former in 'Among the Bells' (page 105) makes this note, 'John Souter rang the tenor magnificently.' This is worth recalling, for it is curious that in the 600 odd pages of Mr Robinson's book there are so few instances of a like nature. F. S. White and Appleton tenor (page 95), Capt. Moore and Redenhall (page 105) and J. W. Washbrook and Wells Cathedral tenor (page 226) are, I think, the only others to be found.

In this same year (1889) John Souter had rung on handbells in his own house, a pair to Kent and Oxford Royal and Kent Maximus, and of this Maximus handbell band of 43 years ago, W. P. Garrett, of Ipswich, and W. Ireland, of Diss, only are left. Two years later he was tackling Eye tenor in an unsuccessful attempt at Day's 16,608 of Treble Bob Major.

Of his later and more prolific peal ringing days I need not write, except perhaps to say that he once told me he was glad to have rung Mancroft tenor to the first peal of Superlative Major, and the same bell to a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, called by his old friend, Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield. How well he did these two jobs some of the listeners to the peals can bear witness. He was not a talkative man, but what he did say was usually to the point. Witness his comment to one who had thrown the blame for some poor striking on the bad 'go' of the bell, 'Don't lay all the blame up atop'! We can ill spare such men as John Souter in these or any other parts. May Mother Earth rest lightly on him.

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.

The annual district meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely was held at Sawston on Saturday. Ringers came from Cambridge, Clifton, Elmdon, Folkingham, Fulbourne, Great Staughton, Henlow, Linton, Saffron Walden, Stetchworth, Trumpington and the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Bywaters), who in his address pointed out the fact that a bell speaks in its place and then is silent. We also should do our work without fuss. The organist's services were greatly appreciated.

A generous tea was provided by Sawston friends, and daintily served by Mrs. Harry, Mrs. Buttress and other ladies, who cheerfully faced the task of washing up. A silver collection was made in aid of a new Church Hall.

The district secretary (Miss Willers) presented a short report of the year's work. Four quarterly meetings and seven by-meetings had been held with an average attendance of 19, also two joint meetings with the Suffolk Guild. Thirty-five new members had been elected, including the bands at Great Chishall and Bottisham.

Mr. Buttress was re-elected District Ringing Master and Miss Willers district secretary, the other committee members being Messrs. Hazel, Hibbin, Hurry, Twitchett and Webb. It was decided to practice Sutton Delight again at Swavesey on October 22nd.

Mr. Buttress proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and ladies.—The Vicar suitably replied.

Although the rain affected the attendance, the meeting was very enjoyable. One ringer made his first attempt at Treble Bob and another his first at Cambridge Surprise Major.

LONDON'S OLDEST COLLEGE YOUTH.

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD WALLAGE.

The Ancient Society of College Youths have lost their oldest practising member by the sudden death of Mr. Edward Wallage, of Hackney, who joined the society in 1870. Mr. Wallage was 81 years of age and on Sunday, August 28th, was taken suddenly ill in the street while on his way to chime for evening service at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, where he had been steeplekeeper for 57 years. He passed away before reaching hospital, whither he was conveyed by ambulance. Mr. Wallage had been a member of St. Paul's Cathedral band for a great number of years, and on the day of his death met his colleagues as usual at 9.45 a.m. at the west front of the Cathedral. In the actual ringing Mr. F. M. Butler has deputised for him, as a labour of love, for some years.



THE LATE MR. E. WALLAGE.

Mr. Wallage was a native of Suffolk and was born on Candlemas Day, 1851. He came to London in early life, and followed his trade as a saddler. An excellent craftsman, he was a lover of horses, and felt safer with these creatures than with the modern means of conveyance. Some 50 years ago, with such celebrities as Robert Haworth, James Pettit and others, he used to attend the fortnightly practice of the local band at Waltham Abbey, where the company at that time included Tom Britton, Tom Powell, W. A. Alps and others. John Cox and Henry Haley used also to join this family gathering, and there used to be homely hospitality dispensed before the practice, which usually included ringing on handbells as well as church bells. Mr. Wallage was a safe ringer and a very correct handler of a bell.

The funeral took place at Manor Park Cemetery on September 1st, and was conducted by the Rector of St. Mary's, Whitechapel, who gave a short address. Most of the St. Paul's Cathedral ringers were present, and four of their number rang on handbells over the grave, thrice three whole-pulls in rounds in slow time, followed by a course of Stedman Triples, a fitting close to a simple but impressive service. There were many wreaths, including one from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

By permission of the Dean and Chapter, the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were rung half-muffled by the parochial ringers on Friday, September 2nd, in memory of their colleague. Miss Wallage was present, and 'De Profundis' was recited at the beginning of the proceedings. The 'whole pull and stand' was then rung, and, the 4th rope breaking in a touch of Stedman Cinques, two courses of Stedman Triples were rung on the back eight, and sounded remarkably grand and solemn.

HASLEMERE RINGERS VISIT EASTBOURNE.

On Saturday, September 10th, the members of the Haslemere band, together with a few friends and accompanied by the Rector, visited Eastbourne on the occasion of their annual outing. Starting at 7.30 a.m. by coach, the route was via Petworth, Pulborough, Steyning, Brighton, Seaford and the Seven Sisters. This surely must be one of the most beautiful drives in the South of England.

On arrival at the old-world and secluded village of East Dean (famous in smuggling days), a visit was paid to a famous 'wild animal,' but, unfortunately, the 'Tiger' was asleep, and, fearing to awaken him, the journey was continued to Eastbourne under the guidance of 'the man from Cook's,' who, being on friendly terms with the keeper of the aforesaid wild animal, paid his respects before leaving. On arrival at Eastbourne it was 'light,' much to everyone's relief.

After ringing at the old Parish Church of St. Mary, lunch was enjoyed at the Clifton. Subsequently ringing took place on the light ring of eight at Christ Church, after which the party divided and enjoyed the delights of Eastbourne sea front, which is, in the writer's opinion, unquestionably the finest on the South Coast.

The return journey commenced at 6.30 p.m., but several stops were necessary before Haslemere was reached, and everyone considered the day had been a thoroughly enjoyable one. A close watch may have to be kept on a military member of the party, whose appetite has been whetted by the tales of past smuggling exploits and future possibilities along the coastline visited.

The sincere thanks of the party are due to Mr. G. W. Stokes, of Eastbourne, for his kindness in obtaining permission for ringing at the two towers, and to the incumbents for the use of the bells.

DEATH OF MR. FRANK HOPGOOD.

A VALUED MEMBER OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The death took place at his home, 75, Kensington Road, Reading, on Saturday, September 3rd, at the age of 66 years, of Mr. F. W. Hopgood. Deceased, who had rung over 300 peals and was a conductor and composer of no mean ability, had been a member of the Central Council since its inception. For the past 14 years he had been the secretary and treasurer of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and was held in very great esteem by all its members.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 7th inst., a service being held at St. Mark's Church, and the interment taking place at the churchyard of St. Michael's, Tilehurst, near Reading. A good number of the deceased's ringing friends were present at both places, including the general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the chairman of the Reading Branch and representatives from the towers of Checkendon, Mortimer, Henley, Shiplake, Caversham, Tilehurst and St. Mary's and St. Laurence's, Reading. The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was unavoidably absent. Wreaths were sent by the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the towers of Henley, Mortimer, Tilehurst and St. Laurence's, Reading.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells round the grave by four members of the Reading Branch, and muffled ringing took place in the evening at St. Mary's and Tilehurst Churches.

It is interesting to note that although deceased was originally a member of St. Laurence's tower and later transferred to St. Mary's and was never a member of St. Michael's, Tilehurst, he had a great love of ringing these bells, within the sound of which he is buried, and would go to Tilehurst as often as he could, where he enjoyed assisting to teach the beginner, or ringing a peal, and it was at this tower he rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples in December, 1889, his first peal of Stedman Triples, January, 1890, his first peal as conductor April, 1891, and his first non-conducted peal May, 1892.

Among other performances deceased was one of the Rev. F. E. Robinson's band who rang Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples non-conducted at Drayton, August 7th, 1899, and was also one of the band who took part in the Guild Master's 1,000th peal at Drayton, August 9th, 1905.

By his death the Oxford Diocesan Guild loses an interesting and valued member.

GRAVESEND RINGERS' WEDDING.

MR. F. A. MITCHELL AND MISS I. D. E. McINTIER.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on Saturday, September 3rd, the bridegroom being Mr. Fred A. Mitchell (eldest son of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. secretary of the Kent Association) and the bride Miss Ivy D. E. McIntier, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McIntier, of Gravesend. Both are members of the local band of ringers and of the choir, and have been connected with the church since early childhood

The bells in the tower were merrily pealing whilst the guests and friends were assembling in the old twelfth century church, and greeted the bride, who was charmingly attired in white georgette and wore a veil of old Brussels lace. She was attended by four bridesmaids, friends and relatives of the bride and bridegroom.

The service was fully choral, the hymns being 'Lead us, Heavenly Father,' and 'O perfect love,' Mr. Harold Champion, the organist of the church, accompanying. The Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A., president of the local band and an hon. member of the Kent Association, was the officiating clergyman.

The bride was given away by her father, and the duties of best man efficiently carried out by Mr. Cyril Mitchell, brother of the bridegroom.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March the happy couple left the church, when the bells again pealed out their 'message of joy' at the hands of the local ringers of Milton, Gravesend and Northfleet. A peal of Grandsire Triples was afterwards rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which the bridegroom is a member.

The reception was held in Park Hall, over 50 being present, when the Rector of Milton, in proposing the health of the bride and bridegroom, referred to the fact that both were ringers at the church and members of the choir. During his incumbency at the church he had baptised them both in their early childhood, prepared them for Confirmation and had now married them; a record of which he felt justly proud, and he wished them long life and happiness in their new sphere.

The party were afterwards augmented by the band of College Youths who had rung the peal at Milton and by the band who had made an unsuccessful attempt, after 1¼ hours, at Gravesend tower. Touches on the handbells were greatly enjoyed, and before departing Mr. Percy Clark, on behalf of the ringers, said they were pleased to be allowed to come down to Milton and join the local members of the society in a peal for the auspicious occasion. He extended their congratulations to the happy couple. He also congratulated their old friend Challis Winney on again conducting Holt's Original at his advanced age, and offered their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. F. Mitchell for their kind hospitality.—'Challis' replied in his own inimitable way.

Over 60 beautiful presents had been received by the bride and bridegroom, amongst which was a china dinner and tea service from their fellow-ringers at Milton and an oxidised nut bowl from the ringers at Gravesend tower. The honeymoon is being spent at Bournemouth.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

A RINGING WEEK IN KENT.

Kent was chosen for the Cambridge University Guild tour this year, with headquarters at Moorcocks, Brasted. Members arrived on the afternoon of Monday, September 5th, by train, car and cycles—push and motor. The towers selected for the evening could not be used owing to illness, but the Vicars of Shorcham and Seal kindly gave permission for ringing at short notice. Serious work started on Tuesday with a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Edenbridge. Two of the younger members scored their first in the method. In the afternoon touches were rung at the two 'show' villages of Chiddingstone and Penshurst.

At Wrotham, on Wednesday, Cambridge Court was lost after three-quarters of an hour of very good ringing. After lunch, Westerham bells were turned in to Plain Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and London, followed by a touch of Erin Triples. The North Downs were then climbed and at Cudham a large notice was found on the third sally to say the bell was out of action. Members of the Guild, however, are used to handbells, which they generally ring without stays. After touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Little Bob and Kent Royal, the notice was carefully replaced.

The next morning most of the members turned up at 7 o'clock to ring at Brasted for early celebration. Later in the morning Cambridge Surprise was lost at Aylesford after an hour and 20 minutes. In the afternoon at Maidstone one conductor got Grandsire Caters into a thorough mess and appealed to another to call them round. The relief conductor obliged and the two afterwards used much paper and pencil and declared it a true touch of 1,241.

The third ten-bell tower was Leeds. First the grave of James Barham was visited, and a touch of Bob Major was rung on handbells. No relief conductor had been appointed for Stedman Caters in the tower, so the touch did not come round.

On the last day the hop fields were visited. At Goudhurst the Vicar said that 30,000 hop pickers would be listening to the bells as they were rung to Stedman and Little Bob. Hawkhurst bells were much enjoyed, and at Cranbrook Mr. F. White had made all preparations for the last peal attempt. After trying the bells Bob Major was decided on, and a good peal was brought round. The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild last rang the treble to a peal of Bob Major just 30 years ago, when the Guild rang its famous first tower bell peal of Major. On this occasion the ringer of the 7th had an adequate belt.

On one of the evenings a peal of Bob Royal in hand was lost. During the week 15 churches were visited, and in the towers and on the 'infants' some 21,000 changes were brought round in 15 methods, not counting the 'Gentle Shepherd.' The Guild has always been precise in its records, and the statistician has worked out the result at 872 changes to the gallon (of petrol).

Those present were the Revs. E. Bankes James, C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. S. T. Richardson and E. G. Benson, the Master, and Messrs. E. M. Atkins, W. H. J. Hooton, R. O. Street, C. W. Woolley, F. E. Haynes, A. G. G. Thurlow and E. H. Lewis.

The Rev. E. G. Benson had to miss one day in order to do some splicing—matrimonial, not method. The members much appreciated a message of good wishes from the president, and were glad to hear that the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was making a good recovery, though he was allowed to come and listen.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, September 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. A. Mitchell 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, E. J. Walsham 3, P. E. Clark 4, J. Burles 5, H. Argent 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, C. Goodburn 8. Arranged for Messrs. Clark and Walsham, of Ealing.—On Sunday morning, September 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. J. Beer 1, G. R. Ambrose 2, G. Butcher 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, C. Goodburn 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, September 11th, the following 720's were rung before evensong:— 720 Braintree Delight: H. Wright 1, J. Sitch 2, C. Harrington 3, G. Camp 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6; 720 London Surprise: F. Wright 1, H. Wright 2, G. Camp 3, C. Harrington 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, September 11th, at the Church of St. Ambrose after evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: B. C. Worsdell 1, S. Phillips 2, A. Knight 3, E. J. Ridler 4, F. Skidmore 5, G. S. Wiltshire 6, A. Maggs (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. C. Baker (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. S. Wiltshire.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 11th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hawkins 1, G. Went 2, G. H. Knight 3, A. L. Lucas 4, E. H. Stradling (conductor) 5, L. Jones 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to Mr. P. Symonds, who died on Saturday, and also to Mrs. S. Williams, who died on Sunday morning. Both were residents in Usk.

WRAGBY, YORKS.—On Sunday, September 4th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Kelsall 1, H. Chant 2, M. Perry 3, J. T. White 4, J. Major 5, D. Smith (conductor) 6. All the ringers belong to Felkirk.

A TOUR THROUGH BUCKS AND BERKS.

The Farnham (Surrey) ringers held their 10th annual outing on Saturday, August 20th. The party, including wives and friends, numbered 30, and left Farnham at 7.35 a.m., by saloon bus, and proceeded by way of Bagshot and Virginia Water to Old Windsor, where the first halt was made. Here they were joined by Messrs. Denyer and Downes of the Aldershot band, and Mr. Alexander, of Farnborough, who completed the company. They were met by a youthful member of the local band, and the light peal of eight (tenor 11¾ cwt.) were made good use of for about an hour. Proceeding then to Slough, the visitors were met by Mr. A. Bateman (steeplekeeper), and this fine peal of eight (tenor 17¾ cwt.), which were much admired, were kept going in various methods for about three-quarters of an hour. The next stage of the journey took the party through beautiful scenery via Farnham Royal and Beaconsfield to High Wycombe, where they were met by Mr. R. Coles and other members of the local band. Here all excepting two of the party had their first pull on twelve bells, and, after a bit, struck some fairly good rounds on them. With the assistance of the local ringers, an attempt was made to ring a course of Stedman Cinques, which, however, was unsuccessful, and the visitors had to be satisfied with Stedman and Double Norwich on the back eight. Afterwards at lunch the company were joined by the Rector of Farnham (Canon E. M. Girling) and Mrs. Girling, who had motored to High Wycombe for this purpose.

Mr. O. Edwards, on behalf of the whole of the party, welcomed the Rector and Mrs. Girling, saying what great pleasure it gave to all to see them there.

The Rector expressed the pleasure of Mrs. Girling and himself at being with the ringers, and hoped it would not be the last time they would be able to join them at lunch on a similar occasion.

Leaving High Wycombe, the party proceeded to Great Marlow, where they were met by Mr. J. Truss, of the local band, and about half an hour was spent in ringing on the peal of eight (tenor 15½ cwt.). Off again through lovely scenery, via Henley-on-Thames, to Twyford, Berks, where they were met by Mr. F. Dentry. Another half-hour was spent on this nice-toned light peal of eight bells before going on to Reading, where tea was partaken of, and the ladies of the party spent an hour or so in shopping and sight-seeing. The ringers visited St. Giles' Church, where they were met by Mr. Osborne and others of his band. About 40 minutes was spent in ringing on this splendid peal of eight (tenor 15 cwt.), and this concluded the programme for the day. After a good run Farnham was safely reached at 9.45 p.m. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the excursion, and all were unanimous that it was one of the best outings yet held.

The ringers wish, through the 'Ringing World,' to express their best thanks to the incumbents of the churches visited for the use of the bells, and to all those who met them and helped to make the outing the success it was. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Before the commencement of ringing for service at Farnham the following morning, Mr. T. Upshall, on behalf of the whole of the band, asked Mr. Hasted to accept a small present as a token of their appreciation for the trouble he had taken in arranging their outings. The gift consisted of a case of briar pipes, with a card inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. R. Hasted, by the Farnham Bellringers, as a mark of their appreciation in arranging the many successful outings they have had.—20th August, 1932.'

In accepting the present, Mr. Hasted said it was quite a surprise to him, and totally unexpected, but he thanked them very much for their kind thoughts and the appreciation of his efforts. The thing, however, which gave him the greatest pleasure was the fact that every one of the outings which he had arranged since he had been with the band had always given them satisfaction and enjoyment.

LONDON RINGERS IN THE WEST.

The ringers of St. Martins-in-the-Fields for their annual excursion visited the West of England, and the party, numbering a dozen, are not likely to forget hurriedly the pleasures of the trip. They left London on the Friday evening, and, reaching Taunton at 10 p.m., established headquarters at the George Hotel. On Saturday they visited three Devon towers and three in Somerset. The former were Uffculme (8), Cullompton (10), and Tiverton (8); while the latter trio were Wiveliscombe (8), Milverton (8) and St. Mary's, Taunton (12). The glorious scenery on the run was much enjoyed, as were also the touches rung. In the evening at headquarters a social hour was spent with the local ringers, and Stedman Cinques and Treble Ten were rung on handbells in good style. On Sunday morning half the party visited St. James' and the other half St. George's, Wilton, to ring for Matins. At 12.15 they united their forces at St. Mary's, and here the 'Royals' were joined by two 'Ancients,' Messrs. A. B. Peck and J. Thomas, who assisted in ringing a good course of Cambridge Twelve. The visitors desire to thank the clergy, steeplekeepers and local ringers who helped to make the excursion such a success, and especially the local organiser for his labours.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Sept. 29th, St. Magnus on the 22nd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—WITHAM.—Dedication of two trebles, to complete the octave, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, at the Parish Church, Saturday, September 17th. Service 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., North-Eastern Division.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting will be held at Knaresborough on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid without delay:—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravensfield Common, near Rotherham.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Cricket match versus Wrington and Others, at Wrington, on Saturday, September 17th. Private bus leaves St. Stephen's Church, Bristol, 1.15 p.m., fare 1/8 return. Tea at moderate charge. Annual dinner.—Preliminary Notice. —The annual dinner will held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 21st, at 6 p.m. Bishop of Malmesbury guest of the evening.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head, followed by the business meeting.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A joint meeting with the Warwickshire Guild will be held at Burbage on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, at 5. Please endeavour to make this meeting a success.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Llangattock, on Saturday, September 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5, kindly supplied by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsclere and Wolverton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Kingsclere Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Kingsclere Schools. Business meeting follows.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A summer outing meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (10) at 2.30. Tea and meeting at 5.30, at Harvest Home. Ringing and social hour after. Cheap returns from London termini. All ringers and friends welcomed.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Littleham Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Service at 4 p.m., with address by the Vicar of Exmouth. Tea 4.45. — M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary and All Saints', Beaconsfield, on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Miss D. Fletcher, 11, Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, September 17th, instead of the 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held as a joint one with the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, September 17th, at Burbage, near Hinckley. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Please turn up in good numbers.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich (8 bells), on Saturday, September 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. —D. Brown, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.30 (9d. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Cowley on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SULGRAVE, nr. BANBURY.—The new treble bell, installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the ring of six, will be dedicated on Sunday, the 18th inst., at 5 p.m.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, EXETER.—The re-opening of the ring of 6, re-tuned and re-hung by Gillett and Johnston, will take place at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Thursday, Sept. 22nd, at 7 p.m. Bells open after the service. All ringers welcome.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a six-bell contest and quarterly meeting at Kirkburton on Saturday, September 24th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those requiring tea, 1/6 each, please send not later than September 19th to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than Sept. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify Mr. B. W. Pettitt, Alderford Street, Sible Hedingham, not later than Thursday morning, the 22nd.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 24th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1/3 per head, followed by business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, the 21st?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Meeting at 5.30. Further particulars later.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division —The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5, and tea, at 1/- per head, 5.30. Please notify Mr. A. G. Measures, 22, Rother View Road, Canklow, Rotherham, by Thursday, the 22nd, for tea.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1/- each, at 5.30. Please advise Mr. W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, N.14, if you require tea. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. Lionel Lambert, Rector, at 4.45. Tea (1/-) at 5.30. Reports for distribution. Please send word by Tuesday, 20th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Riseley and Bletsoe on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells at Riseley (5) will be available from 2.30 to 4.30. Tea at 4.30 at Riseley. Bletsoe bells (6) available after tea. All welcome. — Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me for tea not later than Wednesday, 21st inst. Bus No. 30a from Colston Street 1.15 p.m. or 3.45 p.m.—Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampford Speke on September 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 (1/- each). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by September 19th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) available early. Will those who require tea kindly notify Mr. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmton Road, Cresswell, by Wednesday, September 21st? Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—55th Annual Meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Festival Service in Cathedral at 1 o'clock, followed by Service of Remembrance at the Ringers' War Memorial. Dinner, followed by the annual meeting, at the Crown Hotel at 2 o'clock, members 2/6, non-members 3/-. The bells of St. Mary's, Gateshead, will be available at 11 a.m. and the Cathedral and St. John's at noon. St. James' and St. Basil's bells are not available. Will members intending to be present please advise me by the 21st?—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, Staffs, on or before Sept. 21st.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Lulworth on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (also Bere Regis, Puddletown, Wool (6) and Wareham (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (kindly provided) and meeting to follow. Motor coach leaves Weymouth at 1.30. — C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Wellington (6), on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow in the Schools. All requiring tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be at Matlock on Saturday, Sept 24th. Church of St. Giles (8 bells, tenor about 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due. — J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ewerby on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, 1s. 9d. each, for those who notify Mr. Smalley, Finch Hatton Arms, Ewerby, Sleaford, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 8 p.m. All welcome.—F. S. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington St. Gainsborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Childrey on Saturday, Sept 24th. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify before the 21st.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Notifications for tea to me by Tuesday next, the 20th. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Berkhamsted, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. There will be a service, tea and meeting. All ringers are welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

HALWILL, near BEAWORTHY, DEVON. — The dedication will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at 2.30 p.m., of the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the ring of six.

CLOWNE, near CHESTERFIELD.—The new ring of six bells, recently installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Derby on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge, and names should be sent in to the Rev. J. Waugh, Rector, Clowne, by Thursday, Sept. 29th. The bells will be available after tea throughout the evening.—J. Flint.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on the occasion of the dedication by the Bishop of Birmingham of the recast peal of 10 bells and the restoration of the tower and spire. Dedication service at 3.30 p.m., to be followed by tea at 5, as the guests of the churchwardens. Ringers of kindred societies heartily welcome to service and tea. Bells open for ringing immediately after tea. All requiring tea *must* notify me not later than Wed., July 28th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Overseal, Oct. 1st. Bells (8), also Netherseal (8), open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.15 p.m. in School. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 4.30 p.m., at Robin Hood Hotel, *only* to those who notify Mr. J. W. Cotton, Moira Road, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent, not later than Sept. 29th. General meeting follows. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 26th?—H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, October 1st. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The eleventh annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past Officers of the Association will be held at Stephenson's Exchange Restaurant, Castle Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available for touches from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Also Handsworth bells (8, tenor 12 cwt.) are offered for peal attempt, all applications to be made as early as possible to Mr. F. Watkinson, 159, Old Hall Road, Handsworth, Sheffield. Good accommodation found for visitors staying overnight. Applications for dinner tickets (price 4/- each) to be made to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, October 4th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 87, Bradley St., Crookes, Sheffield, 10.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Full particulars next week.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec.

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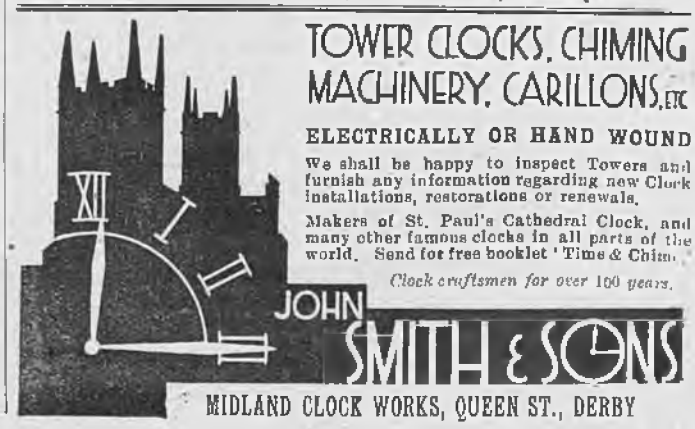

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ENTERPRISE IN METHOD RINGING.

There is increasing evidence in our peal columns of a growing spirit of enterprise among the advanced eight-bell ringers. The variety in the higher methods is becoming more marked. It may be only among a limited number of ringers, but the number is spreading, and we believe it is but a prelude to a more generally adopted practice in the not distant future. In years gone by there was little serious departure among Surprise ringers, if we except the Brighton band of the late nineties, from the three old methods of Superlative, Cambridge and London. Any company who could ring a peal in each of these three was looked upon as being, as indeed they were, of outstanding ability. In fact, even to-day, although peals in these methods are almost commonplace, there are few higher peaks to be scaled, but the range has been extended and in recent years ringers have been keener to explore these new tracks.

As an instance, there have been the peals in many spliced methods rung by members of the Middlesex County Association. Now the Leiston band, made famous by the Bailey family, have just added the sixteenth Surprise Major method to their list, and the performances have been far from a merely passing interest in each new method, for they have rung several peals in most of them. Another example is our record this week of the tour of a mixed band in South Wales, who not only rang among their ten peals six different Surprise methods, but a peal in four methods as well — a truly remarkable 'bag.' These men were mostly among the youth of the Exercise, who should still have the best of their ringing years before them. There are other skilful bands about the country who are adding to the multiplicity of Surprise methods now in actual practice and their number will continue to grow. It is a most encouraging sign. There was a time when it was difficult to get the average ringer away from the beaten track, and some will say perhaps that, so far as the 'average ringer' is concerned it still is, for the men like those referred to are above the average. But these ringers have set an example which every ringer might emulate. They have not achieved their present standard by any superhuman means. They have had to go through the initial drudgery and climb the lower steps of the ladder first, as every man must do. And what they have done is open to all ringers with patience and perseverance, if they will but use initiative and seek out the opportunities which await them. It is not necessary to be a Surprise ringer to expand one's sphere of practice. For those who do not feel capable of going beyond the plain method stage there is wide scope in the Central

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Council's book of Plain Major Methods, and yet how seldom we hear of a peal in any of the methods included in this interesting collection which were not practised more than a quarter of a century ago.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	...*Treble*	*ROGER W. DANIELS	6
LESLIE W. C. MORRIS ...	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT...	3	WILLIAM LEWIS...	8
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	CHARLES CAMM	9
CYRIL TANSELL	5	ERIC CRUMP	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Caters away from the tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)	*Treble*	†B. J. E. WHITE (Queens')	5
E. H. LEWIS (Trinity) ...	2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens')	6
REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Catherine's)	3	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON (Trinity)	7
*A. G. G. THURLOW (Selwyn)	4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trinity)	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

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

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, September 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trinity)	*Treble*	REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Catherine's)	5
B. J. E. WHITE (Queens)	2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)	6
R. O. STREET (St. John's)	3	E. H. LEWIS (Trinity) ...	7
A. G. G. THURLOW (Selwyn)	4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens')	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN WALDEN	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE...	5
FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	2	*RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	6
ALBERT W. COLES	3	JAMES. E DAVIS...	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 500th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOSEPH H. WICKS ...	...*Treble*	†CHARLES R. GOODBURN ...	5
†RICHARD SMITH... ...	2	STUART SANDFORD	6
†LESLIE T. STACEY	3	†GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
JAMES CORROT	4	EDWARD J. BEER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER

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

PONTEFRACT.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	*Treble*	HARRY BROWN	5
FRED NEWTON	2	WILFRED APPLEGATE	6
HARRY C. WALTERS	3	WILLIAM TATE	7
VICTOR APPLEGATE	4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. LENTON.

First peal of Oxford by all except the conductor.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, September 13, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN J. WEBB	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. POSTON	5
*GLYN SHAW	2	*ALFRED T. POULTON	6
*ARTHUR ALFORD	3	*EDWIN H. FOSTER	7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS	4	WILLIAM POSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Double Norwich. All the band are resident in the Ross district. First peal of Double Norwich for the Hereford Guild by an entirely local band.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 83. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD	*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
MAURICE SWINFIELD	2	ALAN W. RANDS	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	JOHN CURTIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, September 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN	*Treble*	AMOS SMART	5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE	2	WALTER PERKINS	6
JOHN J. MAWBY	3	*FRANCIS BALL	7
MISS EVELYN STEEL	4	CHARLES W CLARKE	*Tenor*

8 Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. H. J. Balcombe, of Harwell, Berks.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14⅛ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SHORT	*Treble*	SAMUEL GROVE	5
JOHN BASS	2	C. HOWARD STANLEY	6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	JOHN LLOYD	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 20). Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Flossie Hemming and P.C. Robert Ryder, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

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LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF ESSEX SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

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

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. B. Greaves, who was inducted to the living of Leiston on August 31st; also a birthday compliment to J. E. Bailey, jun., now of Streatham. This method is now rung for the first time.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALBERT D. COLLINS	*Treble*	JOHN GOODMAN	5
LEONARD HOLDEN	2	NORMAN H. WILLIAMS	6
GEORGE HUGHES	3	HARRY GOODMAN	7
DENNIS HOLDEN	4	HAROLD L. FLAVELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY GOODMAN.

Quarterly peal for the Guild.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Treble*	†ARTHUR KNIGHTS	5
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	2	WILLIAM J. THYNG	6
NORMAN C. LEWIS	3	FREDERICK A. ADAMS	7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	4	†WILLIAM BIGGIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. † 100th peal together.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

REV. C. CAREW COX	*Treble*	†EDWARD G. L. COWARD	5
*FRANK PRICE	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS	3	ALBERT A. HUGHES	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	WALTER S. B. NORTHOVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal. Arranged and rung as a jubilee peal for the above Guild. Thanks are due to the local band for having everything in readiness.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.
On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

P.C. DONALD BROWN	*Treble*	P.S. PETER CROOK	5
P.C. FREDERICK PAGE	2	†CH-INSPR. JAMES MELDRUM	6
P.C. WILLIAM PYE	3	P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER	7
*P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON	4	*P.C. EDWIN C. BIRKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' This is the first police peal rung in the City of Liverpool. The ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4 are of the Manchester City Force, 5 of the Bolton Borough Force, and 6 7 and 8 of the Liverpool City Force.

WHITFIELD, GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt. in F.

JOE MARSDEN ... ...*Treble*		BEN BRADLEY 5	
*FRED MARSDEN 2		ELI GARSIDE... 6	
*FRED BOOTH 3		TOM WILDE 7	
HARRY NORGROVE 4		ALBERT HODGH ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal. First peal on the new bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Robinson (sexton).

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

*G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ...*Treble*		CYRIL WILSON 5	
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 2		CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 6	
†STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 3		ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 7	
FRANK KIRK 4		WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...*Tenor*	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the completion of the installation of electric light in the above church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob called differently.

*EDWARD SEAMARKS ... ...*Treble*		REGINALD WEST 4	
AMOS SMART 2		PEARL INSKIP 5	
CYRIL PRINDIVILLE 3		WILLIAM STAPLETON ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal of Minor.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES H. LUCAS ... ...*Treble*		EDGAR G. SWIFT... 4	
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2		THOMAS COLLINS... 5	
PERCY E. JONES 3		FRANK CORKE ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by F. CORKE.

The conductor's 100th peal.

CADOXTON.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN L. BLOXHAM ... ...*Treble*		CHARLES H. PERRY 4	
CYRIL LAKE 2		GWYN I. LEWIS 5	
EDWARD PHILLIPS 3		ERNEST STITCH ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*J. VALENTINE JONES... ...*Treble*		†HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... 4	
FRANK WEEKLER 2		WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 5	
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 3		EDWARD C. HUGHES... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

H. JIM RALPH ... ...*Treble*		*H. D. W. BISHOP 3	
W. P. LAMBERT 2		E. G. L. COWARD 4	

WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Guild, founded on September 14th, 1882.

GREAT GRANSDEN, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford and Bob Minor.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM STAPLETON 4	
LEWIS H. BYWATERS... ... 2		CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... 5	
HERBERT SHERMAN 3		PEARL INSKIP ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This is supposed to be the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT 15, FARINGDON AVENUE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIE ROUGHTON 1-2		CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 5-6	
EDWIN H. LEWIS 3-4		HERBERT LANGDON... ... 7-8	

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire—THOMAS BENNEY.

THE CITY OF OXFORD AND DISTRICT RINGING WEEK

OXFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE BELL TOWER OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ...*Treble*		GABRIEL LINDOFF 7	
GEORGE R. PYE 2		WILLIAM HENLEY 8	
SYDNEY TAYLOR 3		*WILLIAM HORAN 9	
WALTER F. JUDGE 4		JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 10	
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL... ... 5		JAMES H. RIDING 11	
GEORGE MARTIN 6		HARRY WINGROVE ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Cinques. The visitors desire to thank the Very Rev. H. J. White, M.A., Dean of Christ Church, for the privilege of starting their ringing tour with this famous peal of twelve bells.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 4, 1932, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ...*Treble*		GABRIEL LINDOFF 5	
GEORGE R. PYE 2		GEORGE MARTIN 6	
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3		HARRY WINGROVE 7	
WILLIAM HORAN... 4		JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON

First Surprise method peal rung on these bells.

WINDSOR.—On Wednesday, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: * J. E. Glass 1, E. S. T. Farr 2, * H. H. Hillyer 3, W. P. Cross 4, T. Smith 5, A. R. Pink 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, F. Simmonds 8. * First quarter-peal. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Councillor and Mrs. Messenger.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 5, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
GABRIELL LINDOFF	2	WILLIAM HORAN...	6
*JAMES H. RIDING	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
GEORGE R. PYE...	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

* 400th peal. First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HORAN	6
GABRIEL LINDOFF	2	*HARRY WINGROVE	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	*WILLIAM HENLEY	8
GEORGE R. PYE...	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	9
*GEORGE MARTIN	5	JAMES H. RIDING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	*GABRIEL GEORGE LINDOFF	6
WILLIAM HORAN	2	*HARRY WINGROVE	7
GEORGE R. PYE	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	8
GEORGE MARTIN	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	5	JAMES H. RIDING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, Bart.
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

JAMES H. RIDING... ...	...*Treble*	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... ...	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	3	WILLIAM HORAN	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	GABRIEL LINDOFF ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	3	JAMES H. RIDING...	7
HARRY WINGROVE	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.) in F.

SYDNEY TAYLOR	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	5
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	2	WILLIAM HORAN	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	HARRY WINGROVE	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES H SHEPHERD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GABRIEL GEORGE LINDOFF	*Treble*	WILLIAM HORAN	5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	2	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	JAMES H. RIDING...	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
SYDNEY TAYLOR	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal of Major on the bells. Mr. W. Collett kindly stood out for the visitors.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	3	WILLIAM HORAN...	7
GABRIEL LINDOFF	4	JAMES H. RIDING... ...	...*Tenor*

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...*Treble*	*HARRY WINGROVE	6
WILLIAM HENLEY	2	*WILLIAM HORAN	7
GEORGE MARTIN	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD... ...	8
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	9
GABRIEL LINDOFF	5	JAMES H. RIDING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

* First Kent Royal. † 300th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

ERNEST PEARSON... ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	5
MAURICE SMITH	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
SYDNEY TAYLOR	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
GEORGE MARTIN	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

A peal of Superlative Surprise Major at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on Thursday, September 8th, was lost after 50 minutes.

A peal of Bristol Surprise at Ambrosden was lost after nearly an hour on Friday afternoon, and an attempt for a peal in the same method at Adderbury on Saturday afternoon came to an end after 40 minutes' good ringing.

DARLEY DALE.—On Wednesday, August 31st, by the local ringers, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: B. Allsop 1, F. Paulson 2, W. Blagshaw 3, E. Blackwell 4, G. H. Paulson 5, J. Taylor 6, H. E. Taylor (conductor) 7, R. Allsop 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th and 8th.

A SURPRISE WEEK IN SOUTH WALES.

The following peals are the result of a week's ringing tour in South Wales:—

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE POPNELL ...	...*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT...	6
KEITH HART...	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	8
JACK M. CRIPPS	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS...	9
KENNETH SNELLING	5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...*Tenor*	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS
First peal of Surprise Royal by the association, and first of Yorkshire Royal in Wales.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Monday, September 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

OLIVER SIPPETTS...	...*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
KEITH HART...	2	NELSON ELLIOTT...	6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIPT ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
NELSON ELLIOTT...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS. ...*Tenor*	

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
First peal of London on the bells.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

KEITH HART...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	6
NELSON ELLIOTT...	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS...	7
JACK M. CRIPPS	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...*Tenor*	

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.
This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major by the association and also in Wales.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES	...*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT...	5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
GEORGE POPNELL	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
First peal of Superlative on the bells.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

GEORGE POPNELL ...	...*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
NELSON ELLIOTT...	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS...	7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...*Tenor*	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major in Wales and by the association.

TON PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

NELSON ELLIOTT...	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	5
KEITH HART...	2	OLIVER SIPPETTS...	6
JACK M. CRIPPS	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS
First peal of Bristol on the bells.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 15, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	5
OLIVER SIPPETTS...	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	3	NELSON ELLIOTT...	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...*Tenor*	

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS
First peal in the method rung in Wales and by the association.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, September 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

KEITH HART...	...*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
JACK M. CRIPPS	2	NELSON ELLIOTT...	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS...	7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...*Tenor*	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

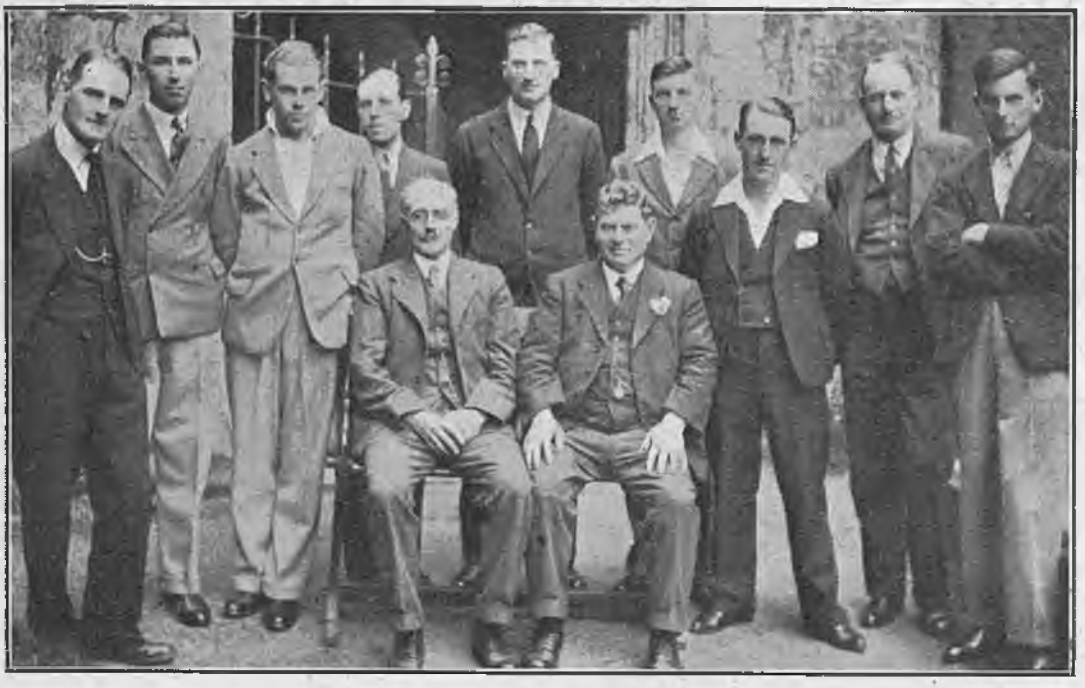
OLIVER SIPPETTS...	...*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
KEITH HART...	2	NELSON ELLIOTT...	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
First peal of London on the bells.

The band wish to place on record their appreciation of and thanks for the untiring efforts of Mr. J. W. Jones, the popular secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, who personally accompanied them during the week and made possible the success of the tour; also their thanks to all the local ringers who showed their interest in meeting the band at the various towers, and the incumbents for giving ready permission to ring.

STAFFORD.—On Tuesday, August 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Wiggins 1, W. Cowan 2, J. Warrilow 3, H. Evans 4, W. Curtis 5, R. Warrilow 6, W. H. Jones (conductor) 7, G. Booth 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to H. Evans.

THE RINGERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE SOUTH WALES TOUR.



Standing: G. Popnell, A. T. Greenwood, N. Elliott, C. W. Roberts, F. W. Rogers, J. M. Cripps, W. Williams, O. Sippetts and D. Clift. Sitting: K. Hart and J. W. Jones.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The tablet erected at Long Stanton Church, Cambridge, to the memory of the late Rev. H. B. Woolley, is to be dedicated on Saturday at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school after the service for any ringers who may be present, and the bells may be rung until 6.30 p.m.

All those intending to be present at the dedication of the new peal of bells at Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, October 1st, should notify Mr. T. H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, immediately, or at latest Wednesday next, 28th inst., otherwise places for tea cannot be reserved.

We hear that acting for the pictures was more successful than peal ringing when some 'brass hats' visited Lincolnshire recently.

We also hear that a well-known ringer, very much at home at the end of a tenor rope, is equally at home at the end of a skipping rope. Any doubting this may see for themselves when the film is released for public exhibition.

A very fine specimen of a Yorkshire tail-end 'Sally' has been sent to Slough, without the donor's name or address. Apparently it is intended as a memento of the recent Yorkshire tour. We are informed that it will find a place in the South Kensington Museum.

We are asked to request the gentleman who is preparing a book of poetry on bells and ringing to report how he is going on, as several ringers have matters of interest to submit for his approval.

After nearly 150 years, the bells of the Norman Abbey of Romsey, Hants, have been returned to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for cleaning and retuning. They were cast in 1780, and are now to be thoroughly overhauled and rehung.

The Duke of Argyll, whose efforts in connection with the church at Inveraray have recently resulted in the completion of the tower and the hanging of the heavy peal of ten bells, has become patron of the new Scottish Association. The first meeting since the inauguration of the association is to be held at Alloa on October 1st.

The meeting of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association to-morrow has been transferred to Woburn, owing to serious illness near the church at Toddington.

The peal at Downham Market, Norfolk, on April 24th, should have been credited to the Ely Diocesan Association (not Norwich). The peal at Watlington, Norfolk, on September 1st, was rung for the Ely Association.

'Kate' will be interested in the photograph of the ringers who took part in the South Wales tour. All those standing in the back row are bachelors! Oh, Kate, what an opportunity you missed!

A PEAL OF EIGHT WHICH BECAME FIVE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In an article in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago it was stated that the bells of West Mill, Buntingford, Herts, became five in 1887, and that it was something of a mystery. This is not correct as to date, and there is no mystery about it.

These three trebles were sold for church repairs in 1838. This fact is definitely recorded in a frame on the wall within six inches of the belfry door, on the ground floor of the tower, which was the old ringing chamber.

The old 4th (the present treble) was recast at the same time (1838) by Thomas Mears. It is curious that there is no trace of a peal having been rung on the eight, considering its close proximity to Braughing.

Here is a coincidence. Benington is close by. John Briant put a new treble to the old five at Benington in 1792, and in 1838 George and Leonard Proctor gave two trebles to complete the octave, the same time that West Mill trebles were sold.

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Brockley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH MEETING.

The summer meeting was held on Saturday, at Cowley, a pretty little spot in the heart of beautiful surroundings. Members from various towers in the district were met by the local company, and soon the tuneful ring of six were answering to the skill of the members present.

Service was conducted by the Rev. G. B. Verity, with Mr. J. Harper at the organ.

Taking for the text Psalm cviii. 1, Mr. Verity emphasised the words, 'I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have,' and his address will long remain in the hearts of his hearers.

The bounteous tea was provided by the Rev. W. C. Curtis in premises kindly lent by Mr. Sidney Allen.

At the business meeting an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Davies Memorial Fund was made by Mr. W. Hale.

The secretary was instructed to write and congratulate the branch chairman, Rev. Canon Sears, on his recent appointment to the Archdeaconry of Cheltenham.

Deep regret is felt by the branch on the death of Mr. T. Pendry, one of its most valued members. Mr. Pendry was for some years Master of the Prestbury band, and a very ardent churchworker. He was held in high esteem by ringers generally, and his presence will be sadly missed.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL MEETING AT KNARESBOROUGH.

By the courtesy of the Vicar (Rev. H. L. Ogle) and churchwardens, a general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Knaresborough on Saturday last, the weather being ideal. The bells of St. John's Church, a fine peal of eight (tenor 19¾ cwt.) were available from 2 p.m., and these were heard to advantage in a variety of methods which produced some very good striking.

A meeting of the general committee was held in the Parish Room at 4 p.m., at which it was decided to send a donation of two guineas to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies memorial fund.

Tea was afterwards served, some sixty members and friends sitting down.

The general meeting followed, at which the president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) was in the chair. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. Clark, J. W. Addison, G. Halksworth, A. Walker and G. Lewis.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the Chairman spoke of his first visit to Knaresborough, when he participated in a boat race on the river Nid.—In acknowledgment, the Rev. H. L. Ogle assured the members of the pleasure it had given him to welcome the association to Knaresborough, and hoped it would not be long before they paid another visit. He also said that another boat race could be arranged. Should this event materialise on some subsequent visit, it should prove a great attraction, and it would be rather interesting to see how some ringers shaped with an oar in their hands instead of a bell rope.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the local company for the excellent arrangements they had made, and to the ladies for waiting at the tea tables.

An invitation from the Vicar, churchwardens and local company to hold the annual meeting at Burley on Saturday, January 29th, 1933, was accepted unanimously.

The Chairman again reminded those present of the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, which is to be held at Sheffield on October 8th, and Mr. S. F. Palmer also spoke of the arrangements which have been made. It now remains for the members themselves to support the event to the best of their ability and help to make it a great success.

There being no other business to transact, this terminated the meeting. In closing, mention must be made of one enthusiast from Rotherham who cycled forty-five miles to attend the meeting, and then had to make the return journey!

EASTERN DISTRICT: PRESENTATION TO THE LATE SECRETARY.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Patrington on Saturday, September 10th, and was attended by over 30 ringers from Barrow-on-Humber, Beverley, Eastrington, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby, Withernsea and the local company. The musical ring of six bells were kept going in various methods of Minor and Doubles during the afternoon and evening.

Service, fully choral, was held in the very fine old church of St. Patrick, known as the 'Queen of Holderness.' The Rector, Rev. P. R. Frost, M.A., who officiated, extended a most hearty welcome.

Tea was served in the Church Hut. It was originally intended to have it on the Rectory lawn, but the wet morning prevented this, although the afternoon was gloriously fine.

The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer. One new member was elected, Mr. Dan Meadley, of Hull. Howden was chosen as the next place of meeting in December.

Mr. J. H. Howell proposed and Mr. F. Dale seconded a vote of thanks to the Rector, the local company, the choir and organist, also to the ladies of the Parochial Church Council for presiding at tea.—Mr. Pickering, of the local company, responded.

A presentation to the late district secretary, Mr. A. B. Cook, then took place. Mr. Cryer referred to the splendid services Mr. Cook had rendered to the district, and in wishing him long life and good health hoped he would come to the meetings as often as possible in the future.

Mr. Cook, in accepting the gifts, referred to the happy times he had spent during his 12 years of office, and thanked the members for their kindness in making him the presentation. He also thanked the members for their support in the work he had been so happy in doing, and hoped the same support would be given to his successor, Mr. H. S. Morley, in the future.

The presents consisted of five books, of his own choice, which he said he should always value, and each was suitably inscribed and signed by the president of the association, Rev. C. C. Marshall, and by the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer. They were the new Cathedral Psalter, with chants, Hymn Book, 'Songs of Praise,' with tunes, Oxford Book of Carols, with tunes, the Parish Psalter, with chants, and Nuttall's Standard Dictionary, and, in addition, a trousers press. There was a balance in hand of £1 1s. 2½d., which was handed to Mr. Cook to purchase anything he wanted for himself or his wife, who was also present at the meeting.

Further ringing terminated what everyone agreed had been a most enjoyable meeting in this extreme south-eastern corner of the district.

MIRFIELD REVISITED AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Mirfield on Saturday, September 10th. About 30 members, representing Batley, Bradford, Idle, Queensbury, Almondsbury, Liversedge, Birstall, Pudsey, Armley, Drighlington, Bolton St. James, Keighley, Edinburgh, and the local company, kept the bells going in various methods during the day, several of the younger members enjoying their first touch on ten bells.

Tea was served in the Church Room, and at the business meeting which followed the vice-president, Mr. J. Cotterell, occupied the chair.

Ten new members were elected on the motion of Mr. R. W. Jennison, seconded by Mr. H. Peel.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, also expressed pleasure in seeing young ringers coming forward to take the places left vacant by some of the old stalwarts of the Mirfield company. At the same time he gave a kindly hint for the need of a bell hanger to some of the bells.—Mr. J. Cotterell seconded the motion, and the Rev. T. Marden, in responding, expressed great surprise to learn that it was nearly half a century since the last meeting was held there. He hoped the association would visit them again in the near future.

Mr. W. Barton proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded to the local company and the ladies who had presided at tea. Mr. J. Baxendall seconded, and this concluded the meeting. The tower was then again visited for further ringing.

M.C.A. AND WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

JOINT MEETING AT BURBAGE.

A joint meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association and the Warwickshire Guild was held at Burbage on Saturday, September 17th, the M.C.A. being represented by members from Croft, Barwell, Earl Shilton, Stoney Stanton, Hinckley, Broughton Astley, Peckleton, Stoke Golding, Wolvey and Higham-on-the Hill, and visitors from Leicester, Melton Mowbray, Husbands Bosworth, Burton-on-Trent, and Overseale, whilst Warwickshire Guild members attended from Allesley, Stoke, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Rugby, Castle Bromwich, Exhall, Leamington, Warwick and King's Norton, and a visitor from Buckfast (Devon). Tea was served in the Co-operative Hall, some 45 members sitting down to a splendid spread.

Mr. A. E. Rowley (hon. secretary of the Hinckley District, M.C.A.) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. R. D. H. Pugh) for allowing the meeting to be held at his tower, also to the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements, at the same time welcoming the members of the Warwickshire Guild and the representatives of the Leicester and Burton-on-Trent Districts of the M.C.A. who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Mr. J. White (Ringing Master of the Warwickshire Guild) seconded the vote of thanks, and replied on behalf of his Guild, saying how much they enjoyed these joint meetings.—Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) and Mr. F. H. Dexter (Leicester) both supported the motion, which was carried with enthusiasm, the Rector suitably replying.

Mrs. D. E. Beamish, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, referred to the death of Mr. Arthur Meek, of Bulkington, and the meeting stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

Stedman Caters and tunes on handbells followed, after which the tower bells were once more made good use of, further members arriving during the evening. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise.

WALLASEY BELLS.

'PATIENTS' IN A SERIOUS STATE.

The bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Wallasey, are in need of overhaul. In the parish magazine the Rector (Rev. A. S. Roscamp), writing while on holiday at Brighton, says:—

'One piece of bad news has reached me. For some little time past our ringers have reported to us that the church bells are not swinging as they ought to swing. One of them has contracted a habit of "knocking," and of course a bell ought not to knock, it ought to ring. We therefore called in a specialist to overhaul them and report on their condition. This report has just come to hand, and I regret to say that the patients, especially one of them, are in a more serious state than we were aware. We are assured that if life is to be saved an operation is necessary. The cost is estimated at £90 2s. 6d. This is a sad blow and has quite "muffled" my holiday spirits. I don't know to what extent our repair fund can come to our help, but we have such a splendid band of ringers that we must at all costs keep our bells in proper order. What a difference they make! Here at the church where I am serving there is only one bell. It sounds a very miserable half-hearted invitation to come to church, compared with our own home peal.'

FORWARD—OR BACKWARD?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When the so-called 'peal' of false Treble Bob Minor appeared I thought it another of Mr. Arniger Trollope's jokes—for his is undoubtedly the hand that pulls the strings—but Mr. C. T. Coles' letter attempting to justify it makes the issue clear. In his epistle he uses exactly the same argument and speech that I used at Chelmsford, when I attacked the Cambridge Minor and 'Bob and Swindle' Grandsire Doubles. Eighty per cent. of his letter is spent in condemning—then, when one thinks he has at last seen the red light, he draws the usual herring across the trail and even suggests that the gate should be opened wider still! His attitude is peculiar, and his logic is unfathomable. Why does he always dance to the tune played by his ringing friends? How can a man of his ability endorse falseness on any numbers? His argument is puerile. Read this: 'How can they be false . . . if they contain the same number of changes . . . the same number of times?' Wonderful. The next time Mr. Coles attends a seven-course dinner, I wish the waiter would serve them all mixed into one mess of pottage. They would all be there right enough. Is it necessary to go back to the elements of ringing to show what is falseness? Well, here it is. The circuit of five bells is 120, no more or less. On six, 720; on seven, 5,040, as every novice knows. If a repetition occurs before the circuit is complete, it is false. This is a concrete fact that no casuistry will annul. There can be no tampering with truth. It is the foundation stone of ringing. Peals are not rung for the exclusive pleasure of the conductor, and whether it is more intricate or not does not count. Whether the Central Council agrees to admit such false compositions does not count. The Exercise is older than the Council, and it can be said with propriety here that the Council had better put its own house in order, while asking its members to abide by its decisions, otherwise it will not be long before associations will ask what profit to be affiliated to a body whose standard is lower than their own?

A little while ago Rev. E. S. Powell rebuked Mr. J. Hunt for calling such compositions 'piffle.' That word is too polite entirely. They are rot and rubbish with capital R's, and the Council ought not to spend any more of its money propagating such. The Exercise has already been duped by the Methods Committee. It was never intended to print **sixteen** pages of false compositions, although I admit it was our fault to let them deliver the goods without first submitting a sample. It should not occur again. One thing is certain, the Council cannot condone on five and six bells what it condemns on eight, ten and twelve, nor is it a matter to wait a year to ascertain. The cost of the annual discussion on 'cranks' is about £1 1s. per minute. It can be settled now. Is the secretary of the Council going to include the 'peal' among those rung during the year or not? And now for the brickbats!

WILLIAM WILLSON.

UNNECESSARY COMPOSITIONS.

Dear Sir,—To my mind the most regrettable feature of this ever-recurring subject of 'Peals of Minor' is the way the Rev. E. B. James' peal of 'Cambridge' is always brought in; chiefly, I suppose, because it was the first composition published where the 720's did not start and end in the usual way.

Of the compositions of this kind since published, none appear to be in the same class as the 'Cambridge,' most of them being absolute rubbish, and, furthermore, not at all necessary.

Now, Sir, you and many others are aware that a scale has been worked out whereby all the 720's in any legitimate Minor method with a Treble Bob hunt can be obtained, and I believe that if you could find room to publish it most of the need for these freak compositions would disappear.

Without wishing to pose as a critic, I know many others like myself are heartily 'fed up' with this subject, and feel that much of it is a waste of space in your valuable paper.

Newton, Cambridge. CHAS. W. COOK.

ROUNDS AT BEGINNING AND END.

Sir,—Without entering into the merits or otherwise of the Minor compositions which he advocates, surely Mr. Coles has tried to drag a red herring across the path when he endeavours to make an analogy between Bankes James' peal of Cambridge and a peal of Stedman Triples stopped at 1325476. No one, I imagine, would recognise a peal of Stedman rung in that way, and Bankes James' Cambridge certainly is not rung like that. In the Cambridge, as in every other peal, rounds comes at the beginning and the end. It is necessary for a proper start and a decisive finish—but both cannot count in the peal. In Stedman the row of rounds that counts is the one that comes at the end. In the Bankes James' Cambridge the one that counts comes at the beginning; that is the only difference. In both there must be rounds to start and rounds to finish; the peal could not be considered completed without them. 'CONDUCTOR.'

FRINDSBURY.—At All Saints Church, on September 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Humphrey (first quarter-peal), 1, W. Easter 2, S. T. Jarrett 3, W. S. Beaumont 4, G. Philpott (first quarter-peal inside) 5, T. Beaumont 6, E. A. G. Allen (conductor) 7, W. Collishaw 8. A birthday compliment to W. Easter.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE.

To celebrate the jubilee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, which was formed on September 14th, 1882, a peal was rung at Kington Magna, where the Guild's secretary is Rector, and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Beaminster, Dorset, on Saturday. A peal of Stedman was also attempted at St. James', Poole, but owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers it was brought round at the quarter-peal end: H. R. Mitchell (Bournemouth) 1, J. I. Davis (Poole) 2, W. E. Cheater (Ringwood) 3, Miss M. White (Bournemouth) 4, C. J. Wilborne (Swanage) 5, A. G. Rose (Poole) 6, C. F. Turner, conductor (Poole), 7, L. F. Cox (Bournemouth), first quarter-peal of Stedman, 8. This was also a birthday compliment to Miss White.

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

A highly successful quarterly meeting was held at Buckhorn Weston on Saturday, September 10th. Members were present from Bishop's Caundle, Child Okeford, Hazelbury Bryan, Bourton, Kington Magna, Okeford Fitzpaine, Marnhull, Sherborne, Mere, Stourton, Zeals and the local tower, and visitors from Yeovil, Cuckington, Stoke Trister, Bruton, North Cadbury, Mortimer, Evershot, Buckland Newton and Little Bredy, while the Winchester Guild was represented by Mr. G. Pullinger, of Eastleigh. The Guild office was conducted by the Rector, Rev. W. Tufnell Barrett, with the assistance of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, general secretary, who preached on the text, 'Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year . . .' (Leviticus xxv. 10), with special reference to the jubilee of the Guild, and pointed out that the threefold message of the trumpet of jubilee—the signal for a sacred rest, for liberty from bondage, and for the return of each and all to their family and heritage—corresponded in a spiritual sense to the message of the bells on the Lord's Day.

Besides some seventy ringers, a considerable number of the general public attended the service, and the church was well filled. The vigorous and hearty singing, ably led by Mr. Matthias, the organist, was a notable feature of the service.

Before adjourning to the village school, a photograph of the company was taken outside the church. Seventy-eight members and friends then sat down to an ample tea, kindly prepared by Mrs. Barrett and a band of lady helpers. The business meeting followed, with Canon Digby in the chair. Among new members elected were the ringers of Marnhull, whose fine record in ringing together for 35 years received prominent mention in the press last October, and several of whom were present with their Rector, Canon Hellins.

On the proposition of Canon Digby, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, organist and preacher, and to the ladies responsible for the tea.—The Rector, in his reply, testified to the loyal and devoted service of Mr. Bert Cox, captain of the local band, and referred to the recent death of two former members, John Coombs and Tom Paine, in memory of whom the whole company stood and joined in a brief act of devotion.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards then voiced the feelings of all present in expressing their sense of loss at the impending removal of their chairman, Canon Digby, of whose virile qualities and valued service to the Guild he spoke in appreciative terms, and offered him the best wishes of the branch on his taking up work in Kenya Colony.

The Canon, in reply, spoke of the urgent need at the present day of a definite and manly witness for God and the right, and appealed to all for the support of their prayers at the time of embarking upon the duties of his new charge. As a homely act of farewell, the whole company joined hands and sang 'Auld Lang Syne.'

The six bells of the Parish Church were busily plied throughout the afternoon and evening. The methods rung included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise. A gratifying feature of the proceedings was the good practice obtained by several beginners under the direction of the energetic Ringing Master, Mr. W. Shute.

It is intended to present a copy of the photograph taken to Canon Digby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Cosgrove on Saturday, when there was an attendance of about 30 members. The Guild form of service was used, and an address was given by the Rev. J. A. J. Stockton (curate-in-charge), who reviewed the growth of the associations and guilds of ringers during the past 25 years.

After tea the hon. secretary (Rev. R. Howse) distributed combined practice fixture cards. These practices, which are run during the autumn and winter at 14 towers, are a great help to the learners, and credit is due to the instructors for real progress made.

Some of the company afterwards visited Stony Stratford for their first pull on eight.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Germanus on Thursday, July 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: F. W. Hinton, jun., 1, T. H. Foster (first quarter-peal) 2, F. W. Hinton, sen., 3, F. Terry (Hemingbrough) 4, F. Cryer 5, H. S. Morley 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, R. Warford (first quarter-peal) 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT'S PEREGRINATING MEETING.

A departure from the usual stereotyped district meeting was made on Saturday, September 10th, when members of the South and West District of the association paid a visit to three towers in one afternoon and evening. They finished a memorable expedition by ringing in another county! They were invited, of course, to do this, so no question of 'poaching' arose!

The weather was inclined to be stormy, but some 25 members and friends found the programme sufficiently attractive to attend, and spent a very pleasant time. Ringing commenced at St. Mary's, Bedfont, where in the quaint wooden belfry hangs a light ring of six. Bedfont lies about a long pleasant strip of tree-grown green on the main road at a point midway between Hounslow and Staines. The chief interest is in its old church, which stands half hidden by varied foliage. The famous yew trees were admired, though their likeness to peacocks calls for some exercise of imagination on the part of the observer!

When everybody had rung, the conveyances were mustered, and the 'troop moved off in column of route' to the next tower at Stanwell, nearly two miles distant. The formation was a bit ragged, but this was probably due to the fact that the sergeant (R.M.) was inadvertently left behind! The Vicar of Stanwell (Rev. H. F. Gaster) greeted members individually when they arrived at his tower, and evinced great interest when the bells went into changes. The tenor of this fine ring of five weighs 13 cwt., and was cast in 1788 by Mears. It was quickly found that to strike Doubles accurately on these bells required no small measure of skill and attention.

AN INTERESTING CHURCH

A sumptuous tea was partaken of at the Wheatsheaf. When many hearty (or perhaps voracious) appetites had been appeased, the Vicar welcomed the association to Stanwell. He gave some details of the history of the church. He hoped the visitors would inspect the church. It contained several mural monuments, including one to Sir Charles Brisbane, a gallant seaman of Nelson's time. The most notable was a coloured marble one (1622) to Thomas, Lord Knyvett, and his lady, with lifesize kneeling figures. This was the work of Nicholas Stone, the celebrated 'statuary,' who designed Donne's tomb in St. Paul's Cathedral. The Vicar drew attention to the fact that Thomas Lord Kynvett was the man reputed to have discovered the notorious Guy Fawkes in the vaults of the Houses of Parliament. He did not say whether the '5th' was celebrated in Stanwell with any more fervour! Proceeding, the Vicar related that when Sir John Stainer was organist at St. Paul's Cathedral he approached the Vicar of Stanwell, and offered him a new ring of eight bells if he could be allowed to have the five bells that hung in Stanwell tower to form the nucleus of the new ring of twelve that was about to be installed in the Cathedral by public subscription. Happily, said the Vicar, the offer was refused, and the original five continue to do duty each Sunday. He hoped that a sixth bell would be added at no distant date. He was proud of his bells and ringers, and always visited the belfry twice each Sunday.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow), in thanking the Vicar for his words of welcome, etc., said that he and Mr. Pratt, captain of the local band, had evinced considerable interest in the art of change ringing, and it was his (the speaker's) earnest hope that when the association visited Stanwell again the local ringers would be able to join in the half-pull ringing. He had pleasure in proposing that the Vicar should be elected as an honorary member and Mr. Pratt a ringing member.—This was carried with acclamation.

BUCKS INVADED

It was announced that the next meeting would take place at Hillingdon on October 8th, when the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild would be invited to meet the association. It was agreed that a further meeting be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on November 12th, subject to the usual permission being granted.

As no ringing could take place at Harmondsworth in the evening as arranged, owing to the death of one of the ringers, an invitation to visit Horton instead was extended by Mr. A. D. Barker, hon. secretary of the local branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. This offer was accepted with thanks, and, after some handbell ringing and a further visit to the tower, the convoy of vehicles set out for Horton. Excellent use was made of this pretty ring of six, and the available time slipped by all too quickly. The homeward trek was some compensation for the earlier journeys. The air was balmy and the countryside bathed in moonlight. Such are the vagaries of our climate!

And so to bed, happy in the knowledge that an experiment had proved justified, of fresh ground explored and perhaps another tower gained to the association.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Thursday, September 15th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Diamond, a sidesman: F. Graham 1, F. Sharman 2, H. Martin 3, E. Morris 4, G. Tillson 5, A. Skinner 6, R. Barrow 7, K. Lawson 8. Composed by W. A. Cave, of Bristol, and called by Ernest Morris.

ESSEX SURPRISE.

ANOTHER NEW METHOD RUNG AT LEISTON.

Another Surprise method, the production of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, has been rung at Leiston, Suffolk. This has been named Essex Surprise, and is the sixteenth Surprise method rung at this tower by the local band, the first Surprise peal on the bells having been rung on January 8th, 1908. The conductor, Mr. Charles F. Bailey, has conducted two different Surprise peals off each bell: Treble, Lancashire and Superlative; 2, Guildford and Cambridge; 3, New Cambridge and Bristol; 4, Surrey and Dublin; 5, Rochester and Suffolk; 6, Yorkshire and London; 7, Camdon and Essex; tenor, Edinburgh and Norfolk—an interesting and unique performance.

The method and the composition rung at Leiston on Saturday, both by Mr. Lindoff, are as under:—

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LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE RINGERS MEET

A most successful meeting of ringers from the Lancashire Association and the Wirral branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild took place at Port Sunlight on Saturday week. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and was continued until 5 o'clock, when an adjournment for tea was made. This was served in the beautiful art gallery, by kind invitation of Messrs. Lever Bros, and 46 ringers were present.

Mr. Claude I. Davies proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. Lever Bros for placing the bells at their disposal and for providing a very good tea.—This was seconded by Mr. H. S. Brocklebank and supported by Mr. Ludkin, and carried unanimously.

The bells were kept going until 8 o'clock, and the methods were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, London Surprise Minor and Stedman Triples. Thanks are due to Mr. W. Heskine, who is in charge of the bells, for having everything ready.

AN OUTING IN THE PEAK DISTRICT.

The Keyworth (Leicestershire) ringers, with their friends, numbering 30 in all, visited the Peak district on Saturday, September 3rd, for their annual outing. Bakewell was reached in good time, and a visit paid to this beautiful church. Tideswell was the next stop, and an inspection of the church (which is known as 'the Cathedral of the Peak') was much enjoyed. Several touches were brought round on the bells, another visiting ringer belonging to the Police Guild from London taking a rope. Eyam was the next objective, where a beautiful light peal of six by Taylor's was found, and Cambridge, Stedman and Bob Minor were rung. After a short stay the party went on to Hathersage, where a tea was waiting; then to Castleton, famous for its Blue John Cavern and Stone. Here the ladies were interested in rings and necklets. Good use was made of the bells for a short period before leaving for home. The ringers wish to thank all clergy and steeplekeepers for their kindness and for use of the bells. The outing was a most enjoyable one.

UPLYME, DEVON.—On Sunday, September 18th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Coward 1, C. Powell 2, H. Keely 3, G. Whitemore 4, W. Shute 5, F. Price (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by the ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ?

UNITY IS STRENGTH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My recent letter on the subject of a national association has brought forth considerable comment, some of it very interesting. But the question is not, to my mind, whether diocesan guilds are better than county associations, as Messrs. Keeble and Duffield argue. As well have one as the other, for I see very little difference in them, except in name. If the whole country was to be split up into diocesan boundaries to-morrow they would still not be helping each other, either in the way of finance or in this question of overlapping. In Northamptonshire, for instance, the amalgamation of a number of small bodies into what is now the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, took place in 1924. The only territory outside Northants included in the diocese is the tiny county of Rutland, which no one seems to want to interest themselves in owing to its out-of-the-way position and bad travelling facilities. Several branches in this diocese are able to be run without 'trespassing' into other Guilds' territory, but there are areas round Daventry, Peterborough, and what might some day be formed into a Brackley district, all situated so that they cannot possibly go along without this 'trespassing,' unless they confine their meetings to a mere handful of towers. This applies to Peterborough in particular. One only has to go to Woodston (less than two miles from the Cathedral) before they are in the diocese of Ely. What then would it have mattered, instead of naming it a diocesan guild, naming it after the county? When the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was formed it was agreed that all should carry on in the usual way, and each conduct their own business, with the exception of all being subject to the general rules; and a rule to this effect is printed in the report books to this day. This is exactly all that, to my mind, would need to happen with the forming of a national guild, except that, instead of linking small bodies into county or diocesan guilds, you would be amalgamating the latter into one national body, with the Central Council as its 'central committee.' The Council would then be the figure head and carry the weight intended. If you are going to have a national Council, then, in my opinion, you must have a national association. Otherwise, I fail to see what the good of a Central Council is. For Mr. Barber to suggest that we already have a 'national guild' is ridiculous. What would he have said if, before 1924, someone had suggested to him that he already had a diocesan association in the old Central Northants area? Under a national body a great many districts, too large and others not covered, would be rearranged, so that meetings could be held more frequently, and in this way help to better the art. For instance, what is more needed than the formation of a Market Harborough Branch? One could name many towers in both southern Leicestershire and northern Northants which never see a meeting because they are considered too wide of the M.C.A. and P.D.G.'s activities. Similarly there are districts in northern Hunts, parts of Cambridgeshire and South Warwickshire one could also refer to in the same way. With regard to Mr. Duffield's arguments about the expense of sending delegates to national committee meetings being prohibitive, and fully representative gatherings seldom resulting, we already have to send delegates to the Central Council, so what is the difference? The interest shown in the two Croydon gatherings, I should think, are sufficient proof of what national interest would do. When all is said and done, other nationally run bodies can make a success of things. Why, then, cannot ringers? With the many problems facing the art to-day, it is pretty evident that it is not in the happy position that it might be, and with some districts flourishing and others having a job to make ends meet, if all were linked together each would be helping the other. **Unity is strength.**

A NORTHANTS RINGER.

THE DEVON GUILD.

AYLESBEARE DEANERY BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch was held at Littleham Parish Church on Saturday, September 17th, when some 50 ringers were present. A service was held in the church, and a warm welcome and most helpful address given by the Rev. T. G. Shelmerdine, Vicar of Littleham-cum-Exmouth. Tea was subsequently served in the spacious Village Hall, where local ladies, wives of the Littleham ringers, had set out a very good and very dainty meal.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. E. A. Jullyan, chairman, offered a welcome to visiting ringers from Christow.

The annual meeting of the branch is fixed for December 3rd at Whimple, with the Rector's kind permission. On the proposal of the chairman, the Rev. T. G. Shelmerdine and the Rev. F. C. Benison (curate-in-charge of Littleham Church) were elected hon. members of the Guild.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to these two gentlemen, to Mrs. Benison and to the organist for their kindness during the afternoon, and special thanks were also accorded to the local band and their ladies for their most capable assistance, not forgetting the blower and verger.

The bells were kept busy during the afternoon and evening to touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

Amid ideal weather conditions, the quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday last at Beaconsfield, and was well attended, members coming from Enfield, Stoke Poges, Chislehurst, Crayford, Harrow Weald and the local band. Various methods were rung from Grandsire to London Surprise on the bells of St. Mary and All Saints' Church. As the Rector, Rev. R. Wells, was on holiday, the service was kindly conducted by the Rev. Bishop and the assistant priest. Tea was partaken of at the Wilton Tea Gardens, and the company was joined by both the preacher and organist.

By kind permission of Mrs. Fletcher, the members held their meeting at 11, Aylesbury End, Miss D. R. Fletcher presiding. Miss E. Brett-Smith, of Chislehurst, was elected a member.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Enfield), general hon. secretary, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. Bishop, the preacher, and organist, and also to the Misses Fletcher for so kindly making all the necessary arrangements.

This concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned to the church to join the gentlemen in further ringing.

'RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As I read Mr. Cobbin's letter, he evidently does not feel comfortable regarding St. Peter's belfry, Nottingham. I have never set foot in this tower, so I may say my remarks do not apply to that, nor to any particular tower or towers of Nottinghamshire. I have accused the body of ringers as a whole and no individuals. I have given causes which seem to me at the root of ringers drifting from the ranks, and will continue to drift while the conduct I mentioned continues. It is not my wish that any individual band should think I accuse them. Ringers become ringers to ring at their particular tower, they learn for their own enjoyment and pleasure, and jealousies, close-mindedness, fault-finding, snobbishness in ringing (such as 'We don't want Plain Bob, it's too common,' etc.) must be put on one side if the Exercise is to go forward.

E. A. WILSON.

Sutton-in-Ashfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Henfield on Wednesday, August 31st. The weather was kind, and although the attendance was not quite as good as at the previous Wednesday afternoon meeting—also held at Henfield—the mid-week venture again proved successful, 21 members being present, representing Brighton (St. Peter's), Crawley, Heene, Horsham, Lewes, Turners Hill, Seaford, Shoreham, Uckfield and Warnham. Ringing took place from 2.30 on the fine peal by Taylor's (tenor 16½ cwt.), and the usual service was held, conducted by the Rev. B. J. Boodle (curate) in the absence of the Vicar, who was on holiday. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, Mr. Cruttenden being the caterer. After the business had been dealt with, Mr. W. Charman (Warnham) moved a vote of thanks to the curate and the organist.

The bells were kept going continually during the evening to methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise till they were lowered in peal shortly after 8 o'clock, thus bringing a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on September 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. H. King 1, W. J. Ellis 2, T. Kimber 3, J. Thomas 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, E. H. King 6, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, C. Davidson 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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NOTICE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Stratton Audley (5) on Saturday, October 8th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome. Bicester bells (8) available in the evening. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Sept. 29th, at 7.30 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a six-bell contest and quarterly meeting at Kirkburton on Saturday, September 24th. Draw 2.45 p.m. —L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 24th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1/3 per head, followed by business meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Meeting at 5.30. —W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampford Speke on September 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 (1s. each).—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5, and tea, at 1/- per head, 5.30.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.— Next meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1/- each, at 5.30. Please advise Mr. W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, N.14, if you require tea. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. Lionel Lambert, Rector, at 4.45. Tea (1/-) at 5.30. Reports for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Riseley and Bletsoe on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells at Riseley (5) will be available from 2.30 to 4.30. Tea at 4.30 at Riseley. Bletsoe bells (6) available after tea. All welcome. — Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —The meeting to-morrow (Saturday, Sept. 24th) will be held at Woburn The bells (8) will be available from 3. Tea at 5.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available early. Gentlemen cordially invited. — N. Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—55th Annual Meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Festival Service in Cathedral at 1 o'clock, followed by Service of Remembrance at the Ringers' War Memorial. Dinner, followed by the annual meeting, at the Crown Hotel at 2 o'clock, members 2/6, non-members 3/-. The bells of St. Mary's, Gateshead, will be available at 11 a.m. and the Cathedral and St. John's at noon. St. James' and St. Basil's bells are not available. — George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Wellington (6), on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow in the Schools.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be at Matlock on Saturday, Sept 24th. Church of St. Giles (8 bells, tenor about 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due. — J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Childrey on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 3.30 p.m. — Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.— The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ewerby on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Finch Hatton Arms, Ewerby, 4.30, 1s. 9d. each. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 8 p.m. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. The ringers will be entertained to tea by the Rector (Rev. J. J. Antrobus) at 5 p.m.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Berkhamsted, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. There will be a service, tea and meeting. All ringers are welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

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CLOWNE, near CHESTERFIELD.—The new ring of six bells, recently installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Derby on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge, and names should be sent in to the Rev. J. Waugh, Rector, Clowne, by Thursday, Sept. 29th. The bells will be available after tea throughout the evening.—J. Flint.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on the occasion of the dedication by the Bishop of Birmingham of the recast peal of 10 bells and the restoration of the tower and spire. Dedication service at 3.30 p.m., to be followed by tea at 5, as the guests of the churchwardens. Ringers of kindred societies heartily welcome to service and tea. Bells open for ringing immediately after tea. All requiring tea *must* notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 28th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 26th?—H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Overseal, Oct. 1st. Bells (8), also Netherseal (8), open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.15 p.m. in School. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 4.30 p.m., at Robin Hood Hotel, *only* to those who notify Mr. J. W. Cotton, Moira Road, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent, not later than Sept. 29th. General meeting follows. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Burnham-on-Sea. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Court's Creamery 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. —J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Geddington (5) on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, Sept. 27th? — H. Baxter, Bredon, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The monthly meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea, by invitation of St. John's ringers, 4.30. Meeting to follow. Will tower secretaries please let me know numbers for tea by Sept. 27th? All ringers invited.—W. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service 4.30. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Thursday, Sept. 29th?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and help to make the meeting a success. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —Next meeting Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Burton-in-Kendal. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. to those who notify Mr. W. W. Rowbotham, The Square, Burton-in-Kendal, via Carnforth, by Sept. 28th.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stamford-on-Avon on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (5) available 2.45. It would greatly assist if those wishing to attend would let me have names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 28th. Members, please note alteration of tower.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting is at Arksey on Saturday, Oct. 1st, *not* Sept. 24th, as arranged. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Buses from Doncaster to the church gate every half hour. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, by Tuesday, Sept. 27th without fail. Please look up your methods and come in crowds. — E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.—Dedication of the two peal boards on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3.30 p.m., by Rev. W. Carey Ward, the Vicar of Faringdon. Visiting ringers requiring tea are asked to notify Mr. E. Walker, 22, Council Houses, Station Road, Faringdon, Berks, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. and after tea.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Glemsford on Oct. 1st. Bells (6, tenor 16 cwt.) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Members and visitors are invited to attend. Frequent bus service from Sudbury (10d. return).—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Elm, near Wisbech, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. J. Sherratt, 3, Moss Lane, Orrell, not later than Sept. 27th.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Our autumn meeting at Stanton Harcourt, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.15, Harcourt Arms. Inform me by Thursday, Sept. 29th.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Treasurer and Sec.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Welcome Hall, High Street, Wimbledon Common. Those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 28th. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held on Oct. 8th at Kirby. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s. per head. Will all those likely to be present please notify me not later than Oct. 5th?—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

A JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 and tea in St. John's Hall at 5.30 p.m. Further ringing later. Please notify us for tea, if possible.—F. W. Goodfellow, 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The eleventh annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past Officers of the Association will be held at Stephenson's Exchange Restaurant, Castle Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available for touches from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Also Handsworth bells (8, tenor 12 cwt.) are offered for peal attempt, all applications to be made as early as possible to Mr. F. Watkinson, 159, Old Hall Road, Handsworth, Sheffield. Good accommodation found for visitors staying overnight. Applications for dinner tickets (price 4/- each) to be made to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, October 4th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 87, Bradley St., Crookes, Sheffield, 10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at West Derby (St. James') on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting to follow. For tea it is essential to notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, by Wednesday, Oct. 5th. A good muster is desired. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A mid-week meeting will be held at Writtle on Wednesday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea at the Rose and Crown 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. H. Kirton, The Causeway, Writtle, not later than Monday, Oct. 10th? — A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

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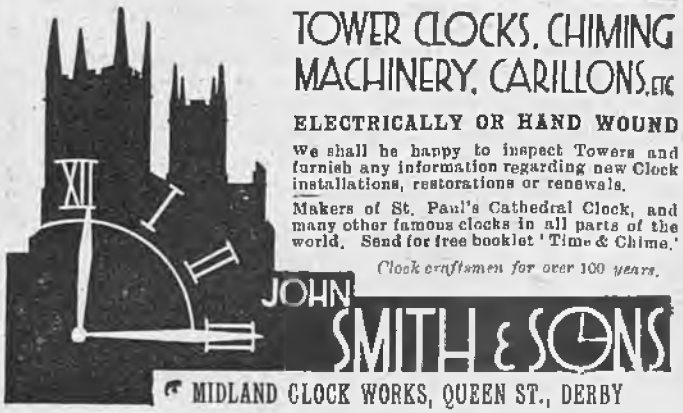

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'Summer time, 1932,' is fast approaching its end and its passing marks the definite advent of 'winter' evenings when, with outdoor attractions no longer possible, ringers should turn with new zest to the belfry. There are a large number of towers where practices are entirely suspended during the summer and there are very few where the attendance is not affected during those months when the call of open air pastimes so much outweighs the claims of ringing chambers. Only the most enthusiastic seem prepared during the summer to give up an hour or so on one evening a week to the practice of ringing, and even their attempts to carry on are frequently frustrated by the less keen members who are loth to surrender even this short time for the purpose. There are two views of this break in the continuity of practice. One is that it is a serious interference with progress, in that it interrupts the work and, as a result, the band begins the winter more or less where it began just twelve months before. The other view is that after the summer break ringers come to their task with a new vigour and keener interest. There is doubtless truth in both these opinions, and which is the more applicable to any individual band depends largely on the ringers themselves. One thing, we think, is noticeable, and that is that, after a summer interval, it is often difficult to get the young and not over-keen ringer back to the fold.

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higher standards of Surprise ringing need not pause in the general advance; the 'splicing' of methods is open to them, and this most modern phase of change ringing is particularly to be commended to six-bell ringers, who will find the book 'Method Splicing' a fascinating study and likely to provoke a keen desire to put this form of producing extents into practice. Whatever rung of the ladder has been reached, there are few ringers who can say they have no further room to advance and, with the coming of the longer evenings, now is the time to lay down a definite objective for the winter and set about attaining it.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES	...Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	JOHN NEAL	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	9
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	GEORGE F. YENDELL	10
GEORGE E. LARGE	5	STAFFORD H. GREEN	11
HECTOR G. BIRD	6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER

This peal has the first 28 courses in seven-course blocks in the tittums position, with the 6th the full extent at home, and ten courses in the handstroke home position.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

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

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	...Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES	7
*GEORGE E. LARGE	2	†THOMAS HEMMING	8
JOHN BASS	3	‡ALBERT H. WARD	9
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
ALBERT WALKER	5	FRANK E. PERVIN	11
CYRIL TANSELL	6	ROBERT MATTHEWS	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells and 100th peal. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Four Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

JAMES G. A. PRIOR	...Treble	THOMAS NEWMAN	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	FRANK E. DARBY	8
ERNEST J. KING	3	JOHN WAUGH	9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	JEFFREY R. GAMMON	10
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	5	CECIL W. PIPE	11
GEORGE CROSS	6	EDWARD D. SMITH	...Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung on the anniversary of the birth of the ringer of the 5th.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37¾ cwt. in C.

*ARTHUR J. SMALLS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MAYERS	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	7
FREDERICK J. HOWCBIN ...	3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	8
GEORGE HOWCHIN	4	WILLIAM E. BASON	9
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ...	5	GEORGE BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to Mr. John Souter, of Diss.

SWINDON.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT ...	...*Treble*	STEPHEN H. WOOD	6
WILLIAM A. CAVE	2	NEAL ALLNATT	7
W. W. T. DANIELL	3	CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	8
ERNEST BISHOP	4	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	9
JOSEPH T. DYKE	5	W. A. BULLOCK	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD BROWN	6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	2	FRANCIS S. WILSON	7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	3	JOHN R. RODWELL	8
GEORGE PULLINGER	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	9
WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	5	EDWARD C. WHEELER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

This peal was arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Wincanton, Somerset. It was also the eve of the harvest festival at the above church.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventee Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

ALFRED B. PECK	...*Treble*	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	6
HARRY R. PASMORE	2	ERNEST BRETT	7
HERBERT LANGDON	3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	8
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ...	9
PERCY E. CLARK	5	RICHARD HAYES	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Canon Martin-Jones; also to Messrs. W. H. Pasmore and H. W. Hawkins.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM WATSON	...*Treble*	WALTER F. JUDGE	6
HARRY MILES	2	†FREDERICK SELWYN	7
†WILLIAM TANDY	3	JOHN SIMONS	8
†FRANK BALDWIN	4	†HERBERT IMPEY...	9
†ERNEST PEARSON	5	†ROBERT HIGHAM ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. A. L. E. Williams, M.A.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART...	...*Treble*	JOHN DEARLOVE	6
STANLEY ARMSTRONG	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
ALBERT D. STONE	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	8
JACK M. CRIPPS	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	9
ALFRED W. GROVES	5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ALAN FORSHAW	...*Treble*	†JOHN TODD	5
†GORDON WHITTAM	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
†ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .	3	†WILLIAM LANGHORNE ...	7
NICHOLAS NEWBY	4	THOMAS METCALF ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM HIBBERT ...	...*Treble*	JAMES S. NAPPER...	5
ALBERT E. LOCK	2	GEOFFREY C. RICE	6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ...	3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	7
RICHARD G. RICE...	4	WILLIAM CORDEROY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

First peal on the bells since being restored and increased to eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BROADLY ...	...*Treble*	FRED ROBSON	5
ALFRED COATES	2	JOHN W. DOWSON	6
HARRY TAYLOR	3	ADAM DEAS	7
SIDNEY BREEZE	4	ERNEST BURNETT... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. BURNETT.

Ringers of 4th and 5th are from West Hartlepool, 7th from Gosforth, tenor from Kirkby Stephen, and the rest local. Rung to celebrate the refurnishing of the church with oak panelling, through the generosity of Miss Mary Baron, the dedication taking place the following day.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, September 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ALFRED G. GRANT ...	...*Treble*	EDGAR HANCOX	5
JOSEPH B. FENTON	2	FRANK CORKE	6
JAMES H. LUCAS...	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
ERNEST W. TIPLER	4	THOMAS PITTHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

Specially arranged for Messrs. Lucas, Hancox and Corke, of Uxbridge. 50th peal by E. W. Tipler.

ARKSEY.—On Saturday, July 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Garner 1, G. Clarke 2, E. Lee 3, H. Arrand 4, J. McCluskey 5, E. Cooper (conductor) 6, T. Revill 7, B. Burkitt 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	5
*GEORGE SCHLEUTER ...	... 2	ALBERT LAWRENCE	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
FREDERICK DIGBY	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW	...*Treble*	JOHN R. BREARLEY	5
ARNOLD HAIGH	... 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY	6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ...	... 3	*CHARLES GILLOTT	7
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL ...	4	WILLIAM HARRISON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

* First attempt for a peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. THYNG ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. PALMER ...	5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	2	*AMBURN WILSON	6
*NORMAN C. LEWIS	3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	7
JOHN P. TARLTON	4	*THOMAS E. LEE	...*Tenor*

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE THREE-PART, No. 86

Tenor 9¾ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
MAURICE SWINFIELD ...	... 2	T. ALFRED BARRATT	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	... 3	JAMES GEORGE	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF NEW GAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	5
MISS STELLA DAVIS	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	3	GEORGE GILBERT...	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal of New Cambridge by all except the conductor, on the bells, and, it is believed, by the Guild.

STEDMAN CATERS AT CIRENCESTER.

On Wednesday, September 21st, at the Parish Church, Cirencester, Glos, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes), composed by Albert Walker: F. W. Bond 1, H. L. Cooke 2, H. Gassor 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, H. S. Parsons 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. J. Lewis, jun., 8, W. H. Hayward 9, W. G. Cook 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by a local hand, also first as conductor, and believed to be the first of Stedman Caters on the bells. Rung on the 27th anniversary of the opening of the Bingham Public Library.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR W. LUFF	...*Treble*	KENNETH KNOWLES	5
ARTHUR HAWKINS	2	GEORGE POPNELL	6
JACK M. CRIPPS	... 3	DONALD G. CLIFT	7
JOHN W. JONES	... 4	NELSON ELLIOTT	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL...	...*Treble*	†WALTER PERKINS	5
*FRANCIS BALL	... 2	AMOS SMART	6
JOHN J. MAWBY... ...	... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	7
ALBERT J. GREEN	4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal in the method. † 350th peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. R. P. FARROW ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR E BEAMISH	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	FRANK W. PERRENS	6
MRS. BEAMISH	... 3	ALAN W. RANDS...	7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mrs. A. E. D. Disney, wife of the former Rector of Stoney Stanton.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD ELLISON ...	...*Treble*	HARRY WILDE	5
WILLIAM BARTON	2	GEORGE AMBLER	6
JOSEPH BROADLEY	3	SAM LONGBOTTOM	7
HAROLD PEARCE	4	WILLIAM AMBLER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by WM. BARTON

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. C. Foote, B.A., Vicar of Queensbury, on his appointment to a canonry of Bradford Cathedral.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	5
GEORGE WEITING	2	ROGER W. DANIELS	6
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	7
ERNEST E. LANHAM	4	THOMAS W. LAST... ...	...*Tenor*

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

Arranged for Messrs. Bradley and Daniels, who were on holiday in the district.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	5
EDWIN BARNETT	... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
JOHN W. WARD	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Arranged for Mr. J. W. Ward, of Cambridge.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 23, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG	...*Treble*	FRANK LAWRENCE	5
ALBERT HARTLAND	2	FRED HAWKES	6
WILLIAM HALFORD	3	CHARLES CAMM	7
JOSEPH LAWRENCE	4	HENRY BISHOP	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. CAMM.

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

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS... ...	...*Treble*	HENRY W. GAYTON	5
HARRY L. SMITH	2	EDWIN CATTELL	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE	7
*JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ...	4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by the late REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. Arranged for Messrs. Partridge, of Bozeat, Northants, and Gayton, of Harrold, Beds.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN	...*Treble*	JOHN COOK	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	WILLIAM STANFORD	6
THOMAS ADAMS	3	JACK BRANCH	7
PETER CHARMAN	4	C. ERNEST SMITH... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Walter Charman on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Also rung for the birthday of T. Adams, and the wedding anniversary of the Vicar of Warnham, the Rev. F. S. Farebrother.

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

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	...*Treble*	WALTER BINGHAM	5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS...	2	THOMAS E. LEE	6
JOHN W. SYKES	3	WILLIAM BIGGIN	7
GEORGE M. THORPE	4	*NORMAN FISHER... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 399) Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the wedding of Miss Jean Grant, of Dore, and Capt. Brook, of Swansea, which took place at Dore on September 3rd.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*JAMES T. STEVENS	...*Treble*	LIONEL J. CULLUM	5
JOHN WHEADON	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	6
†CHARLES E. UDELL	3	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE... ...	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' 50th peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the laying and dedication of the foundation stone for the new Parish Church Hall by the Lord Bishop of Rochester prior to the commencement of peal; also on the eve of the harvest thanksgiving.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST H. EVEREST ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN O. WELLER	5
ERNEST J. OLIVER	2	†WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ...	6
JAMES W. KNIGHT	3	*HERBERT V. YOUNG	7
ALFRED J BULL	4	LEONARD A. TIDY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Kent Major. † 25th peal. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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

On Tuesday, September 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse College, Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

*REGINALD CHANCE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. CARTER	4
*MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ...	2	*RALPH PARTON	5
WILLIAM SHORT...	3	*ERNEST CALCUTT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. CALCUTT.

* First peal in seven methods. Arranged for Miss Cawthorne, of Sheffield. First peal on the bells in which a lady has taken part.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAWKINS ..	...*Treble*	FRANK FLOWER	4
EDMUND KING	2	REGINALD PARFREY	5
FREDERICK FEAR	3	WILLIAM WINDSOR ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK FLOWER.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven true extents. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ...	...*Treble*	*JOSEPH ELLIOTT	4
*CHARLES BURTON	2	WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT ...	5
*AMBROSE MASON	3	*CHARLES BUTTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. R. W. Croft) on completing ten years' ministry in the parish, and to celebrate the 71st birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Elliott (who kindly entertained the band at the conclusion of the peal), and also the 79th birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. John Sadler, of Broad Green, Great Tey.

STOCKTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.
Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ...	...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4
FRANCIS BROTHERTON... ...	2	WALTER LAGO	5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	3	RICHARD INSTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Completes Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques in the method for the conductor in Shropshire. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. First complete peal of Stedman Doubles on the bells, in the county, for the association and by all except the conductor. The visitors would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also Mr. R. Inston for having everything ready, and his parents for their kind hospitality after the peal.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

GEORGE WHYBROW ...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM SEEKINGS ...	... 4
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ...	... 2	ARTHUR J. GINN...	... 5
ERNEST WAKELING ...	... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON...	... 6

ROBERT SMITH ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. Rung with tenor covering after meeting short for Major.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE TOUR.

The following peals were rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild:—

HEREFORD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS ...	...*Treble*	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ...	... 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ...	... 7
ALBERT W. COLES ...	... 3	JAMES BENNETT ...	... 8
CHARLES T. COLES ...	.. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 9
JOHN G. NASH ...	 5	WILLIAM PYE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Surprise Royal in the diocese and by the Guild.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, September 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

CHARLES T. COLES ...	...*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH ...	 5
CHARLES EDWARDS ...	... 2	GEORGE R. PYE ...	 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF ...	... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	... 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	4	WILLIAM PYE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, September 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	5
GEORGE R. PYE	... 2	CHARLES T. COLES ...	... 6
JOHN G. NASH	... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	... 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, September 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24¾ cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	...*Treble*	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 5
JOHN G. NASH	... 2	JAMES BENNETT	... 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF ...	... 3	ALBERT W. COLES ...	... 7
GEORGE R. PYE	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 144). Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

First peal in the method in the diocese and by the Guild. This composition is now rung for the first time.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM PYE	... 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ...	... 2	ALBERT W. COLES ...	... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ...	... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	... 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ...	... 4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal in the method, in the diocese, and by the Guild.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23¾ cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF ...	...*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	... 6
GEORGE R. PYE... ...	... 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	... 7
JOHN G. NASH	... 3	WILLIAM PYE	... 8
CHARLES T. COLES ...	... 4	ALBERT W. COLES ...	... 9
*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal, and has now rung peals on 6, 8, 10 and 12 in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1932, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22¾ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ...	...*Treble*	GABRIEL LINDOFF ...	... 5
GEORGE R. PYE... ...	... 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD...	.. 6
JOHN G. NASH	... 3	JAMES BENNETT	... 7
*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 141). Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

On Friday, September 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	...*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES ...	... 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF ...	... 2	JAMES BENNETT ...	 6
JOHN G. NASH	... 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 7
GEORGE R. PYE	... 4	WILLIAM PYE ...	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	...*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	... 5
CHARLES T. COLES ...	... 2	ALBERT W. COLES ...	... 6
GEORGE R. PYE	... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	... 7
JOHN G. NASH	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 80). Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

First Surprise peal on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	... 5
JAMES BENNETT	... 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 6
GEORGE R. PYE	... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON...	... 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ...	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	.. *Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM PYE	... 5
JOHN G. NASH	... 2	JAMES BENNETT... ...	... 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	... 3	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 7
RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	... 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

* 250th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Creswell on Saturday, September 24th. Only a few members attended, but with the greatly appreciated help of the gentlemen most of the standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. The usual votes of thanks were passed, especially to Mrs. Bacon, who had so kindly prepared the tea.

Information was given about the next meeting, which is a joint one with the Lincoln District at Loughborough on Saturday, November 19th. Mr. Denison Taylor has kindly offered to provide tea. As it will be the first 'Ladies' Day' there, it is hoped that all members will make a big effort to attend.

Members and friends were present from Nottingham, Mansfield, Dore, Langwith, Bolsover, Treeton, Clowne and the local company.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

The fine weather and the opportunity of having a pull on the twelve bells no doubt accounted for the good attendance at Waltham Abbey on Saturday week, as during the afternoon and evening over 40 members put in an appearance. Members began to arrive by 3 p.m., and the bells were soon raised and going to Stedman and Grandsire. Service was conducted by the Vicar, after which a move was made to the Vicarage Hall, where a splendid tea, kindly provided and arranged by lady members of the congregation was partaken of.

At the business meeting seven new members were elected, and Leytonstone agreed upon as the place for next meeting—the district annual—to be held on December 3rd next.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Cleale) for allowing the use of tower and bells and for conducting the service, to Miss G. Church for arranging the meeting and accompanying the hymns, etc., on the organ, to the ladies for providing and arranging the tea, to the members of the local band for having everything in readiness. This was carried with acclamation, and responded to by the Vicar, who stated that they would always extend a hearty welcome to the association whenever they cared to pay a visit to Waltham Abbey.

During the afternoon and evening members were present from Walthamstow, Edmonton, Sawston, Royston, Fulbourne, Leyton, Leytonstone, Waltham Abbey, Romford, Melbourne, Nazing, Braughing, Enfield (St. Andrew's), Loughton and West Ham, and touches of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, the bells being made full use of till 9 p.m.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday last the Leeds and District Society visited the ancient church of Rothwell, and a very enjoyable meeting was held. The learners being guided through their various methods, the more advanced ringers then showed the beginners how to ring and strike the more advanced methods. The methods in which touches were rung were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. These comprise a sufficient variety for the most discriminating. During the tea interval, touches were rung on the handbells.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (Mr. W. H. Senior) being chairman, and members were present from Pudsey, Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Michael's), Idle, Queensbury, and the local company. Ten new members were elected, nine from the East Ardsley company and one from Rothwell.

The usual vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements, brought the meeting to a close.

The President announced that the next meeting would be at Bradford Cathedral on October 29th.

COMMEMORATION AT CLUN.

On Sunday week the churchpeople of Clun celebrated the 18th anniversary of the restoration of the tower of the grand old Parish Church and the recasting, augmentation and rededication of the bells. The Vicar (Rev. J. Harrison), preaching at the morning service, spoke of the sacramental significance of towers and bells, and asked those present to try to imagine what England and English countrysides would be like without these outward signs of religion. He made grateful reference to the work and ministry of the late Preb. R. D. Machen in Clun. 'It is hard,' he said, 'to think of our tower and bells without thinking of Preb. Machen. He it was who undertook the work of restoration, and who with the loyal support of the churchpeople of the time and other friends, carried it through to such successful completion. I doubt very much whether, if he had not undertaken it, either of his successors in their office as Vicar would have had the courage to attempt it.'

The marriage of Mr. Brian Machen (youngest son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Machen) and Miss Veronica Whitwell will take place at St. Clement Danes, London, on October 15th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to pressure on our space we have been compelled to hold over a number of peal and other reports.

A half-muffled peal of Bob Royal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on September 21st, as a token of respect to the late Mr. John Souter, of Diss, whose death has already been recorded in 'The Ringing World.' Had he lived, Mr. Souter, who rang and conducted a peal on his 81st birthday, would have been 82 on the 21st inst. As far as can be ascertained, this peal is the first to be rung muffled at St. Peter Mancroft.

Congratulations to Mr. Clifford Percy Hilton upon his promotion to the rank of superintendent of police. He will take charge of the Dorking (Surrey) Division as from October 9th. A native of Yateley, Hants, he began his ringing career when very young, and soon mastered the art of change ringing. Since joining the police in 1910 he has had very little opportunity of ringing, but it is hoped he may become a useful member of the Dorking band at an early date.

Mr. E. C. Chasty, of Long Eaton, writes that the peal at Great Gransden, Hunts, on September 17th, was not the first in seven methods on the bells. He rang the tenor to a peal in seven methods at Great Gransden on November 14th, 1908, for the Ely Association.

The peal rung at Great Gransden on September 17th should have been credited to the Bedfordshire Association.

A meeting has been arranged at Staplehurst, Kent, on Wednesday, October 5th, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of practising London Surprise. It is hoped to make this a standing order for the first and third Wednesdays in the following months, and ringers within reach of the tower are asked not to miss the opportunity and to help to make it a success.

The joint meeting of the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations, which it was hoped to hold at Broxbourne on October 8th, has been cancelled owing to a misunderstanding with regard to the date.

A paragraph in a Hereford newspaper gave rise to a rumour that a well-known bachelor had at last 'found' Kate, and was no longer a bachelor. The surprise caused by this rumour, amounting almost to consternation, among the band that was touring in Herefordshire was only dispelled when it was discovered that there was an error in initials in the newspaper report.

Is it true that a well-known ringer has been offered a permanent position as a valet after his efforts in ensuring hot water and other creature comforts in the early morning for fellow-ringers at Hereford?

GOOD STRIKING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the inquiry of 'Strike First,' it is, in my opinion, impossible to secure good striking with open leads if the tenor, or any other bell, strikes at equal intervals of time between each stroke.

No ringing without a clear open lead is worth listening to, and to ensure this the 'beats' should be as follows, whether the tenor is covering or turned in:—

On five bells: 123451234502135423145O, etc.

The figure 0 represents a silence, i.e., an open lead, equal to the interval of time between each bell sounding. The same beat applies to six bells.

On eight bells: 12345678123456780021436587241638570O, etc.

It will be seen that this beat has an open lead equal to the time that two bells would take to strike, and this should also apply to 10 and 12 bells.

C. GLENN.

TROYTE'S ADVICE.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'Strike First,' has not read pages 8 and 9 in Troyte's book on Change Ringing, or he would be aware there is no difference between any of the bells after the open lead. I consider it would do an immense amount of good if you could find space to reproduce these two paragraphs in 'The Ringing World.'

'INTERESTED.'

The paragraphs referred to by our correspondent are the following:—

'Pulling her (the treble) off at the handstroke, he must listen for the interval which is allowed to intervene between the strokes of the other bells, and then the round being completed, he must cause his bell to strike after the tenor at exactly the same interval at which the others struck.

'His next stroke being a handstroke, he will allow exactly double that interval to intervene between the striking of the tenor and his own, and thus he will continue, causing rounds to run in this manner:—

hand	back	hand	back	hand	back
12345	123450	12345	123450	12345	123450.

NEW TREBLE BELL AT SULGRAVE.

On Sunday, September 18th, the Rev. Canon Hill (Rural Dean) dedicated the new treble bell given to Sulgrave Church by Mr. C. E. Walton in memory of his wife, who was organist at the church for a number of years. The bell was cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The inscription reads: 'Presented by Mr. C. E. Walton in memory of his wife, M. E. Walton. Rev. W. S. Pakenham Walsh, Vicar; W. Cleaver and F. Carter, Churchwardens.'

Canon Hill, in his address, said: You have had many great and notable gatherings in this church during the past few years. Many men and women of the great English-speaking world have visited this village with their presence and generosity, but to-day we are met together as a family circle to take part in a quiet and simple service though it is quite as important as the greater services of past years. We have met together to thank God for the generosity of one who has made an offering of a bell to be dedicated to the glory of God and to the use of the church, given not for his own honour, but in remembrance of one who was very dear to him, whose life was full of devoted service to the church and village, and this bell which has just been dedicated, what shall we call it? Surely it should be



SULGRAVE'S HISTORIC CHURCH.

called 'The bell of remembrance.' Let that bell whenever it rings remind you that you, too, must live a life of service and sacrifice as she did. Let the one who would have the honour of ringing the bell ever remember his own duty to his God, his Church and his village, for these church bells have a message for all, not only to those who ring them but to all who hear them. They have a message for all in sorrow and sadness and in pleasure and gladness. I would urge you all to value your church bells. Let the ringers feel as they ring the bells that they have a very special part to play in the Church of God, and that their place is a very high and great one. Let all who belong to the church in this village realise that the message the bells bring is a call to honour God's name, to come to His house. If you do not obey the call you are losing opportunities for glorifying God.

After the dedication, Mr. Walton thanked Rev. Canon Hill, Rev. W. S. Pakenham Walsh, and the Church Council for allowing him to have the bell hung in the tower.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor represented the founders at the ceremony, and Mr. M. Smith (Banbury) was also present. Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild) sent an apology for absence. Ringers were present from Banbury, Helmdon, Deddington and Lois Weedon. The new treble bell is a great improvement on the five.

Sulgrave is the ancient home of the Washington family, of which the first American President was a scion, and is the Mecca of many American visitors to this country. The tomb of Laurence Washington, who died in 1585, his wife Amee, who died in 1564, and their eldest son Robert, is among the objects of great interest in the church.

The five bells, to which the new treble has been added, were recast in 1928 from an older ring, the earliest of which, made by Newcombe, of Leicester, was cast in 1610. The restoration of the tower and bells in 1928 was largely contributed to by Americans.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S FLOURISHING CONDITION.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Chorley on Saturday, when the towers of Chorley, Whittle-le-Woods and Coppull were open from 1 p.m. Service was held at the Parish Church, the preacher being Rev. W. R. Coombs, M.A., Vicar of Adlington, one time Vicar of Holy Trinity, Burnley.

Tea followed in the Institute, and as soon as the tea was over such members of the committee as were present met and heard the report.

Then followed the general meeting. The president gave a resume of the business when the committee's report was read, along with the balance sheet and auditor's remarks, and a few questions were asked and answered.

The report says that the association is 1,607 strong, of which 1,205 are resident ringers. The income for the year was £100 12s. 11d., and expenses £75 14s. 7d., showing a gain on the year of £24 18s. 4d. The only restoration of bells to record was at Brookfield Church, Manchester. The association had a heavy loss through death during the year, including three hon. life members, two non-resident and 18 ringing members.

There was only one nomination for president and secretary, and they were re-elected for another two years, and thanked for past services.

The four Central Council representatives were elected by ballot, and of the 1,000 papers sent out 487 were returned, which showed the members were satisfied with the retiring members. They sent them back for another three years. Seven members went to the poll.

The Furness Branch sent an invitation to visit Dalton for next year's meeting, but after discussing the train services the invitation was regretfully declined, and Lancaster was proposed and carried. Members held the view that it would encourage the newest branch to go there instead.

Most of the branches were represented at the meeting, there being 60 present. Mr. Rigby would have been more pleased if there had been double the number. Votes of thanks were returned to the Rector of Chorley, his organist and choir, the ringers, the preacher, and the other clergy who kindly lent their bells.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE TOUR.

STRENUOUS WEEK FINISHES WITH THREE PEALS IN A DAY.

The band touring the Hereford diocese last week received a very cordial reception when they met at the Cathedral for the first peal. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (hon. secretary) and Mr. C. Edwards (Master), on behalf of the Diocesan Guild, welcomed the visitors, whilst the Dean mounted the high tower to wish the band success in their attempt. After nearly four hours' good ringing the first peal of Surprise Royal in the diocese was accomplished.

Most of the band paid another visit to the Cathedral on Sunday morning for service ringing, and in the afternoon, after a peal at Clifford, the visitors were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Edwards at their home at Great Brampton, where, after a good tea, some time was spent in handbell ringing.

A pretty strenuous week's ringing followed, and, in all, eleven peals were rung. There were a few disappointments, chiefly when a rope broke at Presteign after nearly two hours' good ringing in what would have been the first peal of Bristol in Radnorshire. However, a second visit to Holm Lacy on Saturday evening made up for one of the losses, and incidentally gave three of the band their first opportunity of ringing three tower bell peals in a day.

The thanks of the tourists are cordially extended to the Dean of Hereford and to the several incumbents for permission to ring the peals; and also to the towerkeepers for services rendered. The arrangements for the tour were made by Mr. Charles Edwards, whose efforts were much appreciated, and who, with Mrs. Edwards, is sincerely thanked for the invitation to tea after the peal at Clifford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RESIGNATION OF WESTERN DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The meeting of the Western Division, held at Berkhamsted, was well attended by ringers from Apsley, King's Langley, Chalfont, Slough, Tring, Ellesborough, London, and local company. Various methods in Minor Triples and Major were rung. Owing to the illness of the Vicar's wife, the usual service in the church was not held, but a short ceremony took place in the belfry, where the Vicar, the Rev. H. Slamsby, unveiled a record of a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung in March, 1926, in which five of the local men took part.

Tea was afterwards partaken of in the library. At the business meeting, with Mr. W. Ayre in the chair, Apsley was selected for the next meeting in October. Mr. Puplett (secretary), who is leaving the district to reside in Devon, having to resign, Mr. Ayre was asked to carry on the secretaries duties, which he agreed to do.

Mr. Puplett was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his past services.—In replying, he said he was pleased to leave his office in such capable hands.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the promoters of the tea.

The meeting over, further ringing took place in the tower until 8 p.m.

WITHAM'S NEW BELLS.

MEMORIAL TO RINGING FAMILY'S LONG SERVICE.

Over 100 ringers visited Witham on Saturday week, when the Bishop of Colchester dedicated the two new bells, recently installed at St. Nicholas' Church. The bells, weighing 4¾ cwt. and 5¼ cwt. respectively, complete the octave. Thus a long cherished hope of Witham bellringers has at last materialised. Previously there were only six bells in the tower. The making and the installation of the bells were in the hands of the well-known firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

One of the new bells was kindly given to the church by members of the well-known Witham family of ringers, the Chalks, to commemorate the family's uninterrupted association with bellringing in St. Nicholas' for well over a century. Their association with bellringing is, without doubt, unsurpassed in the county. The late Mr. Arthur Chalk, who passed away about five years ago, was a bellringer at Witham for 48 years, while his father, Mr. William Chalk, and grandfather, Mr. Thomas Chalk, rang before him. For some time it had been felt by surviving members of the Chalk family, and also the Witham band, that some fitting memorial should be erected to the memory of the Chalk family in recognition of their great service to bellringing in Essex.

It was then that the happy idea of placing a treble bell in the tower at Witham was hit upon. The offer was made to the Vicar of Witham, the Rev. G. A. Campbell, some time ago, but the Vicar, quite rightly, said he could not see his way to accept the offer at the time owing to the expense of having a companion bell installed to complete the octave.

Fortunately the late Mrs. Mary Ann Wadley bequeathed a legacy of £300 to the church, and with part of this money it was decided to purchase the necessary bell, so that the church was able to avail itself of the kind offer of the Chalk family. The two bells bear the following inscriptions: 'Presented by members of the Chalk family, to commemorate 100 years' association with this tower. September, 1932'; and 'Mary Ann Wadley gave me. A.D. 1932.'

The Bishop, in the course of his address, said that he had always deeply regretted the fact that when he was young he had not learned the art of bellringing. He had taken good care that his sons had learnt. He could not conceive anything more interesting than the ringing of bells. Ringers struck him as being very keen on their work—there was no keener band of men—and it was very rarely that a bellringer gave up his task until he was physically unable to continue. The bands of ringers up and down the country were performing a beautiful service to God, their Master, to whom they were real servants. Go, labour on, rejoice in your work, and the Lord will say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

Of the band who rang the first touch after the service, no fewer than five were members of the Chalk family. The touch was 288 Kent Treble Bob, and the ringers were as follows: Messrs. C. P Chalk (Prittlewell) 1, W. Keeble (Feering) (conductor) 2, W. H. Chalk (Langford) 3, C. H. Howard (Braintree) 4, W. Chalk (Colchester) 5, J. Chalk (Wanstead) 6, W. T. Elliott (Kelvedon) 7, and F. Chalk (Maldon) 8. Other touches were afterwards rung by visiting ringers.

About 104 members and friends of the Essex Association sat down to tea at Rowley's Hall, Mr. C. H. Howard presiding. In a short speech Mr. Howard outlined the history of the installation of the new bells. The six bells at Witham were unanimously reckoned to be a good lot, but eight would no doubt be better. He was pleased to see Mr. Taylor (of the firm of Taylor and Co., Loughborough) present, and was also glad to say that without doubt the reputation of the firm had been well maintained. The fact that five members of the Chalk family had taken part in the first touch after the service showed that they were keeping up change ringing (applause).

Mr. William Chalk, on behalf of the family, said he was gratified to see so many bellringers present. Members of the family felt they would like to erect something in memory of the family, and they picked on a bell as by far the most fitting. He thanked them all for attending (applause).

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGER'S WEDDING.

A pretty wedding took place at the St. Peter's Church, Irthlingborough, Northants, recently, when Miss Doris Ingram, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. James Ingram, of Highfield Road, Irthlingborough, was married to Mr. Charles Henry Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, of Finedon Road, Irthlingborough.

Both bride and bridegroom were actively associated with the Parish Church, the bride having been a Sunday School teacher and chorister, and the groom a sidesman and a bellringer. The Rev. Warner officiated. The bride was given away by her uncle (Mr. A. Ingram), and attended by her sister, Miss Nellie Ingram, as bridesmaid. Mr. W. Chambers was best man, and the organist and choir led the singing of the hymns.

Among the many handsome presents were gifts from the St. Peter's bellringers, handsome oak clock; Sunday School teachers and choir, coal vase and fire screen; Messrs. John Spencer's factory, set of stainless dinner knives.

The bells rang out merrily after the service, and also on the departure of the happy couple for the honeymoon.

DEVON BELL RESTORATION.

TUNING EFFECTS IMPROVEMENT AT BRAMPFORD SPEKE.

The residents of Brampford Speke, near Exeter, at their harvest festival evensong, on Thursday, September 22nd, heard again the ring of six bells at the Parish Church, which have been tuned and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Formerly a ring of five by T. Bilbie, cast in 1755, they were increased to six by addition of a treble in 1895, but were never properly in tune, being in effect the front six of a peal of eight.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. V. Cox, who is well known, the preacher being the Rev. J. E. Blakeman Ball, Rural Dean. The church was tastefully adorned with autumn foliage, monster vegetables, corn and fruit. In his sermon, based on Psalm cl., 'Praise Him on the well tuned cymbals,' the preacher sounded a note of thanksgiving for the improvements effected which had been so well carried out. Everything in God's House, he said, should be of the best, and bells out of tune were not acceptable to Him. From this we should all endeavour by our daily conduct to keep our hearts in tune with heavenly ideals.

After the hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' the bells were rung for a short time in rounds by the local band, the great improvement in tune, to listeners who had heard them previously, being most noticeable.

The bells are now a delight to handle, the balance and hanging being perfect. A curious feature is that the 2nd, 3rd and 4th are all lighter than the treble, while the tenor, in B, only weighs 5 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

MEETING OF DEVON GUILD.

The Exeter and District Branch of the Devon Guild held a quarterly meeting at Brampford Speke on Saturday, with an attendance of over 60 from ten bands in the branch and visitors from Aylesbeare Deanery, East and North-East Branches. The bells were continually going in Doubles and Minor methods all the afternoon and evening, and all those who tried them were full of praise for the great improvement effected by the restoration. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. V. Cox), who, in an address on the passage in the Epistle (Philippians), 'This one thing I do,' pointed out the need of concentration, for ringers especially, in all its aspects.

After service, tea was served in the Parish Hall, and the business meeting followed. The services of Rev. E. V. Cox, Messrs. Howe, Richardson and Wreford in instruction at Upton Pyne, were duly acknowledged, and the Chairman (Mr. A. W. Searle) expressed the sympathy of the meeting with two members who had lost their wives, and the relatives of a young member accidentally drowned.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, December 10th. Mrs. Powell presented six certificates to members of Upton Pyne band.

In conclusion, Rev. E. V. Cox paid a tribute to the work of Messrs. S. R. Roper, Dyer and Newson, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and invited members to inspect the Vicarage garden, a delightful spot overlooking the charming Exe Valley.

PRESTON BELLS REOPENED.

SUFFOLK RING RESTORED.

After hanging silent for four years, the six bells of St. Mary's Church, Preston, Suffolk, were reopened on Sunday, September 4th, having been rehung with new wheels, stocks, stays and fittings and the frame strengthened by A. Bowell and Son, Ipswich. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. J. Bernard Hall), who also preached an impressive sermon. The 23rd Psalm and suitable hymns were sung. A collection was made in aid of the bell restoration fund.

It would have been some time before these bells could have been made ringable had it not been for the kindness of a lady who is interested very much in Preston Church. This lady, who wishes to remain anonymous, has lent the necessary money without interest and without time limit.

Ringers were present for the opening from Lavenham, Hitcham, Monks Eleigh, Bildeston, Little Waldingfield, London, Groton, Sudbury, Wisbech, Acton and Preston.

The first touch was rung by Lavenham ringers. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

The ringers and other friends were afterwards entertained to tea at the Village Hall by the Rector, who gave them a hearty welcome. Mr. S. H. Symonds, on behalf of the assembly, thanked the Rector and friends for their kindness, and said that the ringers all spoke highly of the splendid 'go' of the bells.

The particulars of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Thos. Gardiner, Sudbury, fecit 1744. (5 cwt. 2 qr.)
2nd.—Thos. Gardiner, Sudbury, fecit 1744. (6 cwt.)
3rd.—Tho. Norden Roger, C.W., Tho. G., fecit 1744 (6 cwt. 2 qr.)
4th.—Miles Graye me, fecit 1640. (7 cwt.)
5th.—Henry Pleasant made me, 1702. (9 cwt.)
Tenor.—Henry Pleasant made me, 1704. (11 cwt.)

A NATIONAL ORGANISATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is generally recognised that it is not very far from the ridiculous to the sublime, but it seems to me that 'A Northants Ringer' in his sublimity has missed the trend of my previous letter. I did not suggest a national guild or association; that was Mr. Kippin's suggestion, but, if one is needed, I did, and do, contend that we already have the nucleus of a national body in the Central Council. As he himself states, representatives from all over the country are sent to its meeting year by year. Does not that constitute it a national body? Again, is not the Central Council the figure head of ringing at the present time; if, not, why are all ringers asked to accept its rulings and abide by its decisions? Personally I fail to see any difference between national Council and national committee. You may take the Church itself; it has its National Assembly, but it also has its diocesan organisations.

I am quite sure there are anomalies which could easily be removed without in any way altering the status of the local organisations, be they diocesan, county or otherwise, the removal of many of which would tend to open the gates of ringing as wide as the Church itself.

As regards the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, which is mentioned, I have yet to learn that its work is in any way completed, but I am, with others, proud of what has been accomplished since it became a diocesan organisation, a position which I am certain would never have been attained had it remained simply a Northants Association. I do not think the Croydon gathering is any criterion on this subject.

F. BARBER.

'RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. E. A. Wilson, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, for his reply to my letter on above. Let me assure him, however, that I am feeling quite comfortable about the loyalty of the band, of which I have the honour to be Master, and we very heartily invite our friend to come over and see us some Sunday, when I feel sure he would find prevailing in our tower the spirit that he is seeking, though my experience as a much travelled ringer is that the same grand spirit pervades ringers and towers as a whole everywhere.

H. R. COBBIN.

St. Peter's, Nottingham.

DRIVEN AWAY.

Dear Sir,—Having read with interest in your valuable paper statements of ringers who drift or are driven away, may I state my own case? I have been a ringer for over 35 years, and have exactly 100 peals and one false one standing to my credit. I was for a few years a member of the Worcester Cathedral band and other towers in the Midlands. I moved to Chelmsford, Essex, where I was welcomed, and when the present peal of twelve were about to be installed, I helped to raise funds with lantern lectures, etc. I was elected Master of the tower and conducted the first peal, Grandsire Cinques, on the bells, which proved to be the first on twelve in the county of Essex. After war service I moved out to Stisted, a country place with a peal of six, and became (on the death of Mr. E. Chaplin) church clerk three months later. I held office 11 years, during which time I raised funds for the rehanging of the peal and a frame for eight. Owing to the Rector, I resigned my office as church clerk, but still held the office of Ringing Master. After a few weeks I received a letter from the Rector's solicitor, asking me to hand over the key of the belfry. I ignored it and carried on, but after receiving the third letter, in which it was stated I should be treated as a trespasser if I entered the belfry, I gave up the key and came away. Now, just recently, my youngest daughter celebrated her 21st birthday. I conducted a peal of Bob Major, at Writtle, to celebrate her birth and christening, and would have loved to conduct the same peal for the 21st anniversary, but after having been driven out for four years, no peal. I still uphold my association and 'The Ringing World.' I asked several ringers if they could give me a peal to celebrate my youngest daughter's coming of age, but got no reply, and when I meet association members in the district I am hardly recognised. Nevertheless, although driven out and despised I attend association meetings and take a pair of handbells with others whenever I am able to do so, and my daughter's 21st birthday was celebrated with gramophone bell records, a jolly time being spent by the 25 people present.

H. F. COOPER.

Stisted, Braintree.

DEBENHAM BELL FUND.

The following further subscriptions to the Debenham Bell Fund have been received: W. H. Fussell 5s., Edward Jenkins 5s., Thos. H. Chappell 5s., Mrs. T. H. Chappell 5s., John Arbon 2s., Chas. Ablitt 2s. 6d., making, with the £9 14s. already acknowledged, £10 18s. 6d., contributed through the appeal made in 'The Ringing World.' The fund is still open, and contributions should be sent to Mr. W. H. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING AT EWERBY.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Ewerby on Saturday, between thirty and forty members and friends being present from Blankney, Branston, Gainsborough, Heapham, Lincoln, Misterton, Sleaford and Willingham, in addition to the local company, also Mr. G. Ladd (hon. secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch), Mr. J. Flint (Bolsover), and Mr. J. H. Brothwell (Treeton). Several familiar faces were missing, two owing to indisposition, some through having to follow their vocation, while others from the extreme end of the branch may have been prevented by the long distance.

The bells, a fine ring of ten, were available during the afternoon and evening. Unfortunately, owing to the breaking of a stay, no ringing took place during the afternoon, but this defect was remedied by the Northern Branch Ringing Master, who learnt his trade in this village, and said 'he was going home to repair it.' When things had been put right, the members made use of the bells in various methods during the evening, and rounds for the less experienced.

The Vicar (Rev. E. J. Stephaus) officiated at the service, and gave a unique and interesting address, taking as his text part of the first verse of Psalm xcv., 'O come, let us sing unto the Lord.' He described this as being the ringers' Psalm, and stated that, to use a familiar phrase, he prayed that the work of the ringers might be 'as sound as a bell.' He also made touching reference to the late Rev. H. Law James and the late Mr. F. A. Holden.

Thirty-four sat down to tea at the Finch Hatton Arms. Owing to the absence of the president (Mr. F. F. Linley) the Vicar took the chair and gave a very hearty welcome to the members.

Apologies for inability to be present were announced from Mr. Linley and Mr. E. Dawber (a member of the committee), the president not having thoroughly recovered from a recent illness, and Mr. Dawber still being under the care of the dentist. A vote of sympathy was expressed to them, together with best wishes that both may have a satisfactory recovery.

It was resolved to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Louth, the date to be fixed as near September 23rd as possible.

A paper compiled by Mr. Linley was read. This dealt with items of historical interest in various churches. He mentioned a series of wood carvings at Minster, near Canterbury, the mother church of Thanet (a miserere seat, with eyes staring, ears distended and tongue split, which can be turned to legitimate use); the Saxon remains at Barton, Stow and other places; and the aumbry, such as Carmelites used, which may point to the presence of an anchorite cell at Heckington. At Faxton, Leicestershire, there is a Saxon preaching cross, four feet high, the works of an old clock with stone weights, five bell clappers with wood attachments, the crown staples and a three-quarter bell wheel, of which Mr. Linley had drawn a sketch.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the organist, organ blower, caterers and others who had helped to make the necessary arrangements, concluded the business.

Lovely weather prevailed during the day, and the gathering was both successful and enjoyable.

DEATH OF FLIXTON RINGER.

The death took place on Thursday, September 15th, at his residence, 10, Victoria Avenue, Flixton, after a long and trying illness, of Mr. Arthur W. Whitnall, who was 59 years of age. Deceased, who had resided in Flixton all his life, leaves a widow, a son and two daughters to mourn their loss. Until failing health prevented him, he had been a regular service ringer with the local band and a member of the Lancs Association for nearly 20 years. Although not a peal enthusiast, Mr. Whitnall was a well-known and much-respected member of the Manchester Branch, and he will be missed for his genial disposition.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Monday afternoon of last week, the service, which was largely attended, being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. Jolly. Eight of the local ringers acted as bearers. Amongst other ringers present was Mr. Donald Brown (branch secretary). A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by D. Vincent (Flixton) 1-2, H. Jones (W. Didsbury) 3-4, J. H. Collier (Flixton) 5-6, D. Brown (W. Didsbury) 7-8. Immediately after the interment in the churchyard, the tower bells were rung fully muffled. An attempt for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples in the evening, with Mr. R. Davies (W. Didsbury) taking part, unfortunately came to grief near half-way. Amongst the numerous floral tributes was a wreath from the Flixton ringers.

FIRST LONG TOUCH.

At Stanwick, Northants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10½ six-scores) was rung on September 21st in honour of the wedding of Mr. S. D. Lovell and Miss Marjorie Coggins. The ringers were: S. J. Forge 1, W. R. Lovell 2, W. F. Nutt (conductor) 3, G. R. Barker 4, H. Beeby 5. This was the first attempt for a long touch by the Stanwick band, who had no idea of change ringing before last Christmas. Although the conductor has rung a 5,040, he had never before conducted a quarter-peal. Three callings were used.

The bells were augmented from three to five in November, 1931.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE HON. TREASURER'S DEATH.

The Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, Sept. 10th, when a party of about 30 visited this interesting village. The attendance was somewhat affected by the fact that the ringers of the neighbouring tower of Haslemere had fixed their annual outing for the same day, and were joined on this excursion by others of the Chiddingfold band. Some excellent ringing practice was put in on the eight bells, a helping hand being given in the four 'standard' methods to several of the visitors.

Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. P. Pelloe), who gave an earnest address on the need for keenness and concentration in the discharge of a ringer's duties.

Tea was served at the 14th century Old Forge House, rivalled in age by its next-door neighbour, The Crown, which claims to be the oldest licensed house in the country, dating from circa 1300.

The business was transacted at the Parish Room, when the Rector presided, and extended a cordial welcome to the Guild.

This being the first meeting of the Guild since the death of the hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.), the general hon. secretary referred to the great loss the Guild had sustained. Admiral Walker, he said, not only discharged his duties with great efficiency and enthusiasm, but was a real friend to the Guild, which he served in many quiet, unostentatious ways. He had written a letter to Mrs. Walker tendering the deep regret of the members, and at the funeral a floral bell was sent by the Guild. The hon. secretary read a letter received from Mrs. Walker expressing thanks and appreciation, and adding that Admiral Walker had a true affection for all his fellow-bellringers.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of their late treasurer, and afterwards it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hazelden, to place on record thanks to the ringers of Woking Parish Church for permitting a peal to be rung by a representative bank of the Guild on the occasion of the funeral.

The Rev. E. Garth Ireland (Vicar of Grayshott) was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and Miss Sylvia Hicks, of the Grayshott band, was elected a ringing member on the motion of Mr. W. C. Ryde, K.C. (Grayshott).

Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), organiser of the combined practices in the Cranleigh district, asked to be relieved, on account of increasing business claims, of the responsibility of Wonersh and Bramley towers, and on his suggestion it was resolved to ask Mr. Leslie Hunter, of Shalford, to succeed him.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. P. Pelloe, the general hon. secretary referred to the Rector's address, remarking that he wished it could have been heard by many more members of the Guild, particularly by those who were indifferent and guilty of unpunctuality. Mr. Goldsmith also thanked the organist and the local ringers, particularly Mr. Hagley, who had made all the local arrangements for the meeting.

Ringers were present from Aldershot, Chiddingfold, Cranleigh, Farnborough, Godalming, Grayshott, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), West Clandon, Witley and Worplesdon.

A RINGER'S JUBILEE.

PRESENTATION AT DERBY

Fifty years' service! A splendid record to look back upon. Master of the belfry for the whole of that period, during which time his band of service ringers have successfully climbed the ladder from the elementary stages of Grandsire and Bob Triples to the highest pinnacle in the art, viz., Bristol and London Surprise. It must surely also be a unique event to have seen his beloved bells increased from eight to ten during his term of office as churchwarden (one having been given by himself), with the result that ringing visitors may now enjoy the privilege of exercising their skill in Surprise Royal.

Such is the wonderful career of Mr. Charles Æ. Hart, of St. Andrew's, Derby, a man of many parts and of outstanding abilities. In addition to holding the office of Ringing Master, he has served his Parish Church in the capacities of sidesman and also as a representative on the Church Council.

His fellow-ringers and churchworkers felt they could not let such an occasion pass without showing their appreciation in some tangible form, and on Tuesday, September 20th (the usual practice night), the Vicar (the Rev. V. T. S. Jagg, M.A., M.C.), on behalf of the subscribers, presented their colleague with a handsome mahogany drawing-room lamp and shade bearing the following inscription:—

'Presented to C. E. Hart as a token of esteem from the ringers and ex-wardens of St. Andrew's, Derby, 1932.'

On handing over the gift, the Vicar referred in felicitous terms to the long and valuable services Mr. Hart had rendered to the church, and the unassuming way in which he had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He trusted that he might be spared for many years to continue his work in connection with the church.

GREAT BARDFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, for the patronal festival evensong, Thursday, September 8th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. C. Taylor 1, P. G. Hills 2, G. Piper 3, F. Suckling 4, W. Piper 5, H. Hills 6, E. Townsend 7, J. C. Jennings (conductor) 8. Ringers of treble and 6th from Bethnal Green, London.

PEALS OF MINOR.

NO SATISFACTORY DEFINITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—(1) Neither the Methods Committee nor any of its members has 'put forward the argument that any 5,040 on six bells which contains all the 720 changes seven times—no matter in what order they are produced—has an equal claim to be called a peal as a 5,040 comprised of seven true 720's.' Personally, I have always contradicted that opinion.

(2) The composition given by your correspondent 'Minor' cannot be accepted as a true peal, because it is made up of repetition. There are no repetitions in Mr. Turner's peal, except that each change is rung seven times, as must happen in any 5,040 of Minor.

(3) No one does keep to the rule laid down at Hereford. Every peal rung on six bells breaks it. The fault is in the rule, not in the ringers.

(4) I have not yet seen a satisfactory definition of a peal of Minor, and I don't think I shall—at least for some time to come.

(5) I am sorry to have to contradict Mr. Severn flatly, but if we take 123456 as the first row of Mr. James' peal, we do not produce a true 720.

(6) Any band has the full right to break any rule of the Central Council if they have good and sufficient reason for doing so.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.—For matins, on Sunday, September 25th, 720 of Cambridge Minor: E. A. Sneath 1, H. M. Day 2, T. Cooper 3, W. V. Bennett 4, Wm. Clark (first in the method) 5, J. O. Landan (first 720 in the method as conductor) 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, for harvest festival matins, on Sunday, September 25th, by members of the local band, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, H. Butler 2, G. Twitchen 3, R. Coles 4, G. White 5, D. Boreham 6, E. Markham 7, G. Hinton 8, F. Borcham 9, C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, W. Plumridge 12.

WORSLEY.—On Sunday, September 25th, for afternoon family service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. H. Ridyard 1, P. H. Derbyshire 2, W. Jones 3, S. Harrisson 4, N. Heap 5, C. Gudgeon 6, F. Grundy (conductor) 7, T. Welsby 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 25th, for harvest festival, 992 Oxford Treble Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, A. Mason 5, C. W. Burton 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8. For evening service, 720 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, S. Pye 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, H. Nicholls 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, September 25th, for morning harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Jos. Evans 1, R. Biggs 2, R. Blaby 3, H. Stratford 4, A. G. Janes 5, F. G. Biggs 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, September 18th, at the Cathedral for evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P.C. James Mulliner 1, P.C. Fred Page 2, P.C. William Pye 3, P.C. Donald Brown 4, P.C. George Pye 5, Arthur Ridyard 6, Peter Crook, jun., 7, Supt. Ralph F. Williams 8, P.S. Peter Crook (conductor) 9, P.C. James Turner 10.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, September 11th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. J. Whittle 1, S. Chapman 2, Miss F. Mathews 3, Miss R. Hazell 4, J. Hazell 5, W. Mathews 6, Miss S. Davis (conductor) 7, A. Hawkins 8. First quarter of Stedman for ringers of 1 and 8. Arranged for Mr. A. J. Whittle (Newbury).

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Holgate 1, W. Beard 2, R. Fenn 3, E. Moore 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, G. H. Faulkner 6, E. G. Cottis 7. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 1 and 4. For evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Holgate 1, W. Beard 2, T. B. Worsley (Bolton) (conductor) 3, R. Fenn 4, C. Fenn 5, E. Cottis 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, E. Moore 8.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, August 21st, at the Cathedral, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, L. Wiseman 3, W. E. Ticehurst 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, G. Marshall 6, J. H. Blake 7, G. W. Brafield (first quarter-peal) 8. Arranged for L. Wiseman, of Sible, Hedingham, Essex; also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. E. Ticehurst and H. J. Tucker.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on the occasion of the dedication by the Bishop of Birmingham of the recast peal of 10 bells and the restoration of the tower and spire. Dedication service at 3.30 p.m., to be followed by tea at 5, as the guests of the churchwardens. Ringers of kindred societies heartily welcome to service and tea. Bells open for ringing immediately after tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Overseal, Oct. 1st. Bells (8), also Netherseal (8), open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.15 p.m. in School. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 4.30 p.m., at Robin Hood Hotel. General meeting follows.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 25, Coventry Street, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Burnham-on-Sea. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Court's Creamery 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Our autumn meeting at Stanton Harcourt, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.15, Harcourt Arms. Inform me by Thursday, Sept. 29th.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Treasurer and Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Geddington (5) on Saturday, October 1st. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, Bredon, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Welcome Hall, High Street, Wimbledon Common. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea, by invitation of St. John's ringers, 4.30. Meeting to follow. All ringers invited.—W. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and help to make the meeting a success. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Next meeting Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Burton-in-Kendal. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Avon on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (5) available 2.45. Members, please note alteration of tower.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Buses from Doncaster to the church gate every half hour. Please look up your methods and come in crowds. — E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.—Dedication of the two peal boards on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3.30 p.m., by Rev. W. Carey Ward, the Vicar of Faringdon. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. and after tea.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Glemsford on Oct. 1st. Bells (6, tenor 16 cwt.) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Members and visitors are invited to attend. Frequent bus service from Sudbury (10d. return).—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Elm, near Wisbech, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Tea, 1s.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District. — Quarterly meeting Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Amport. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting follows.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown, Newbury.

CARTMEL PRIORY, LANCS.—Dedication on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m., of the two new treble bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, completing the ring of six.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. — W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK. — Harvest Festival, Sunday, Oct. 2nd. Service ringing 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. The bells will also be available from 2 p.m. to 4.30, and again after the evening service. All ringers welcome.—Wm. C. Rumsey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—October meetings at St. Clement Danes, Strand: Sunday, October 2nd, morning service, 10 a.m.; Monday, October 3rd, practice 7 p.m., quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m.; Mondays, October 17th and 31st, practices at 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The autumn meeting will be held at Felixkirk, near Thirsk, on Saturday, October 8th. Bells six (tenor 9 cwt.). Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. each at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify the secretary not later than first post, Wednesday, October 5th. The officers would like to see a good attendance at this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Desford, on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform me by Wednesday, October 5th. As this is the first meeting to be held at this tower for some years, it is hoped that a large number will attend.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsington (6) on Saturday, October 8th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Please advise for tea.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Upper Cam on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) open from 3. All ringers welcome. Look up Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Kindly advise me by October 5th.—Oliver E. Hill, Hon. Sec., 5, Elm Terrace, Lighthill, Stroud.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at The Coffee Pot on Tuesday, October 4th, at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus' on the 6th and 20th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th, at 8 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at Hutchison's Café, Market Place. Please notify me of any change of address for next annual report. *All* ringers cordially invited. — George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held on Oct. 8th at Kirby. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s. per head. Will all those likely to be present please notify me not later than Oct. 5th?—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

A JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 and tea in St. John's Hall at 5.30 p.m. Further ringing later. Please notify us for tea, if possible.—F. W. Goodfellow, 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — F. Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify by the 5th. —R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The eleventh annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past Officers of the Association will be held at Stephenson's Exchange Restaurant, Castle Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available for touches from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Also Handsworth bells (8, tenor 12 cwt.) are offered for peal attempt, all applications to be made as early as possible to Mr. F. Watkinson, 159, Old Hall Road, Handsworth, Sheffield. Good accommodation found for visitors staying overnight. Applications for dinner tickets (price 4/- each) to be made to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, October 4th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 87, Bradley St., Crookes, Sheffield, 10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at West Derby (St. James') on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting to follow. For tea it is essential to notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, by Wednesday, Oct. 5th. A good muster is desired. — Claude J. Davies, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Usual travelling allowance paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me early. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Stratton Audley (5) on Saturday, October 8th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome. Bicester bells (8) available in the evening. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 5 p.m. A good attendance expected.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Wargrave, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 4th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Great Brington on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 4th. — F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Next meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) for those who notify Mr. T. Hilton, Stoneleigh, Barnsley Road, Darfield, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, 5th. A good attendance requested.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea, in the Parish Room, at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Semington Road, Melksham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ashtead on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting after, at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know in time to make arrangements?—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Berrow on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. W. Thompson, 29, Furlong Road, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Oct. 5th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coln St. Aldwyns on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at New Inn. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by 3rd Oct. ? — F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Priston (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Service at 4.15. Tea and business to follow in the School. Those intending to be present please advise me. —G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A mid-week meeting will be held at Writtle on Wednesday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea at the Rose and Crown 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. H. Kirton, The Causeway, Writtle, not later than Monday, Oct. 10th? — A. E. Goombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1/- each, for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, October 11th. All ringers cordially invited.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 295th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 2nd from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, W. Roughton, Alb. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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SOCIAL EVENTS.

To-morrow one of the principal 'social' events of the year in the Exercise is to take place at Sheffield; it is the gathering organised by Yorkshiremen to commemorate the lives of Jasper Snowdon, their distinguished first president, and other past officers of the association. The number of dinners of greater or less importance which have sprung up in the last ten years or so in various parts of the country is a gratifying feature of the desire to foster the spirit of friendship and brotherhood among ringers, a spirit which plays no unimportant part in knitting the Exercise together. It matters little what cause brings ringers round the festive board, whether it be to honour the memory of some worthy of a bygone day, such as is done in Birmingham and Yorkshire, whether it be to celebrate an anniversary as with the College Youths, or whether it be arranged purely and simply for the enjoyment it affords, as at Bristol, such gatherings do much to cement the good fellowship which ringers in general are proud to associate with their craft, but which, here and there, occasionally is not as much in evidence as it might be.

The dinner at Sheffield to-morrow is to be followed a fortnight afterwards with what promises to be a new and even larger gathering at Liverpool, where a pilgrimage to the new Cathedral will be the preliminary to a big 'supper' party. If this event should become an annual one the north will have two important social gatherings which it might, in future, be well to separate by a longer space of time. Close on the heels of the Liverpool event will come the College Youths' anniversary dinner, which differs from all the rest of similar ringers' assemblies in the fact that ladies—with the notable exception of one who retains her membership of the society—are not included in the company. This restriction is regretted by many, who would like to see ladies gracing the party, but it is not due, as is sometimes suggested, entirely, at any rate, to an ineradicable objection on the part of some of the members to the presence of ladies in anything to do with the society.

The number of ringers who attend this gathering is already such that available accommodation is taxed to its utmost and a general invitation to include ladies might lead to embarrassing congestion. Some day it may be found possible to permit ladies to share in the pleasures of this event. There is no evidence that any ringer has stopped away from any similar gathering because ladies were admitted, and when accommodation is available there would be no loss either to the dignity or the prestige of the Ancient Society if ladies were allowed to share in these festivities. Indeed, so closely are its ranks guarded

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WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	...*Treble*	JOHN F. TILLETT	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	2	*FREDERICK DENCH	8
GEORGE A. FLEMING... ...	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	9
WILLIAM P GARRETT ...	4	JAMES BENNETT...	10
*JOHN W WARD	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... ...	11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ...	6	FREDERICK J. TILLETT ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of esteem to the late Mr. E. F. Hollamby, churchwarden at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, and an hon. member of the Suffolk Guild, who was interred the previous day; also for the late Mr. John Souter.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*JAMES S. EASTWOOD ...	...*Treble*	*DANIEL T. MATKIN	6
BERT HORTON	2	WALTER R. HUGHES ...	7
GEORGE W. HUGHES ...	3	EDGAR T. SMITH	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER...	4	THOMAS J. ELTON	9
THOMAS HILL	5	WILLIAM WALKER ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by THOMAS J ELTON.

* First peal of Caters. Rung for the dedication and harvest festivals.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ...	6
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	7
ROBERT W. GREEN	3	STAFFORD H. GREEN '... ...	8
HERBERT LANGDON	4	ALBERT A. HUGHES	9
PERCY E. CLARK	5	EDWARD J. ROWE... ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. E. G. L. Coward and E. J. Rowe.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*LIONEL J. CULLUM	...*Treble*	GEORGE BUTCHER	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
JOHN H. CHESMAN	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
JOHN WHEADON...	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...*Tenor*	

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

* First peal of Superlative. † First peal of Superlative with 'inside' bell.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

THOMAS METCALFE ...	...*Treble*	SAMUEL YATES	5
*EDWARD BROWN...	2	*JACK REED	6
GEORGE WORTHY	3	J. C. POLLARD	7
THOMAS LANCASTER	4	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PAGET. Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Warrior (nee Miss Laura Lancaster), who were married at this church on Saturday, September 17th.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Friday, September 23, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST E. LANHAM	5
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	2	*ROGER W. DANIELS	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	3	GEORGE WHITING	7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	4	T. WILLIAM LAST ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for the ringers of 2nd and 6th.

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST COX	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	6
ARTHUR ALFORD	3	WILLIAM POSTON...	7
GLYN SHAW...	4	JOHN J. WEBB	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*FREDERICK A. WATTS	...*Treble*	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	5
THOMAS LINCOLN	2	GEORGE GREEN	6
WILLIAM LINCOLN	3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ...	7
PERCY GREEN	4	ARTHUR HEAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method as conductor.

KINVER, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*ALFRED JONES	...*Treble*	THOMAS FIELD	5
†BERNARD BOURNE	2	VICTOR HOBBLE	6
PERCY HANDLEY	3	FREDERICK HANDLEY	7
JOSEPH F. SIMPSON	4	HERBERT LEE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK HANDLEY.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on 'inside' bell. This is the first peal rung in this tower by a local band, all being regular Sunday service ringers.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Thursday, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes: J. Tyler, jun. (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, J. B. Tyler 2, J. Daniel 3, L. Harris 4, W. A. Romaine 5, F. C. Smith 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, J. Maidment 8. Arranged for the ringers of 1st and 2nd and to mark the recovery from a severe motor-cycle accident of Miss M. Sheppard.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ALFRED L. RYMAM ...	...*Treble*	PHILIP S. THOMPSON... ...	5
RICHARD D. DIVALL... ...	2	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
GEORGE LAMBERT	3	ERNEST J. LADD...	7
*H. DENNIS FORD	4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

CECIL NICE	...*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	6
*CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 25). Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

* First peal of London Surprise Major away from the treble.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)
On Monday, September 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*CHARLES E. RAYSON...	...*Treble*	JOHN GIBBONS	5
ERNEST STONE	2	*HARRY HARRIS	6
*JAMES DRAICOTT	3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH... ...	7
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ...	4	JOHN E. S. MORETON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band of Sunday service ringers.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

W. G. PARKINSON ...	...*Treble*	NORMAN HEAPS	5
WILFRED J. MOSS	2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	7
WILFRED HALLIWELL... ...	4	JOSEPH STIMSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

First in the method as conductor, also his 50th peal. Rung for the wedding of the sister of Mr. L. E. Brookes, a late ringer of Eccles, but now residing in Canada.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, September 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx) in F sharp.

ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE	...*Treble*	PERCY DYKE	5
*STANLEY C. DAVIS	2	GEORGE ESSEX	6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR... ...	3	HARRY W. SMITH	7
EDGAR HUMFREY	4	GEORGE GILBERT... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method on the bells.

STAMFORD HILL.—On Tuesday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: *Miss A. Nicholas 1, F. E. Ringrose 2, *Miss E. Perrin 3, G. Hibble 4, C. Ross (conductor) 5, *A. Ingrey 6. * First quarter-peal.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 1. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	6
CHARLES DRAPER	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	JOHN CURTIS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, September 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BOWER	...*Treble*	HAROLD NAYLOR	5
MISS NOEL L. CAWTHORNE	2	JOHN THORPE	6
RALPH S. LONG	3	*ERNEST A. THORPE	7
SIDNEY F. PALMER	4	HARRY HURST	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First attempt for peal in the method. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

CHARLES E. UDELL	*Treble*	*E. CHARLES PATTEN... ...	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	2	JOHN S. MORTON	6
LIONEL J. CULLUM	3	FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	7
ALFRED G. HILL...	4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by LIONEL J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Archdeacon D. Tait, of Rochester, one of the vice-presidents of the association, who was interred earlier in the day at Rochester.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)
On Thursday, September 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*LEONARD MORGAN ...	...*Treble*	RONALD G. JONES	5
†ERNEST WARING	2	GEORGE F. SPERRING ...	6
†CYRIL JONES	3	GEORGE R. JONES	7
ROBERT SPERRING	4	‡JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal. All are Sunday service ringers at this Church. Rung in honour of the occasion of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Chester (the Right Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher), which took place at the evening service at the Cathedral.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Friday, September 30, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT ...	...*Treble*	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	GEORGE WHITING	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.... ...	4	WILLIAM C RUMSEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Cuoducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—At Widford, on Wednesday, September 28th, for the harvest, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. Kirton 1, A. Tarbun, jun., 2, E. J. Runter 3, H. Edwards 4, H. Joyce 5, W. R. Thrift 6, T. Taylor (conductor) 7, A. Bewer 8.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON ...	...*Treble*	WALTER WILLIAMS	5
*ALBERT J. TIMSON	2	†HENRY W. F. FRANKLIN ...	6
ERNEST W. TIPLER	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
ALFRED G. GRANT	4	FRED PERRY	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First attempt for a peal. Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MRS. J. BRAY	...*Treble*	MRS. R. RICHARDSON ...	5
MRS. A. BEAMISH	2	MISS MARSHALL...	6
*MISS ELING	3	MISS K. BURCHNALL... ...	7
MISS G. BURCHNALL... ...	4	MISS N. CAWTHORNE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by N. CAWTHORNE.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. Miss K. Burchnall has now rung each bell for a peal.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 20¾ cwt.

THOMAS HURD	...*Treble*	WILLIAM P. DEANE	5
*GEORGE BURROWS	2	GEORGE R. LEWIS	6
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	†ALAN D. STEEL	7
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ...	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal in method away from the treble. † First peal and first attempt in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ...	...*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY...	5
WILLIAM BIBBY	2	JAMES H. RIDING	6
WILLIAM FERNLEY, JUN. ...	3	*JOHN WORTH	7
GEORGE R. JONES	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of London. The band represent six branches of the above Guild, and the peal was arranged and rung in honour of the enthronement at Chester Cathedral on September 29th. of the new Lord Bishop of the diocese, the Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, late headmaster of Repton.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

TOM COOPER...	...*Treble*	JOHN COAD	5
ALBERT COAD	2	GEORGE LEE	6
JAMES HEYWOOD	3	CHAS. HAYNES	7
EDWIN WILLIAMS	4	*A. G. W. MEASURES...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by A. G. W. MEASURES

Rung to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the dedication of the tower, spire and bells, in honour of the ordination of the Rev. A. E. Denne, B.A. (curate at Eastwood Parish Church), also to celebrate the 68th birthday of Alderman A. P. Aizlewood, J.P., and the first birthday of the daughter of the ringer of the 4th. First peal of Major as conductor. The ringer of the 7th is the president of the Sheffield District Society, and hails from Ranmoor, Sheffield. The ringer of the 3rd is from Treeton, all the rest are Sunday service ringers at Eastwood Parish Church.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

William H. Fussell	1 treble	Edgar G. Swift	5
Roland Biggs	2	Harry Wingrove	6
Frederick G. Biggs	3	William Henley	7
George Martin	4	Robert Swift	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George Martin.
Arranged for the tenor ringer, from Crawley, on a visit to Bucks. The Ringing Master of the branch joined the band at tea time after the peal.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Romney Marsh and District Guild.)
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

Thomas E. Sone	Treble	William Button	5
Mrs. H. Baker	2	Alexander Waddington	6
Charles H. Sone	3	Charles W. Player	7
Harry Baker	4	Kenneth Pattenden	Tenor

Composed by J. Hurtt. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Edward Eade	Treble	†Stanley E. Armstrong	5
Robert J. Dawe	2	Frank Bennett	6
Robert W. E. Dawe	3	Arthur Causley	7
†Bernard Saunders	4	Henry Stalham	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank Bennett.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

Miss Florence K. Hartle	Treble	Joseph Marks	5
William R. Madgwick	2	Richard F. Deal	6
Ernest Brett	3	Charles W. Roberts	7
Edwin F. Pike	4	Reginald T. Newman	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by R. T. Newman.
First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Herbert Fulcher	Treble	Cecil Barrett	5
Charles Baker	2	Frederick Roope	6
Ernest F. Poppy	3	Russell Riches	7
Albert G. Harrison	4	Ernest Whiting	Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Ernest Whiting

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

Alfred J. House	Treble	*George B. Collins	5
Ernest J. Butler	2	Charles T. Coles	6
Ernest C. S. Turner	3	William Pye	7
George R. Pye	4	Walter Ayre	8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George R. Pye.
* First peal of Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius.
A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

Nolan Golden	Treble	Frederick J. Howchin	5
Bertie J. Howchin	2	William E. Bason	6
George Howchin	3	William B. Duncan	7
George Mayers	4	William J Clover	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal of 'Real' Double Norwich by all the band, in Norfolk and for the association. The composition is the 72 course-ends with the 4, 5 and 6 the extent in 6th's, and is believed the first peal to be rung with these qualities in the method with twin calls.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

Mrs. E. J. Beer	Treble	Charles Goodburn	5
Richard Smith	2	George J. Butcher	6
*James Carrott	3	Leslie Stacey	7
Edward J. Beer	4	Joe Wicks	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Edward J. Beer.
* First peal of Grandsire.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BURTON-IN-LONSDALE, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's.

John N. Kirkbride	1 treble	Richard Wilson	4
Richard T. Bateson	2	Edwin Jennings	5
David G. Bateson	3	Ernest Oversby	Tenor

Conducted by E. Jennings.
This peal was rung in honour of the appointment of the Vicar (Rev. R. Stowell) as an hon. canon of Bradford Cathedral. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal.

OLD BOLINGBROKE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sunday, September 25, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Frank Dewey	1 treble	Frank P. Harwood	4
Harry Johnson	2	Harold Harper	5
William Wilkinson	3	William E. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Clarke.

CHARING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday, September 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

Miss Gladys Pack	Treble	William J. Henniker	4
Miss Margaret Pack	2	Alexander Waddington	5
*William A. Oldfield	3	*George C. Hill	Tenor

Conducted by A. Waddington.
* First peal. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and first in the method on the bells. First peal as conductor.

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On Wednesday, September 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	...Treble	WILLIAM WELLING	4
†MISS K. M. BRADFORD ...	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	ALAN R. PINK	...Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. E. Law, wife of the tower captain. In these extents the tenors never came together behind the wrong way.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Orford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Orford Treble Bob.

ERNEST OVERALL ...	...Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS	4
JEFFREY WILLIAMS	2	BARNARD PAYMORE	5
ALBERT LAWRENCE	3	SYDNEY CARTER	...Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. H. Lawrence to Miss May Carter, of London. It was also a birthday peal for the conductor.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED L. TIDY ...	...Treble	EDWARD E. TIDY... ...	4
H. F. HYLTON TIDY	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
JAMES W. KNIGHT	3	LEONARD A. TIDY ...	...Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

First peal of London Surprise on the bells. First peal in the method by all the band. First peal of London Surprise Minor for the association by an entirely local band. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

PERCY AMOS...	...Treble	WILLIAM NEWTON	4
JOHN H. BAILESS	2	FRANK BAILESS	5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	3	GEORGE A. CHARLTON...	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BAILESS.

Rung in celebration of the harvest thanksgiving festival.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW	...Treble	REGINALD WEST	4
*ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	2	WILLIAM STOCK	5
*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE...	...Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods.

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KIRKTHORPE, NEAR WAKEFIELD, YORKS.
BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandal, Kingstone, London Scholars, Duke of York, New London, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. MAJOR	...Treble	H. CHANT	4
J. T. WHITE...	2	*E. CUTIS	5
M. PERRY	3	D. SMITH	...Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal in seven methods. Believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Ringer of fifth belongs to Sandal, the rest to Felkirk.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1932, in One Hour and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON...	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4	JOHN AMBLER	7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. J. BEER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER	1-2	EDWARD J. BEER	5-6
STUART SANDFORD	3-4	RICHARD SMITH	7-8

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

Witnesses—Mrs. E. J. Beer and Miss K. Beer.

First peal 'in hand' by all the band.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HOBART E. SMITH	1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	5-6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3-4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT... ...	7-8

FREDERICK J. TILLETT ... 9-10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ...	1-2	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ...	5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE	3-4	JOSEPH THACKRAY	7-8

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by M. MOORHOUSE.

Umpire—FRANK RAYMENT.

First peal 'in hand' in the method in the City of Leeds, also by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Strangeway.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5099 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

PETER LAFLIN 9-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Winifred B. Laflin.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER IN SURPRISE PEAL.

The Folkingham, Lincs, band has lost the services of Miss Frances Humphrey, who has now gone to London to live. A farewell peal was rung at Billingborough on Saturday.

Miss Humphrey, who is only 16 years of age, has begun a promising ringing career. She learnt to handle a bell, and rang rounds first in January, 1931. Four months later, at the age of 14, she rang her first peal, and in January this year scored her first in seven methods, inside, while still only fifteen years old. Her farewell peal was in seven Surprise Minor methods, and she is, we believe, the youngest lady to ring a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods. Miss Humphrey's mother is also a member of the Folkingham band, and has shared in her daughter's peals. Last Saturday's peal is the first Surprise peal in which mother and daughter have taken part. Miss Humphrey has joined the band at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington. At Folkingham she was a chorister and Sunday School teacher as well as a ringer.

THREE BANDS UNITE IN EXCURSION.

The ringers of Erdington, Perry Barr and Great Barr churches had a delightful tour on Saturday afternoon, September 24th, round the districts of Tamworth, Burton-on-Trent and Uttoxeter. The party, each making its own way, met at the Parish Church, Tamworth, and was received by Mr. R. Brindley, who conducted the ringers to the belfry. The bells were raised, and a fine course of Cambridge Surprise was rung, followed by touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich, after which the bells were lowered again. The party then made their way to St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, with its fine peal of ten, and was met by Mr. Maurice Swinfield, in the absence of his father, who had everything ready for the visitors. Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge Major and Grandsire Triples having been rung to suit the requirements of all present, the party adjourned for tea at the Alexandra Cafe. The ringers, accompanied by Mr. M. Swinfield, then journeyed to Uttoxeter, where the North Stafford Association were holding their meeting. The visitors received a cordial welcome from the local band, and the bells were kept going till 9 p.m. in various methods. The return journey was made via Abbots Bromley and Lichfield, where a halt was called for a short time to enable the different contingents to wish each other 'Good-night' before parting on different ways home.

The tour was very successful and instructive, and helped to foster a good feeling between the ringers of various churches. Best thanks are extended to the Vicars and ringers of the churches for their kindness in allowing the use of the bells and for the preparations made for the visit.

J. P.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The proposed 'combined' meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society and the North Staffs Association did not mature—through a misunderstanding as to the date.

The ordinary autumn meeting of the Archdeaconry Society was held at Stafford on Saturday, September 24th, when a moderate number of members and friends put in an appearance, augmented by visitors from Bridgnorth, Crewe, Newport (Mon.), etc. Mr. W. P. Deane made a special journey from the Potteries district to explain the unfortunate position, which was appreciated.

The bells were raised soon after three o'clock, and were made good use of up to the time of the service, the latter being conducted by the Rev. G. H. Maydew, Sub-Rector. The Rev. Lionel Lambert, Rector, gave an inspiring address, and took for his text, 'Go forth and teach' (Matt. xxviii. 19), emphasising the necessity that all should try to help each other, and implying that ringers might do more 'missionary' work instead of being self-centred.

Tea was enjoyed in a neighbouring restaurant. A copy of Mr. E. Morris' book had been purchased by the society, with the intention of sending it round to the affiliated towers, and the Cannock band were chosen to have the first perusal.

The customary vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and the use of the bells, etc., the Rev. G. H. Maydew and the organist for their kindly help, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., and received with acclamation. After the distribution of reports and a little (?) chin-wagging, the company dispersed—some to have more ringing, while the ladies went shop-window gazing.

DATE TOUCHES.

At Bath, Somerset, on Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Michael's, for morning harvest festival service, a date touch (1,932 of Double Norwich Major) in 1 hour 9 mins.: Roy Linter 1, H. W. Brown 2, Miss N. Williams 3, R. Cousins 4, H. Taylor 5, T. F. King 6, W. Prescott 7, G. H. Harding (conductor) 8. Also at the Parish Church, Twerton, for evening harvest festival service, a date touch (1,932 of Grandsire Triples) in 1 hour 7 mins.: P. Young 1, G. Temple 2, Miss N. Williams 3, R. Cousins 4, T. F. King (conductor) 5, H. W. Brown 6, W. Prescott 7, B. Wright 8. Both touches were composed by H. W. Brown.

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas, Exeter, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival evening service, a date touch of 1,932 Grandsire Triples in 1 hour 5 mins.: F. Mills 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, J. Hosgood 3, R. Truman 4, F. Wreford 5, E. Hill 6, W. Mills 7, A. Goad 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Portsea Parish Church are to be recast and rehung with modern fittings in a new framework 25ft. lower in the tower. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The methods rung in the peal at St. Ives, Hunts, on Saturday, September 24th, were Cambridge Surprise (2), Oxford Treble Bob (3) and Kent Treble Bob (2).

We referred in an article a week or two ago to the great variety of Surprise Major methods rung by the band at Leiston, Suffolk. In the same county there is another enterprising band. At Helmington since April, 1930, nine members of the local company have rung peals in no less than seventeen different Surprise Major methods.

The closing date for application for tickets for the Lancashire supper and social is Saturday, October 15th. Applications should be made to Mr. Claude I. Davies, and stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed.

ENTERPRISE IN RINGING.
OR FORWARD OR BACKWARD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice in the account of the Cambridge Week, among the methods rung, a reference to the 'Gentle Shepherd,' but I fancy that these learned university men have got a bit muddled and have mixed up two distinct and separate things.

In the first place he was a learned shepherd, not a gentle shepherd. He wrote a book, about 1700, full of wise saws and sayings, and this is his method of ringing: You have six bells. The treble rings plain hunting Minor throughout. The others ring Doubles. They never go into sixth's place; indeed, there is no sixth's place except when the treble is there. Now it is obvious that when she comes away from behind there are too many bells to ring Doubles, so each in turn has to set up until she clears out again and makes room for it. It is rather rummy stuff to ring, not particularly exciting, and I fear that, if the Central Council were asked, it would say that it was not to be encouraged.

The other method is modern, and is on this wise: You ring Bob Minor. The treble at the start is the hunt, and when she leads second's is made and the other bells dodge. Immediately the second becomes the hunt, and when she leads second's is made and the other bells dodge. Then the third becomes the hunt; then the fourth; then the fifth; then the treble again. And so on, until either the bells come round, or you break down, or you get fed up and stop. So far as I know, there is no record of the bells ever having come home properly at back stroke. They run round at hand fairly early, but the whole circuit is not completed until they run round at back stroke when the treble is leading and the second is making second's. There is a very pretty little mathematical problem underlying this if anyone cares to work it out, and I should like to know, supposing someone composes a peal of it in which all the 720 changes are each rung an equal number of times, would Mr. William Willson allow us to ring it? (Certainly **not**, sez he.) T.

NEW RING OF SIX AT CLOWNE.
A SUCCESSFUL RESTORATION.

The opening of the new peal of six at the Parish Church, Clowne, Derbyshire, took place on Saturday, October 1st. The church had previously had but three bells, which had been out of order for some years. The tower, which is a fourteenth century building, has been repaired from top to bottom, a new ringing chamber made, and a new peal of six installed by Mears and Stainbank.

The dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of Derby, assisted by Canon Paget (Vicar of Bolsover), and many other clergy from the surrounding district. After the dedication the newly-formed band of ringers at Clowne rang rounds for a few minutes. After tea the bells were kept going until 8.30 in a variety of methods from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise.

Ringers attended from Barlborough, Killamarsh, Eckington, Creswell, Sheffield Cathedral, Mansfield, South Normanton, Bolsover, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Anston, Langwith, Cuckney, Rotherham Parish Church and the new local company.

The bells are a very fine toned peal of six, tenor 7½ cwt., and give the impression of being considerably heavier.

Mr. J. Thomas represented the firm, who received congratulations on every side for a well-finished job. There is a good circle, and all the bells strike evenly and go like tops.

The Rev. J. Waugh, Rector of Clowne for forty years, and the Church Council were congratulated on the satisfactory conclusion of their efforts. They have spared nothing to make ringing possible and encourage the newly-formed band.

BELLS RUNG FOR CENTENARIAN.

At Areley Kings, Worcestershire, on September 27th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor by: J. Martin 1, E. Coley 2, J. Reynolds (conductor) 3, T. Elcox 4, C. Beaman 5, H. Martin 6; and 120 of Grandsire Doubles. The bells were also fired a hundred times. The ringing was done on the occasion of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Mary Bullock, a much respected resident of Areley Kings. Mrs. Bullock and H. Martin, who hails from Birkenhead, and was formerly of Wolverley, Worcs, are cousins.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

EFFORTS FOR BELL RESTORATION.

A very successful meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Alloa, on Saturday, over 40 members being present from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Leith, Paisley and the local tower. During the afternoon and evening touches of Plain Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, as well as rounds and call changes for the learners.

The Rector, Rev. W. S. Wilson, conducted a short service in the church, when the association form was used for the first time.

After the service tea was served in the Institute by kind invitation of the St. John's ringers and their wives and lady friends.

The tables were then cleared, and the business meeting followed.

The President, Mr. W. B. Sampson, made reference to the death of Mr. Wm. Forbes Law Bremner, the captain of the local band, and the members stood for a minute in silence as a mark of respect.

The committee's nominations of Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote and Mr. W. C. G. Jinkins as Master and Central Council representative respectively were confirmed.

The President made an appeal to the members to support 'The Ringing World' and the Bristol United Ringing Guild's Directory of Church Bellringers.

It was resolved that the peal book be written up to date and handed over to the Master.

The Secretary reported that he had written to the B.B.C. to see if they would broadcast St. Cuthbert's bells before the broadcast service, and they had done so.

He had written to the Office of Works with regard to the rehanging of Dunkeld Cathedral peal (a light six, 7 cwt. tenor, by Mears, 1817), which is unringable, the treble cannons being broken off, and the rest of the bell fittings being in very bad condition. He had also written to Dr. Christie, of St. Andrew's, Edinburgh, regarding a peal of eight there (Mears, 1788), but the tower is unsafe and the bells are now chimed.

The President then moved a vote of thanks to the Rector, choir and organist, and also to the ladies who supplied and served the tea.—The Rector replied on behalf of the ladies, and hoped that St. John's would soon have another meeting.—The organist, Mr. Perry, replying on behalf of the choir and himself, said he had no idea there was so much in bellringing as he had heard and seen that day.

Mr. Jinkins moved a hearty vote of thanks to the president. The meeting finished with a course of Caters on the handbells.

A move was then made to the tower for further ringing till eight o'clock.

The weather was on its best behaviour.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ENTERTAINED AT SOLIHULL.

The meeting of St. Martin's Guild, held on Saturday, at the Parish Church of St. Alphege, Solihull, near Birmingham, was not just the usual quarterly one, the occasion being the dedication of the recast peal of ten bells and the restoration of the tower and spire. Owing to the restoration of the chancel being still in progress, only a portion of the church is available for services, and this was quite full of parishioners and ringers.

The local ringers rang the bells during the dedication service and also the first touch whilst the congregation were leaving. Afterwards the bells were open for touches by the many ringers present.

In the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. Vice-President James George.

The Secretary reported that he had received several further donations to the C. D. P. Davies Memorial Fund, making a total of £6, and this amount had been remitted to the treasurer of the fund.

A formal resolution, that the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner be held as usual next year, was proposed by Mr. F. Price, seconded by Mr. A. E. Norman and carried.

Mr. W. E. C. Ledsam, of Shirley, and Mr. T. J. Warner, of Solihull, were elected full ringing members of the Guild, and the tower elections of Mr. A. E. Reed, Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton, and Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Victoria Road, Swindon, as life members, were duly ratified.

The next meeting being the annual, it was decided to hold this at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, January 7th, 1933.

A goodly company of ringers, including many members of kindred ringing societies, sat down to tea at the kind invitation of the churchwardens.

Mr. T. H. Reeves proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. G. A. Martineau and the churchwardens for their hospitality, and also congratulated them on the completion of the first portion of the restoration of the church and the very fine peal of bells they had got, and wished them God-speed with the work they had still to do.—This was seconded by Mr. Albert Walker and carried with acclamation.—This was responded to by Mr. G. A. Martineau and Mr. Dennison Taylor, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the founders, who also gave some interesting details of Solihull culled from an old gazetteer.

AN ISLE OF WIGHT RING RESTORED.

BRADING BELLS REHUNG.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Brading, Isle of Wight, have been restored, and the work was dedicated by the Bishop of Portsmouth (Dr. Neville Lovett) on September 19th.

Some of the bells are between three and four hundred years old, and they were last attended to in 1887, when four new ones were installed and one recast. The present work has included the provision of new bearings, gudgeons and headstocks. After the restoration of 1887 the bells were first rung on June 21st of that year for the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria, when an address was given by Archdeacon Haigh. The bells as hung then and still in use include the tenor, dated 1594, weighing nearly 10 cwt., and inscribed, 'Praise the Lord.' The other inscriptions are: Seventh, 'R.B., 1622, J.J., T.O.'; sixth, 'Benjamin Salter, Richard Daw, churchwardens. Clement Taylor cast me in the year 1709'; fifth, '1604, God be our guyd'; fourth, 'God save our Queen, Jubilee year, 1887'; third, 'God bless Brading'; second, 'Gloria in excelsis Deo. E. Summers, Vicar; Clem Pain, W. Seymour, churchwardens'; and treble, 'In terra pax. If you well ring, I'll sweetly sing, 1887.' When No. 5 was recast one hundredweight of metal was added to it to balance the peal.

The cross-bearer, with the surpliced choir, accompanied by the Rev. C. W. Hampton Weekes (Vicar) and the Rev. H. C. Stokes (Yaverland), met the Bishop, the Rev. F. J. Bamford (Rural Dean), and the Rev. C. Sumner Stocks (Bishop's Chaplain), and the wardens at the west door, and the Bishop performed the dedication below the belfry. A short peal was rung as the procession afterwards passed on to the chancel and sanctuary. Psalm cxxii. was chanted, and the hymns were, 'We love the place, O God,' and 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.'

The Bishop preached from Zechariah xiv. 5, 'Upon the bells holiness unto the Lord.' That evening, he said, they had dedicated those renewed and rehung bells to the Lord. They were going to be rung to the Lord, for the Lord's purpose and his glory. The ringers might very well have strongly in their thoughts the joy of assembling people to worship God. They roused up the people to come together and lift up their hearts to God. It was a most beautiful thing for them to realise that they were doing that definite work for God. The ringer should have the right purpose in his heart, to assist in sending God's summons out over the parish, thus becoming a messenger for God to the parishioners. The Bishop also congratulated the parish on the successful outcome of its task in the restoration of its beautiful church bells.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

A DEVON RESTORATION SCHEME COMPLETED.

The dedication of a new treble bell at Halwill, Devon, completes a peal of six and signifies the conclusion of the restoration scheme. The tower was repaired and the five bells rehung in 1924 at a cost of £400, the money being raised by local efforts extending over several years.

The new bell was cast at Loughborough, and is inscribed with the names of the Rector and churchwardens, Messrs. E. J. Spry and S. N. Chatterton.

The service of dedication was conducted by the Rector, and lessons were read by Preb. G. D. Melhuish, Rector of Ashwater. The hymns, 'Ring the bells with gladness' and 'Hark how the bells from old England's towers,' specially composed for ringers' meetings by Preb. Melhuish and Rev. C. D. Kingdon (Whitstone), were sung.

In his address, the Bishop dealt briefly with the history and usage of bells.

Halwill ringers opened the bells, and the Kelly band afterwards rang touches of Grandsire Doubles.

'DRIVEN OUT.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a member of the rank and file of the Essex Association I should like to make a modest reply to Mr. H. F. Cooper's complaint in last week's 'Ringing World,' headed 'Driven out.' If every member of the Exercise wanted to have published in your paper all they had done, it would require to be as big as an atlas. Why did the Rector of Stisted request Mr. Cooper to hand over the belfry key? I suggest there was a very good reason. With regard to fixing up a band for a peal, if he is a conductor, why not arrange it himself? No conductor in this neighbourhood should have any difficulty in doing so, with one or two men to spare.

Our leading conductor in this district, Mr. W. Keeble, has, when in good health, arranged peals innumerable for ringers in all stages of progress, and it is very unfair for anyone to try to give the Exercise a wrong impression.

I believe I am correct in stating that when Mr. Cooper went to reside at Stisted there was a competent change ringing band there. After eleven years it is non-existent. Why? In all that time he has not produced a ringer who can ring 'Bob Minor.' Mr. Cooper is committed on his own showing. More could be said, but it is not worth while.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

Braintree.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should have been disappointed if the letter of mine published in your issue of September 9th had failed to draw my friend, Mr. William Willson. He is usually amusing, but on this occasion he has excelled himself. His illustration of a seven-course dinner reminds me of the beer and water illustration he treated us to at the Council's Chelmsford meeting. Whatever has a seven-course dinner got to do with seven 720's of Minor? The seven dinner courses are (or should be) all different, whereas the seven 720's are exactly alike. The seven dinner courses, like beer and water, will not mix to any good effect, but the seven 720's will, without any unpleasant results.

What astonishes me most, however, is the way Mr. Willson condemns as 'rot and rubbish, with capital R's' compositions which his own association has done more than any other to popularise. From 1926 to 1928 about 90 peals of Grandsire Doubles, consisting wholly or in part of Pitman's and Morris' arrangements, were rung. Thirty of these peals were rung by the Midland Counties Association, which association Mr. Willson represents on the Central Council. He describes these peals as rot and rubbish, and yet I believe they still remain on his society's records. Has he ever made any protest? If not, it is about time he did. Otherwise he has no right to condemn peals rung by any other association.

Mr. Severn, by leaving out part of a sentence, has misquoted me. I plainly stated that Mr. Turner's peal (Oxford Treble Bob Minor) would test the ability of present-day conductors **much more than calling seven separate 720's.** The words in black he appears to have missed. Obviously, too, such a comparison can only refer to peals in the same method.

Mr. Severn might let us know how he called the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Killamarsh on February 18th, 1928. This is described as 'including Rankes James' and Severn's arrangements.' If Mr. James' 720's **must** contain the initial rounds to be considered as true, and Mr. Severn's are ordinary 720's with rounds at the end, what part in the peal does the extra row (123456) take?

Your correspondents, 'Minor' and 'Conductor,' should sign their letters with their proper names. It is easy to be 'smart' over a nom-de-plume.

Since writing the above, Mr. Trollope's letter has appeared. I would like to refer him to the definitions of peals of Minor and Doubles suggested by the late Rev. H. Law James, and published in 'The Ringing World' on February 14th, 1930. These definitions would form a good basis for discussion of the whole position.

Ringers who claim that each 720 in a peal of Minor must end with rounds should be prepared to say why the seven rows 123456 should alone be singled out for the distinction of being 720 changes apart. It matters not to them that other rows may be repeated within a course or so; in fact, by calling each 720 differently they ensure that this does occur. To be logical, these ringers should ring each 720 in their peal with the same calling, and that **would** be going backwards with a vengeance!—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

THE TRUTH WILL OUT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope's statement in paragraph 6 in your last issue leaves no doubt now in my mind as to the attitude of the Methods Committee. Any band, it is said, can break any rule laid down by the Council if they have sufficient reason. The Methods Committee in the Doubles and Minor Book has inserted just what they had a mind to, regardless of the Council's ruling or opinions. Now we have it straight, we know how we stand. Thirty-four pages have been used with figures, etc., which, in my opinion, are irregular and superfluous.

(1) Twenty-one pages are taken up with so-called methods that will not produce 720 changes. To call a single at the end of 360, and ring another 360 another way, then finish with a single, is not 'Spliced' ringing, and 360's in a peal are forbidden.

(2) Two pages of irregular Grandsire beyond those to which a permit had been given.

(3) Eleven pages of irregular Minor beyond the permitted figures.

This, in my opinion, plainly shows the committee, in publishing this book, did pretty much as they had a mind to. I venture to say a so-called method that will not produce 720 changes is not a method, and, further, had the Council known about the above, sanction would not have been given for printing.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

CATHEDRAL BAND'S LONGEST LENGTH.

On Thursday, September 29th, at Chelmsford Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,275 changes): R. C. Thrift 1, H. Allen 2, H. W. Kirton 3, S. Taylor (late of Oxford) 4, Ellinger 5, R. C. Clarke 6, W. Lincoln 7, L. J. Clarke (conductor) 8, H. Devenish 9, A. Head 10, J. Wood 11, G. Cooper 12. All the above are Sunday service ringers, and this is believed to be the longest length ever rung by an entirely local band on the bells.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The advantage of having a recognised central authority for ringers is obvious. Whether the Central Council adequately occupies that position, I do not know. But, if there is to be a national association I sincerely hope it will not be thought necessary to abolish the existing diocesan and other associations, which I think would be a disastrous step, and would tend to discourage the 'team spirit' which it is so desirable to foster. If ringers are sometimes slack in supporting a guild or association which represents their own diocese or county, they will be still less ready to join—and subscribe to—an association which represents the country at large.

Let us deal first with the question of double—or treble—subscriptions to different associations now existing. One writer speaks of 'penalising the peal ringer who visits another part of the country.' If a man joins two cricket clubs, is he 'penalised' if he is asked to subscribe towards the expenses of both clubs? The subscriptions from ringing members are (in my Guild, at any rate) insufficient to pay the expenses of the Guild, and a substantial number of honorary members help. If one ringing member, subscribing to one Guild, is allowed to ring in a peal with members of another Guild without subscribing, whatever the individual member saves will be a loss to the Guild. If in the course of a year peals are rung by Guilds representing adjacent districts, and in each peal members from the adjoining district ring in what may be called a 'foreign' tower, the subscriptions of each Guild will be reduced, and the deficit must be met by raising the amount of each person's subscription, **unless** the outgoings of the Guilds can be reduced.

It appears to be suggested that the annual reports of the existing Guilds might be discontinued. If the reports of other Guilds are like those of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, I think their discontinuance would be a great mistake. Our report gives a list of the towers belonging to the Guild, the numbers of the bells in each tower, the days and hours for practising, and the names and addresses of the secretary of each district and band. This information is of use and interest to ringers within the district, but would be quite out of place in a national association's report, and very expensive if it appeared there— postage and paper alone would be heavy items.

There is, however, another reason—quite distinct from the money question—which has to be considered. Among the letters in 'The Ringing World' dealing with the question, 'Why ringers drift away,' there is a complaint that conductors, when selecting a band to ring a peal, choose those who have already rung several peals, and give a young ringer no chance to ring his first peal. How often this is true I do not know, nor can one take the young ringer's word for it that he is good enough to be allowed to try for a peal. But there must be this much truth in the complaint, that every time a ringer comes in from outside the number of ropes available for the local band is reduced by one.

The duplication of subscriptions has been described as a 'fine on efficiency,' but the description is (I think) inaccurate. Take three imaginary cases: A. has rung 12 peals in a year, four each of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Treble Bob, and has conducted each of the 12 peals. B. has also rung 12 similar peals, but has never conducted a peal. C. has tried twelve times to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, and his failure has wrecked them all. A. has rung all his peals with members of his own Guild, and though he is obviously most efficient he pays only one subscription. B. is less efficient, but as he has rung with members of three Guilds he pays three subscriptions. But C., who is not at all efficient, has also rung with members of three Guilds, and therefore pays three subscriptions. In the face of these illustrations, I think it is illogical to call the extra subscription a 'fine on efficiency.'

It is said that 'we all want to further the cause of change ringing,' but what is meant by the phrase? For myself, I should say that the cause of change ringing is helped much more by enabling each of 100 ringers to ring his first peal, than by enabling one ringer to ring 100 peals. Which of these two results do the guilds and associations wish to aim at?—Yours faithfully,

A CHANGE RINGER.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE TOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We should like to congratulate Mr. William Pye and his colleagues on their wonderful collection of Surprise peals rung for the Hereford Guild. The peals at the Cathedral, Leominster, and Ludlow would be great performances. It is nice to see a Salopian's name, Mr. John G. Nash, a native of Ludlow, taking part. All honour to him from his Herefordshire and county ringing friends. I would like to point out, with regard to the footnote under the Colwall peal of Superlative, 'The first in the method in the diocese,' that a tablet in Coalbrookdale ringing chamber records as follows: 'August 6th, 1894. St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major (5,056 changes), composed by C. H. Hattersley, conducted by R. E. Grove.' I trust Mr. W. Pye and his friends will not mind me pointing this out. We feel they would all be desirous that their fine collection of peals rung during the Herefordshire tour should be recorded correctly.—Yours faithfully,

Coalbrookdale. WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOOD WORK IN THE DORCHESTER BRANCH.

In glorious weather, the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at one of England's beauty spots, Lulworth, with its famous cove, on Saturday, September 24th. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, as were also other peals in the neighbourhood. A saloon coach left Weymouth at 1.30, and picked up ringers at Upwey and at Dorchester, where members had also assembled from Charminster and Sydling. They were joined by two more motors, and proceeded to Puddleton Church, where the local captain received them. The church was decorated and ready for the harvest festival, and here some touches were rung on the six bells. Afterwards the ringers proceeded to Bere Regis, where the captain met them, and ringing took place on this lovely peal of six. A further move was made across the heath, and a short halt was made at Wool. Here other motorists and cyclists joined the party. The drive towards Lulworth Cove, with its towering cliffs and bay, with Portland Bill standing out like a sentinel, was a picture to behold in the brilliant sunshine. Good practice was put in on the six bells at Lulworth before the Guild office was said in the church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. D. Job), who also gave a short address. The service was bright, and the singing ably led by the organist and choir. Tea was served in the lovely surroundings of the Hazard Cafe, some 56 members and friends being present. Welcome visitors were Messrs. C. H. Lathey (hon. secretary, West Dorset Branch) and B. M. Elsworth (Bridport). At the business meeting which followed, presided over by the chairman (Rev. E. S. Tarrant), Rev. E. S. Field (Buckland Newton) and Major B. Bloomer (R.T.C.) were elected hon. members. Mrs. and Miss P. J. Palmer (Buckland Newton) and Coy.-Sergt.-Major Swift (R.T.C.) were elected ringing members, and Mrs. C. H. Jennings and Mrs. I. E. Munro (Wyke Regis) associate members.

The date of the annual meeting, to be held at Dorchester, was discussed. As only the first Saturday in December was suitable to the Rector and the local band, and this clashed with their neighbouring branch meeting—West Dorset—at Bridport, it was left in the hands of the hon. secretary to arrange.—Mr. P. Field moved that a by-meeting be held at Buckland Newton in October. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings), in supporting it, said he could not help admiring the excellent work of this tower, which had now a change ringing band. He knew the Guild would get a warm welcome there. He was glad to welcome the Vicar again as an hon. member and the young learners as ringing members that day. The meeting was left to the secretary to arrange, and it has since been fixed for October 15th.

The secretary again made an appeal for still a larger support of 'The Ringing World,' and gave out the Guild's appeal. He was glad to know more of the towers were now taking in the paper.

The chairman gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. He also moved a comprehensive vote of thanks, and especially referred to the Vicar for his good work and warm welcome, and Col. and Mrs. H. D. Robson, who had so kindly provided such an excellent tea.—The Vicar supported the vote of thanks to Col. and Mrs. Robson. He said they had had a Church Council meeting to know about entertaining the members, and Col. and Mrs. Robson kindly said they would 'stand the racket.'—Col. Robson, on behalf of Mrs. Robson and himself, warmly welcomed the branch to Lulworth, and said it was a pleasure to them. He remarked on the shortage of ringers, and urged more men and ladies to join. He was glad to see the lady ringers there that day. He thanked the men of the R.T.C. for assisting them.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

The members adjourned to the tower and gave the local band (including the Colonel) and other learners the best practice they had had for some time. They afterwards concluded with practice at Wool until 9 p.m.

CHANGE RINGING DIFFICULTIES IN CORNWALL.

At St. Gluvias', Penryn, Cornwall, on Monday, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings) was rung by: C. Nicholls 1, T. Watts 2, E. F. Pellowe 3, A. L. Nicholls 4, G. Taysom (conductor) 5, C. Bone 6. It was the first quarter-peal ever rung on the bells, and by all the band except the ringers of 2 and 5. Mr. Watts is from Falmouth, the remainder are of the local company.

This is a most creditable performance gained by the steady perseverance of a band, old and young, in the teeth of much opposition. They started change ringing about a year ago, and are one of three new bands which have taken up the art during this period in that part of Cornwall where, owing to distances and lack of teachers, the difficulties are enormous. Regular change ringing takes place at Truro Cathedral and Gulval on Tuesdays. At the following towers the ringers are making serious efforts to learn, and would more than welcome the assistance of any change ringers passing through their district: St. Gluvias', Penryn (Mondays); Landulph, near Saltash (Tuesdays); Tuckingmill, near Camborne (Wednesdays); and Redruth (Wednesdays).

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On one of the pillars at the west end of Newcastle Cathedral there is a very fine brass tablet, erected by the Durham and Newcastle Association nine years ago, to the honour of the 41 members who gave their lives during the Great War, and on the suggestion of the Gateshead Branch a service of remembrance was held there on the occasion of the annual festival on September 24th.

There was a good attendance at the festival service in the Cathedral, Bishop Cecil J. Wood, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Newcastle, giving a very interesting and inspiring address. The congregation, including several ladies, then gathered round the memorial, and Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland, vice-president for the Eastern District, with a few touching words of gratitude to our departed soldier and sailor fellow-ringers, placed a beautiful floral cross under the tablet. The Bishop then read prayers for the departed, and a perfectly-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. C. L. Routledge, W. L. Gofton, J. Anderson and R. S. Anderson, with a most impressive finish by one bell ceasing at a time until only the tenor remained to give two last solemn blows.

A move was then made to the Crown Hotel, where about 60 members sat down to an excellent dinner, and after the usual toasts of 'The King' and the health of 'The Bishops and clergy of the two dioceses' had been drunk the annual meeting was held, Bishop Wood kindly acting as chairman in the absence of the president, Mr. E. E. Ferry, owing to ill-health.

The treasurer, Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, submitted his statement, showing a balance of £40 11s. 10d. in hand, which was considered very satisfactory under the circumstances, although both members' and hon. members' subscriptions showed a decrease.

The secretary, Mr. G. S. Taylor, Sunderland, read his annual report, four district reports, and the reports from individual belfries.

The certificates for Sunday service ringing had been won by St. Ignatius', Sunderland, and Christ Church, North Shields, for 8-12 bell towers, and by Holy Trinity, Darlington, and St. Mary's, Whickham, for 5 and 6 bell towers, and the Bishop presented the certificates to representatives of these bands amid applause.

Mr. E. E. Ferry, of Newcastle, having been compelled to retire from the presidency through ill-health, the secretary was asked to convey to him the best wishes of the meeting for his early recovery and thanks for his services during the past three years.

Mr. John Anderson, of Newcastle, was unanimously elected president for the coming year, and thanked the members for the great honour they had conferred upon him.

The remaining officers were re-elected, except that Mr. J. A. Gofton takes the place of Mr. J. Anderson as vice-president for the Northern District. Messrs. Barber, Parker and W. J. Davidson were elected Central Council representatives.

It was decided to hold the pre-Lent meeting at Darlington, the pre-Whitsun meeting at Morpeth, and the summer meeting at North Shields, next year's annual meeting being held at Durham.

Ringing at the Cathedral, St. John's, St. George's, Jesmond, and St. Mary's, Gateshead, concluded a very successful meeting.

'RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I hesitate to reply to your correspondent, Mr. E. A. Wilson, but I can assure you and those interested that the opinions expressed in his letter published in the September 2nd issue are not the opinions of the majority of the ringers in this district.

In my opinion the duty of a ringer is to attend practices and Sunday ringing regularly, not take a walk on Sunday morning and listen to his own bells from a distance. Having accomplished his duty, the ringer can then proceed to enjoy himself by taking an active part in association meetings, and also taking part in peal ringing. I don't know where Mr. Wilson has had the experience of appearing in a tower, and not had the opportunity to ring, as I have visited the majority of towers in this district and been cordially invited to take part in whatever methods I can manage. Your correspondent rang his first peal in 1928, and has taken part in upwards of 15 to my knowledge, so that he must have been given a chance to score his first peal in several methods.

I agree that 'close mindedness' must be cut out if the Exercise is to go forward, but I have heard people say that those who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

TOM CLARKE,
Master of the East Derbyshire and South Nottinghamshire Association.

Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

PEALS AT WOKINGHAM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The ringers of All Saints', Wokingham, wish to make a complete list of all peals rung on the bells since they were rehung in 1903.

If any band has scored a peal which would not be recorded in the Oxford Guild reports, I should be most grateful for the details as soon as possible.—Yours faithfully, VERA ROBINSON

Fair Home, Wokingham, Berks.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED ALTERATION OF TITLE.

A meeting of the North-Western District was held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, October 1st, and over 40 members and friends attended from Banstead, Beddington, Buckland, Benhilton, Deal, Crawley, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Guildford, Leatherhead, London, Mitcham (Parish Church and Christ Church), Putney, Ruislip, Shoreham-by-Sea, Stoke Poges, Streatham, Twickenham, Willesden and Wimbledon. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon. The Vicar of Wimbledon (Rev. A. H. Phelips) conducted the service, and gave an address, in the course of which he referred to some very interesting events in connection with bells and spires during his ministry. Tea was served in the Welcome Hall, and 42 sat down to enjoy it.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. Three new members were elected (including the Vicar of Wimbledon as an honorary member) and the election of three members ratified.

The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from the Gloucester and Bristol Association appealing for a subscription to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial. A resolution was passed referring the matter to the general committee, and suggesting that a subscription be made.

A resolution was also passed, asking the committee to arrange a series of combined practices in the district.

A very interesting discussion arose on the suggestion of Mr. W. H. Hewett that the title of the association be altered to include the words 'Southwark Diocesan Guild.' Several members spoke on this suggestion, but no resolution was passed.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to the organist for his services, and to Mr. Taylor of the local company for his endeavour to make the members welcome.

The Vicar replied, saying how pleased he was to welcome the association to Wimbledon, as it was always a pleasure to him to hear the bells ringing, but he would ask the ringers one favour, and that was to refrain from any more ringing that evening on account of a certain feeling against ringing in the neighbourhood.

The curtailment of ringing was a great disappointment, especially to the latecomers, but a very enjoyable social hour was spent in the hall with the handbells and the usual ringers' gossip, and brought to a close a most successful meeting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, September 24th, at Southgate. The bells were raised for ringing at 3.15 p.m., and kept fully occupied until 5 p.m.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. F. Mottrick, M.A. The service took the form of evensong, during which the Rev. F. Mottrick, in a few well-chosen words, gave the association a very hearty welcome.

After the service the ringers sauntered along to the Cherry Tree, where 29 sat down to a substantial tea. At the short business meeting which followed Mr. W. Pickworth, vice-president, occupied the chair.

A vote of condolence on the death of the Rev. C. E. A. Rowland, late Vicar of Pinner, who had been instrumental in the rehanging of Pinner bells, was moved by the chairman, and seconded by Mr. G. Fletcher, all present standing in silence for a few moments.

An invitation having been received from St. Augustine's, Kilburn, it was proposed by Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. E. M. Atkins, that the next meeting should be held at that church on November 19th.—This was carried unanimously.

A letter was read by the assistant secretary, which had been received from Mr. E. Barnett in reply to the letter of sympathy sent by the association on the death of his father.

A letter was also read by the chairman which he had received from the secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), who was on a peal-ringing tour. The members were very interested to hear of the successes and failures that had been met with up to the time of writing.

Votes of thanks were proposed by the chairman, and seconded by Mr. Bowden, to the Rev. F. Mottrick, M.A., for taking the service, to the organist, and to the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

ANTHOLOGY ON RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your paragraph of enquiry in 'Belfry Gossip' in last week's 'Ringing World' has incited me to renewed efforts in my search for material for a campanological anthology. If all goes well, I hope to publish the book in the autumn next year. In the meantime I shall be greatly obliged for any further contributions, or information as to where matter may be obtained. I should be grateful not only for verses concerned definitely with ringing, but also for references to passages in novels, etc., which have relevance to the subject.—Yours truly,

C. E. WIGG.

Wayside, Hampton Road, High Wycombe.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HEDINGHAM LADY RINGERS' PROGRESS.

A meeting of the Northern Division was held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday week, 40 ringers, representing 16 parishes, being present. During the afternoon and evening touches in the following methods were rung: Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise. A short service was conducted by the Rector (Dr. J. A. Evans), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson, and Mr. W. Bishop presided at the organ. Tea was served at the White Horse Inn, Mr. Howard presiding, supported by the Rector, the District Master and district secretary.

At the business meeting nine new members were elected, and it was unanimously agreed to hold the annual district meeting at Braintree on November 12th.

Mr. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his excellent and instructive address, also to the organist, and the local company. He paid a high tribute to the young lady ringers of Hedingham, who had recently taken up the art of change ringing and were making such excellent progress. It was also most gratifying to see two enthusiastic juveniles from Great Bardfield (Master Jennings and Townsend) ringing 'inside' to Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich.

The Rector, in reply, spoke in high praise of the ringers, observing that nothing but good could be said of the local ringers and he wished he could do more for them than he did.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 24th, when about 24 members attended from Battle, St. Leonards, Hastings (All Saints'), Lewes, Uckfield, Rotherfield, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hawkhurst and Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, and Mr. W. Haig from Etchingham. Good practice was had in various methods during the afternoon and evening, when several members rang their first touch in a fresh method. There was no service, owing to the Vicar being indisposed. A splendid tea was provided at the Eight Bells, and at the short business meeting which followed Mr. W. Franks occupied the chair.

The Secretary (Mr. A. C. Pankhurst) announced that the next meeting would be held at Bexhill in December. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells. The members then returned to the tower.

REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5,376. BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

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62435			x —S	
24635			x x	
46235			x x	
43265	—S	x x		
32465			x x	
24365			x x	
25364	x			S—
53264			x x	
32564			x x	

Five times repeated.

Reduced to 5,056 by substituting the fourth course for the second (which brings up the sixth course-end) in one course only. Rung at Hethersett, Norfolk, October 1st, 1932, conducted by composer.

WEDDING BELLS AT ELLESMERE.

The wedding of Miss P. Hodges and Mr. J. F. Sharp, both formerly of Ellesmere, and the latter a ringer and brother of a former churchwarden, took place at the Parish Church, Ellesmere, Shropshire, on Saturday, September 10th. Mr. Sharp was a member of the local change ringing company, and rang peals and quarter-peals at various towers with members of this band prior to November, 1925, when he left to take up a position in India, the last peal in which he took part being his farewell peal at Pulford on October 24th, 1925. Since his return to England Mr. Sharp has revisited Ellesmere tower, and he will shortly sail again for India with the bride.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following, who extend their hearty wishes for the happiness and success of the happy couple: F. R. Evans (Wrexham) 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, sen., 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, W. Higginson, sen., 8. Touches were afterwards rung, in which Messrs. A. Hodges (Wrexham), R. Lloyd (Ellesmere) and Pratt (Coalbrookdale) took part. This is the first time a quarter-peal has been rung for a wedding at this church, and the band are indebted to Mr. F. R. Evans for journeying from Wrexham to make up the number.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, 1,036 Grandsire Triples: E. Ansell 1, H. A. Wacey 2, H. Wacey 3, F. Springham 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, H. M. White 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss C. G. M. Miller (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, E. H. King 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, S. G. Peck 4, H. Ellis 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, J. G. Nash 7, C. Davidson 8. Miss C. G. M. Miller is daughter of one and niece of another of the oldest Middlesex County members, both ringing at Southgate.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Bolton 1, C. Collis 2, E. Cassell, jun., 3, A. Williams 4, J. Herbert 5, E. Cassell 6, W. Elson (conductor) 7, F. Heudy 8. Also rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. A. S. Reeve, who is leaving Putney to take up an appointment at Winchester.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor for harvest festival evening service: C. Saddington 1, H. Aley 2, R. Looker 3, R. Aley 4, E. Lomas 5, H. Bell (conductor) 6.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sunday, September 25th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: T. Fisher (first quarter) 1, S. Quintin 2, H. T. E. Curtis 3, A. Bird 4, R. Frankum 5, A. Smith 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, W. Grimshaw 8. Rung for harvest festival, the dedication of a peal board, and a farewell quarter to Rev. R. C. Moor, who is going abroad.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled for evening service on Sunday, September 25th, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Horridge (wife of the organist and choirmaster of St. Botolph's Church), and to the late Archdeacon of Rochester, who both passed away on the previous day: T. Taylor 1, E. J. Beer 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Wicks 4, L. T. Stacey 5, G. J. Butcher (conductor) 6, S. Sandford 7, C. Hammond 8.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Payne 1, E. Lewis 2, A. Wright 3, F. J. Austin 4, S. Holloway (conductor) 5, A. Jones 6. First by ringers of 4th and 5th. First of Doubles by ringer of 2nd. First as conductor at first attempt. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Wright.

SWINDON.—At St. Mark's Church, on September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Hathaway (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Hatton 2, G. Laurence 3, J. Daniels 4, J. Penny 5, W. Daniels 6, N. Allnatt (conductor) 7, F. Weston 8. Rung for harvest festival evensong.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on September 11th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Wood, jun., 1, T. Adams 2, A. Fiest 3, J. Burdford (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, T. Newman 5, W. J. Wicks 6, R. Wood, sen., 7, W. Holden (first quarter-peal) 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Sunday, July 31st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: R. Cuss 1, C. Scarrott 2, W. Raggett 3, F. Pritchett (conductor) 4, G. Cuss 5, A. Grantham 6. Rung by the local band for Hospital Sunday services, which were held at Rousham in the afternoon and at Lower Heyford in the evening.

RINGER KILLED IN MOTOR COLLISION.

Mr. Arthur Meek, whose death was referred to at the joint meeting of the Warwickshire Guild and Midland Counties Association, was a native of Bulkington, near Nuneaton. He met his death in a collision between his motor-cycle and a taxi on the evening of September 7th. He was killed instantly, while his fiancée, riding pillion, sustained concussion and injuries to legs.

Deceased, who was 22 years of age, learned to ring in 1925 with the Bulkington band, joining the Warwickshire Guild in July of that year. He was a regular Sunday service ringer at Bulkington, and could ring methods up to and including Treble Bob. He rang only one peal, a peal of Doubles at Bulkington, on May 28th, 1928, the late Joseph E. Sykes being one of the band.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 20th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th, at 8 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The autumn meeting will be held at Felixkirk, near Thirsk, on Saturday, October 8th. Bells six (tenor 9 cwt.). Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. each at 5 p.m. The officers would like to see a good attendance at this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Desford, on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5 p.m. As this is the first meeting to be held at this tower for some years, it is hoped that a large number will attend.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — F. Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at Hutchison's Café, Market Place. Please notify me of any change of address for next annual report. *All* ringers cordially invited. — George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held on Oct. 8th at Kirby. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s. per head.—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Usual travelling allowance paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me early. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

A JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 and tea in St. John's Hall at 5.30 p.m. Further ringing later. Please notify us for tea, if possible.—F. W. Goodfellow, 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsington (6) on Saturday, October 8th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Please advise for tea.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The eleventh annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past Officers of the Association will be held at Stephenson's Exchange Restaurant, Castle Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available for touches from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield, 10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby (St. James') on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting to follow. A good muster is desired. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coln St. Aldwyns on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at New Inn.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 5 p.m. A good attendance expected.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Wargrave, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ashtead on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting after, at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know in time to make arrangements?—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Berrow on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Stratton Audley (5) on Saturday, October 8th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome. Bicester bells (8) available in the evening. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Priston (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Service at 4.15. Tea and business to follow in the School. Those intending to be present please advise me. —G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The first meeting of Term will be held on Oct. 11th at 8.30 p.m. at the Rt. Rev. Dr. Shaw's, Christ Church. The secretary (Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent) will gladly give information to intending new members, whether actually ringers or complete novices. The Society caters specially for the latter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A mid-week meeting will be held at Writtle on Wednesday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea at the Rose and Crown 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. H. Kirton, The Causeway, Writtle, not later than Monday, Oct. 10th? — A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, October 15th Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1/- each, for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, October 11th. All ringers cordially invited.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Buckland-Newton on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Colsterworth. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the White Lion. Those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 12th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Henley on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ringers' service at Parish Church at 5 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Canon A. E. Dann. Tea to follow at the Chantry House. Ringing afterwards if required. All ringers are welcome. Please notify if able to attend by Wednesday, Oct. 12th. —Miss M. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

A JOINT MEETING of the Norwich Association and Suffolk Guild will be held at Diss on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells from 2.30. Tea (*please* advise) and meeting at 5.15 p.m.—Nolan Golden, South Norfolk Hon. Branch Sec., 39, Winter Road, Norwich; and Alphæus J. Berry, Eye Dis. Hon. Sec., Thornham Magna.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Nantwich (8 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly inform me on or before the 12th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The monthly practice meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me early. — S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Philip's Church, Hulme, Manchester (8 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited. — D. Brown, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) will be available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch —The next meeting of the above will be held at Fulney, Spalding, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.15. Business meeting afterwards Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by October 11th.—George Ladd, Hon. Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1/- a head —Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

GRIMLEY, Worcs. — The Bishop of Worcester will dedicate at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16th, the ring of six bells restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. — A meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Tuesday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 6.30 to 9.30. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley End, October 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. Numbers for tea by 19th. Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Cambridge.—W. Ayre, Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Deddington on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells(6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30, followed by short business meeting. Kindly send in names for tea by Tuesday, 18th.—E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's bells available. Service at St. Stephen's at 4.15 p.m. Tea (members 7d., non-members 1s. 3d.) and meeting at The Beverly at 4.45 p.m. It is essential that those requiring tea should notify me before Thursday, Oct. 20th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bassaleg on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) at the Bull Hotel after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by Tuesday, Oct. 22nd.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 295th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 2nd from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, W. Roughton, Alb. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

EDWARD J. BEER ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER... ...	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ...	2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	8
FREDERICK J. BRETT... ...	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	9
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	4	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ...	10
*EDWARD J. SPICE	5	*FREDERICK WHITE	11
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	6	HARRY PARKES	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal above eight bells. Great credit is due to him for the excellent way in which he rang.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

ERNEST J. KING... ...	...*Treble*	HARRY GIBSON	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	*WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ...	7
*MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ...	3	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR	8
GEORGE A. CARD	4	HARRY MANCE	9
ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	5	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*REGINALD CHANCE ...	...*Treble*	SAMUEL GROVE	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	HOWARD STANLEY	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	3	*JOHN LLOYD	8
GEORGE E. FERN	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	9
WILLIAM SHORT...	5	HECTOR G. BIRD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Royal. Arranged and rung to welcome the new Vicar of Dudley (the Rev. A. F. Shepherd, M.A., D.D.), a previous attempt being lost after nearly three hours' ringing. The band also wish to associate with this peal Mr. Harry Price, of Bromsgrove, who, after making all arrangements, was unfortunately unable to stand in.

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CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY F. HOLDING	*Treble*	HARRY OVERTON	6
*R. THOMAS HOLDING	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
*GEORGE A. PACKER	3	*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY	8
JAMES H. RIDING	4	J. WILLIAM EDGE	9
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. WOOD. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal of Kent Royal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

TONY PRICE	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. HEWETT	6
JOHN SPARROW	2	DANIEL COOPER	7
HERBERT J. SKELT	3	*THOMAS G. BANNISTER	8
*RICHARD A. POST	4	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	9
ROYDON DAVIES	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON (adapted). Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Mr. W. H. Hewett has rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. EDWARD CAWSER	*Treble*	JOHN BREARLEY	5
WM. BURGAR	2	JOHN HOLMAN	6
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY	7
GEO. HOLMES	4	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the bells by the Archbishop of York.

HARMSTON, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. C. MCGUINESS	*Treble*	*GEORGE W. CREASEY	5
†CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES	6
*C. BERT CHESTER	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
LEWIS SNELL	4	†HAROLD MARCON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 50th peal together. Arranged to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MARK LANE	*Treble*	CHARLES W. SMITH	5
CHARLES W. CLAREE	2	ALBERT FLEET	6
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	3	HARRY TYSOE	7
MISS EVELYN STEEL	4	HORACE H. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HORACE H. SMITH.

First peal on the bells since two new trebles were added by Messrs. Taylor and Co to complete the octave. The bells were given and the tenor put in ball bearings by a friend who wishes to remain anonymous. The peal was rung on the anniversary of dedication of bells and as a birthday compliment to conductor's wife. A. E. Sharman's 150th peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH MARKS	*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
RONALD H. BOLLEN	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
REGINALD T. NEWMAN	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the association.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERNEST W. PYE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. BUTLER	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
WILLIAM PYE	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Major.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TEN-FART, No. 7. Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK A SALTER	*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE	6
CHARLES DRAPER	3	J. ALFRED BARRATT	7
MAURICE SWINFIELD	4	JOSEPH BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, October 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. DARKE	*Treble*	LIONEL J. CULLUM	5
*CHARLES E. UDELL	2	ALFRED G. HILL	6
FREDERICK A. COLEY	3	JOHN S. MORTON	7
E. CHARLES PATTEN	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by a local band.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FREDK. J. CATTERMOLE	*Treble*	CHARLES S. BIRD	5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD	2	FRANK COREE	6
HENRY C. CHANDLER	3	ERNEST R. GLADMAN	7
ALBERT W. COLES	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the granting of a Charter incorporating Heston-Isleworth as a municipal borough.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER	*Treble*	CECIL BARRETT	5
CHARLES BAKER	2	CHARLES LOOME	6
FREDERICK ROOPE	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
WILLIAM FLATT	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Guild).

On Thursday, October 6, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Augustine, Kilburn,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Mrs. G. W. Fletcher	*Treble*	†F. Gordon Moon	5
E. Maurice Atkins	2	†Richard H. Gilbert	6
J. Armiger Trollope	3	Cyril D. Nichols	7
†Cyril G. Conway	4	George W. Fletcher	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. M. Atkins.

* 250th peal. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the church.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

Miss L. Noel Cawthorne	*Treble*	Frederick Cardwell	5
Miss Lucy M. Kelly	2	Leslie Haywood	6
John J. L. Gilbert	3	George Robinson	7
J. E. Lewis Cockey	4	Fred Watkinson	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Gobey. Conducted by F. Watkinson.

Arranged by Mr. G. Robinson (Leeds) and rung on the occasion of the eleventh annual commemoration dinner of the above association.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

Harold F. Martin	*Treble*	*Rev. E. Geoffrey Benson	5
Denis R. Morris	2	William Ranford	6
Sidney T. Holt	3	Cyril Tansell	7
Thomas W. Lewis	4	Charles Camm	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.

* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

Charles P. Chalk	*Treble*	William Chalk	5
William Keeble	2	*James Chalk	6
*Walter H. Chalk	3	Horace J. Mansfield	7
Ernest W. Bright	4	Fred Chalk	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by William Keeble.

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to 8 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Chalk, who attained the age of 83 the previous day and is the mother of the ringers of the treble, 3, 5 and tenor, and aunt of the 6th ringer. At the conclusion of the peal the band were kindly entertained to tea at the White Horse by Mr. F. Chalk.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Illtyd.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

George Popnell	*Treble*	Alfred W. Heath	5
Frank Rowell	2	Ernest W. Stitch	6
John W. Jones	3	Rees James	7
Charles H. Perry	4	Albert J. Pitman	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Albert J. Pitman.

Rung specially as a distinct mark of the highest possible regard and honour to ex-Bergt. Joseph Williams, of Newent, Gloucestershire, an esteemed member of the Exercise, this being the 60th anniversary of his wedding day. The band wish both Mr. and Mrs. Williams many more happy years together.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Percy Green	*Treble*	William Lincoln	5
Ernest J. Butler	2	George Green	6
Charles T. Coles	3	Albert W. Coles	7
George R. Pye	4	William Pye	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by William Pye.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Saviour,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25¾ cwt.

Frederick H. Dexter	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	5
William Bottrill	2	William H. Clarke	6
Harry L. Smith	3	Ernest H. Bagworth	7
L. William Jacques	4	Norman S. Bagworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by William Bottrill.

Arranged for Messrs. Bottrill and Bagworth, of the Metropolitan Police Force.

LEESFIELD, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Ogden Moores	*Treble*	Henry Corser	5
Walter Egerton	2	*George Barlow	6
Ernest Moores	3	Abraham Bromley	7
Arthur F. Taylor	4	Walter E. Howarth	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Ogden Moores.

* First peal in method on a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6080 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

William Gayes	*Treble*	James A. Milner	5
William Rigby	2	Wilfred Stevenson	6
Reginald Worrall	3	John Worth	7
*Harry Parker	4	Ernest Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by S. Wood. Conducted by John Worth.

* 80th peal. Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Robert J. Arrowsmith to Miss Eva Daniels, which took place previous to the peal. Mr. Arrowsmith is a member of the local band. Longest length by all the band and on the bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*George T. Leader	*Treble*	*Alfred Bateman	5
William H. Fussell	2	William Welling	6
*Thomas G. Hawkins	3	William Henley	7
*William Birmingham	4	Leonard Stilwell	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by William Welling.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. Fussell's 838th peal, rung in 62 counties of Great Britain. Rung for the anniversary of this church, also as an 'In Memoriam' peal for the late James Elliman, born Oct. 18th, 1849, a great benefactor to the town of Slough. By kind consent of the Rector and wardens this successful attempt was advanced ten days in order to join in the conclusion of the Elliman Commemoration and Empire Shopping Week, mutually organised by the whole town.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTTON	5
*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY	2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ...	6
†ROBERT W. E. DAWE ...	3	WILLIAM H. HOAD	7
‡C. ALFRED LEVETT	4	KENNETH PATTENDEN...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

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

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE ...	...*Treble*	VINCENT R. HITCHMAN ...	5
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ...	6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	3	RICHARD WHITE	7
JOHN NOBES	4	RICHARD G. RICE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung to commemorate the restoration of the chancel roof and the erection of oak panelling in the sanctuary by the lay rector, General Sir Philip Chetwode, Bart. The dedication by the Archdeacon of Berkshire took place at the harvest festival on Thursday, Oct. 6th.

DARTFORD, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD... ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
*FRANK ELLIS	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE... ...	7
JOHN WHEADON...	4	EDWARD JENKINS... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward Jenkins. The band much appreciated his kindness after the peal.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

PERCY SWINDLEY ...	...*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
*REGINALD KYNASTON ...	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.... ...	7
ROBERT SPERRING	4	*GEORGE F. SPERRING	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Arranged for the brothers Kynaston, of Oswestry and Swindon.

LEYTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE DAWSON	5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	2	JOHN MOULE	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	PHILIP H. AVEY	7
JOSEPH MARKS	4	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Philip H. Avey.

STALYBRIDGE.—At St. Paul's Church, on September 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in commemoration of the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of Chester: H. Hinchliffe 1, J. Simister 2, A. Hodgson 3, W. Fielding 4, G. E. Shaw 5, A. Roberts (conductor) 6, S. Hodgson 7, R. Lees 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Michaelmas Day, September 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*H. GRIFFITH	...*Treble*	E. WEBB	4
A. KEEN	2	A. GOODING	5
*L. E. JONES	3	T. JONES	...*Tenor*

Jointly Conducted by A. GOODING and T. JONES.

* First peal. Rung for the tercentenary service of the Lady Hawkins' Grammar School, by six old boys.

STEVENTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 20 extents with ten callings and eleven 240's of Pitman's.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*HARRY G. BUNCE	...*Treble*	PERCY W. FLETCHER	4
FRANK W. BUNCE	2	ERIC J. F. HANKS	5
JOHN NOBES	3	T. FRANCIS HANKS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung in new metal frame and ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norfolk, Ipswich, Norwich, Bourne, Hull, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*MRS. P. HUMPHREY ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	2	HORACE M. DAY	5
†JOHN E. ALLEN	3	ROGER W. DANIELS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* 25th peal. † First attempt. First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except 5th ringer, and first as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to Miss Humphrey, who has now left the district for London.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, October 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent, three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL ATKINS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM PAUL	4
WILFRED BOWERS	2	JAMES BROWN	5
THOMAS STAGG	3	JAMES W. PAUL	6
	*REGINALD WELLS ...	...*Tenor*	

Conducted by J. W. PAUL.

* First peal. First peal in three methods by all. Rung with tenor covering.

GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, October 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS	...*Treble*	ARCHIBALD A. FITCH	4
GEO. W. BLOOMFIELD ...	2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	5
ERIC W. AMBROSE	3	THEODORE E. SLATER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. E. SLATER.

Arranged and rung to enable R. V. Johnson, who now lives at Balcombe, Sussex, to ring a peal on the bells of his native village.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.—For harvest thanksgiving service, in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Cooper, jun., 1, R. G. Cross (first 720 Kent) 2, V. Darvill 3, W. Mortimore 4, G. Martin 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. The ringers of the 2nd hails from Twyford, Berks, and the tenor from Deal, Kent.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Joseph H. W. White	...Treble	Charles Freeman	4
John W. Taylor...	2	Frank W. Perrens	5
George Gardner	3	Frank E. Pervin... ...	...Tenor

Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

Arranged and rung specially as a welcome to the new Rector of Allesley, the Rev. R. B. Winser, who was inducted to the living the previous Friday.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of London Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

William G. Gridley...	...Treble	Reginald G. Harvey ...	4
Harry Stebbings	2	Harry S. Barker	5
Stanley W. Bigmore ...	3	Edward J. Howard ...	...Tenor

Conducted by Harry S. Barker.

First peal in four methods by all the ringers, who belong to the local band.

DECKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of St. Simon's Doubles, each called differently, 12 six-scores Old Doubles, each called differently, and 10 six-scores of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

David Whiting	...Treble	George Barrett	3
Albert G. Harrison ...	2	William Musk	4
William Steggall ...	...Tenor		

Conducted by William Steggall.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Musk on their silver wedding day.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In ten different callings (42 six-scores). Tenor 14 cwt.

*Colin C. Lovell ...	...Treble	*Thomas S. Bass	3
*Ernest F. York	2	*Charlie R. Smith	4
Fredk. W. P. Browning	...Tenor		

Conducted by F. W. P. Browning.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band; also the first since the bells were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

EARLS CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch.)

On Thursday, October 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Stedman, 23 of Plain Bob and 15 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

Edward Maund	...Treble	William Ranford	3
Frank Lawrence	2	Fred Hawkes	4
Charles Camm	...Tenor		

Conducted by Charles Camm.

First peal on the bells.

SLATE PEAL TABLETS.—Now at 1914 prices. Inscriptions carved in correct Roman alphabet: for 6 bell peals, from £3; for 8 bell peals, from £4 each; same as supplied for the record peal at Appleton. Ringers' memorial tablets in slate, suitable for the belfry, from £2 each.—**C. H. WEBB, CROFT, LEICESTER.**

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Double Oxford Bob, one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*Henry B. Whitney ...	...Treble	Alfred King	4
*George H. Sentance ...	2	*Frederick Vicars	5
Miss Evelyn Steel... ...	3	Arthur E. Sharman	...Tenor

Conducted by Arthur E. Sharman.

* First peal in four methods. Rung for the induction service of the Rev. E. Scott to the vicariate of this parish.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 7, 1932, 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 and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Kent, Woodbine, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

Owen Williams ...	...Treble	Charles S. Ryles	4
*Samuel B. Bailey	2	William C. Lawrence ...	5
John E. Wheeldon	3	James Walley	...Tenor

Conducted by William C. Lawrence.

* First peal with a bob bell.

BRAMSHOTT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Josiah D. Harris ...	...Treble	Frederick S. Bayley ...	4
Charles E. Bassett	2	Alfred T. Greenwood ...	5
Tower R. Taylor	3	Frederick W. Rogers ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick W. Rogers.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the late Mr. Ernest Woods, a much respected parishioner and honorary member of the Guild.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Archdeaconry of Wisbech.)

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Hubert Bird	...Treble	William Buckenham... ...	4
*Alfred E. Bacon	2	Albert Mason	5
Fred Matthews	3	Edward Barker	...Tenor

Conducted by Alfred E. Bacon.

* 140th peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Buckenham, who were recently married at this church. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Lancashire, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt.

*Arthur Bigley... ...	...Treble	Walter Perkins	4
Miss Evelyn Stebbe ...	2	Charles W. Clarke ..	5
Amos Smart	3	†Pearl Inskip	...Tenor

Conducted by Charles W. Clarke.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven Surprise methods away from the treble.

PEALS OF STEDMAN DOUBLES IN SHROPSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal rung at Stockton, Shropshire, on the 24th ult., may I be permitted to point out to my friends who took part in it that it was not the first peal of Stedman Doubles in the county as stated.

A peal of Stedman Doubles (12 callings) was rung by the Ellesmere band, assisted by an Oswestry ringer, at Whittington, Shropshire, on October 27th, 1923, for the then Salop Archidiaconal Guild, and was reported in 'The Ringing World' dated November 9th, 1923.

I know Messrs. Wallater, Saunders and Co. will appreciate and not mind this correction.

T. R. BUTLER,
Anfield, Liverpool.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate Mr. C. T. Coles on his return to orthodoxy in the matter of rows and changes? This is a question, in deciding which it is absolutely necessary to keep quite clear in one's mind the difference that these words, rows and changes, convey.

And, further, may I congratulate him on touching the spot, in his query, as to why the row 123456 should be singled out above all others?

We must remember that only on seven bells is there a peal which is a natural one, that is, subject to natural limitations alone. As we all know, 5,040 is the extent of possible changes on seven bells. Above seven bells the number 5,000 has been quite arbitrarily chosen. As far as the principles of change ringing are concerned, any other number could have been chosen equally well as the limit.

Similarly the figure of 5,040 has been arbitrarily chosen for the limit in ringing on five and six bells. There is an appearance of natural limitation here which does not exist in the higher numbers, because 5,040 is seven times 720, and 42 times 120. At present this is an appearance only, for it has not been utilised in formulating any rules for ringing these so-called peals.

An attempt is now being made to utilise this natural limit, but it appears to be a half-hearted one, and to rely mostly on rhetoric (not to use stronger language) rather than on logic. Those who support this attempt are fond of repeating that the Central Council did not know its own mind on the matter. Now if they know their own minds, let us have a thoroughgoing proposal from them. As for instance:—

'Every peal of Minor shall consist of seven 720's, between which rounds shall be rung either two or three times, and no more.'

Until this is done, we must agree with Mr. C. T. Coles, that rounds is one row in the peal, and one row only, and therefore it does not matter how far apart its different positions are from one another, any more than it does with other rows.

In some towers the bells are not hung in the natural order. Supposing a band from another tower came to one of these, and rang a peal of Minor by following the ropes in the order in which they were accustomed. Of course, the music would be quite different from the usual ringing, but its change ringing properties would not be altered. Would your correspondent say that this was a false, or illegal or illegitimate, or irregular peal because the times when rounds came up were not exactly the same distance from one another?

H. DRAKE.

Other letters on this subject are unavoidably held over.

DRIVEN OUT v. ROPED IN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is often said that certain people will walk where angels fear to tread. One would think, did they know the exact facts, that Mr. Cooper would have remained in the obscurity into which he had seemingly retired. No good is ever done by washing soiled linen in public, but if Mr. Cooper has a genuine grievance let him attend a district meeting, where no doubt he will get an impartial hearing and fair play. I suggest to him that there were good and sufficient reasons why he was requested to resign and hand over the key. If he had bent his energies in a more enlightened way he might have had the pleasure of saying, 'I roped that one in; that is another pupil taught.' But, sir, some people like the limelight. I would remind Mr. Cooper that failure or success is not only brought about by one's ability to teach and the pupil's keenness to learn. There are other factors to be taken into consideration, among them not only one's conduct in a belfry but outside as well. One more point, and this is all. I have yet to meet the individual who wants it proclaimed from the housetops that he did this or that in teaching ringers. Results will always speak for themselves.

W. KEEBLE.

Feering.

POLICE INSPECTOR'S PROMOTION.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Godalming on Wednesday evening last week in honour of the promotion of Police-Inspector C. P. Hilton to the rank of superintendent in the Surrey Constabulary, also as a farewell to him. He had been a member of the Godalming band for almost a year, having come to Godalming from Weybridge about a year ago, and he has rung regularly since. His promotion necessitates his moving to Dorking.

The quarter-peal was rung by R. H. Pamment 1, E. Etheridge 2, C. J. Pugsley 3, V. H. Smith 4, C. Childs 5, Insp. C. P. Hilton 6, C. E. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Balchin 8.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE TOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry an error was made over the footnote of the Colwall peal. I can assure Mr. Saunders that we had no intention of making any false claims; it was quite accidental. I had not the slightest idea of what had been done, and the footnotes were based entirely on local information.

W. PYE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new peal of ten bells, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., for the famous Boston 'Stump,' are now in position. They were given a trial run on Saturday, and will be formally opened in December.

A great task is to be undertaken at Exeter to-morrow, when an attempt is to be made for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the bells of the Cathedral. The tenor is 72 cwt, and a bell of this weight has never yet been turned in to a peal. All previous single-handed attempts have failed, and on this occasion there will be two men—two of the best heavy-bell ringers in the country—at the rope ends.

The peal at St. Mary's Without-the-Walls, Chester, published in last week's issue, was Grandsire Triples (not Stedman), and was the first peal with a bob bell by ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

Almost unique must be the ringing career of ex-Sergeant J. Williams, of Newent, Gloucestershire, who on Saturday last celebrated the 60th anniversary of his wedding day, and to whom honour was shown by the ringing of a peal at Bridgend on Saturday last, as recorded elsewhere. The sergeant will be 80 years of age on the 29th of this month. He did not ring a peal until he was 60 years of age, and since then he has rung 119 peals. Should anyone meet him anxious for a course of Triples on the handbells, providing he can ring four, the sergeant will oblige by ringing the other four.

WILL OF THE LATE MR. J. R. JERRAM.

£17,000 ESTATE.

Mr. James Richard Jerram, of The Close, Salisbury, Wilts, librarian of the Clerical Library, Salisbury, who died on July 11th last, son of the late Rev. James Jerram, Rector of Fleet, Lincs, left estate of the gross value of £17,461 (net personalty £17,407). Mr. Jerram, who was one of the founders of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and a member of the committee until his death, left

Certain books, including the works of Galen, in five volumes (1525), the works of Hippocrates in two volumes (1665), the works of Dioscorides (1549), and the Natural History of Pliny in five volumes (1685), to the Salisbury Clerical Library, and £20 to be expended in providing a bookcase for them.

To the Vicar and churchwardens of Sutton St. Mary, or Long Sutton, Lincs, 'Holland, Lincolnshire' (partly MS.), and other books, 'for the use of the Library in the Parvise of St. Mary'; and a small bell cast from part of the metal of the old tenor bell of the said church, and inscribed 'Henricus Penn Peterburgensis Fusor, 1716.'

He left to his nephew, Rev. Charles James Sturton (Orston, Notts), 27 volumes of 'Bell News' from 1881-1911 inclusive, 'Campanologia' 1705, 'Clavis Campanologia' (Jones, Reeves and Blakemore, 1788), his gold watch and a set of twenty-six handbells and £1,000; all his other books to the Rev. Charles Albert Clements (Grappenhall, Cheshire), and also a large bell cast in 1899, his striking clock (by Savoury), and £1,000.

£500 to his housekeeper, Mary Sylvester, if still in his service.
£20 to St. John's School, Leatherhead.
£30 to the Homes for Working Boys, London.
£100 to the Church Pastoral Aid Society.
£100 to the Church Missionary Society.
£50 to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.
£20 to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.
£50 to the Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews.
£50 to the British and Foreign Bible Society.
£30 to the Jerusalem and East Mission.
£20 to the Lord's Day Observance Society.
£100 to the Rector and churchwardens of Fleet, Lincs, 'for repairs as may be from time to time necessary.'

Both the Rev. C. J. Sturton and the Rev. C. A. Clements are well known ringers.

AFTER 40 YEARS.

On Saturday, October 1st, 1892, the Archbishop of York dedicated at Bolsterstone a peal of eight bells, by Taylor, to the memory of the Rev. John Bell, a former incumbent—an event which created wide-spread local interest. On that occasion a peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung by the Sheffield Cathedral company (then the Parish Church). The following ringers took part: Chas. H. Hattersley, Wm. Burgar, Thos. Hattersley, Geo. Holmes, Sam Thomas, John Holman, David Brearley and Arthur Brearley (conductor). Of these ringers five have gone from us, but three remain. They are Wm. Burgar, Geo. Holmes and John Holman, and on Saturday, Oct. 1st, 1932, these three rang the same bells to the same peal of Kent as that rung 40 years ago. The ringer of the 5th and 7th are the son and grandson respectively of David Brearley, and nephew and grandnephew of Arthur Brearley, who conducted that first peal.

After the anniversary peal, the ringers, together with the other members of the local band and the Vicar and churchwardens, were entertained to tea at the Castle Inn, to celebrate what was felt to be an historic occasion.

SOLIHULL'S NEW BELLS.

DEDICATION OF THE RECAST PEAL.

Saturday, October 1st, was a great day in the annals of Solihull, when the recast peal of ten bells was dedicated. In the sixteenth century there were three bells in the tower. By 1659 the peal had been increased to six. In 1685 these bells were recast by Henry Bagley, a new bell provided for No. 5, and two trebles added to make a ring of eight, with a tenor nearly a ton in weight. It was on this ring that Samuel Lawrence called a peal of Bob Major in 1786. In 1894 two trebles were added, mainly owing to the energy and enthusiasm of Mr. Geoffrey Martineau. To-day, Mr. Martineau has the satisfaction of seeing his work brought to a splendid conclusion. The entire peal has been recast, tuned upon the modern principle and rehung in an iron frame in one of the noblest towers in the land.



SOLIHULL CHURCH.

At 3.30 p.m. the nave of the church was crowded with parishioners and visiting ringers. The service opened with the singing of Hymn 166, followed by Psalms 122 and 150. The lesson was taken from 1 Chronicles xxix: 'Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord.'

The Bishop then ascended the tower where the local ringers were standing to their bells. Taking the ropes, he handed them to Mr. Martineau with these words: 'Mr. Ringing Master, I give these bells into your charge. So long as they ring may there be peace and goodwill among your ringers.'

Returning to the congregation, the Bishop proceeded to dedicate the bells. 'In the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ we do solemnly set apart and separate the bells now hung in this tower from all profane and unhallowed uses, and do now dedicate them to the Glory of God and the service of His Holy Church. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

Then, while the congregation sat, the bells broke forth into well-struck rounds, and for a few minutes all marvelled at the majesty of the great musical instrument. Long absent in the hands of the founders, then lying silent for three months in the tower, it now poured out its message to the village and the surrounding countryside with a new and richer voice: 'Canticum novum cantate Domino.'

The opening rounds were rung by V. W. Rigg 1, T. Warner 2, C. W. Bragg 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, H. Bragg 5, H. Shepherd 6, S. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, R. Bragg 9, A. Bragg 10. All were delighted with the beautiful tone of the recast bells, and thoughts turned to Mr. Geoffrey Martineau, unfortunately unable to ring, but happily present to witness the consummation of his years of toil.

The service continued, and the gathering in the church raised a great song of praise:

'Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
In earth, and sky, and sea!'

The address was given by the Archdeacon of Aston, who pointed out the great antiquity of bells. He drew some interesting comparisons between bellringing in olden days and modern methods of change ringing, and vastly amused the ringers present by alluding to the 'hundreds of bells' at Bournville Carillon Tower. He concluded with an appeal to the parish to complete the work so ably begun.

After the Blessing the local ringers rang a plain course of Grandsire Caters. Visiting ringers were then admitted to the tower. The first man up the steps was Mr. Albert Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild) with breezy congratulations on the opening ringing and a fervid desire for Stedman Caters. For the next hour and a half the bells had no rest, while a great gathering of parishioners joined the Bishop, the Rector and the churchwardens at the Masonic Hall of the George Hotel.

In his speech the Bishop stated that he had paid an unofficial visit to the tower before the service and had even been to see the bells. Although no builder, he could see quite clearly that the work throughout was honest and thorough. He threw some light on the methods and habits of mediæval workmen, with special reference to the poor conditions in which they so often lived. He concluded by pointing out that one portion of Solihull's great scheme had been wonderfully completed, and urging that there should be no slackening of effort until the whole work had been carried through.

At 6 p.m. more than a hundred visiting ringers sat down to tea. After the meal Mr. Albert Walker moved a vote of thanks to the churchwardens for their hospitality. He pointed out that on that happy day the happiest man of all must be Mr. Geoffrey Martineau.

Mr. Martineau, in replying, told how he had determined that, in the completion of this part of the church, the bells should certainly be adequately dealt with. He was now satisfied, and very happy to find that Solihull had such a splendid peal.

Ringing continued at the tower with great enthusiasm until nearly 9 p.m., and everyone was delighted with the tone and the 'go' of the bells.

The entertainment of the parishioners and the visiting ringers was provided by the churchwardens, Mr. Robert Bragg, J.P., and Mr. Howard Heaton, and the excellent arrangements made contributed largely to the success of a day that certainly stands as one of the most notable in the history of Solihull Church.

The restoration of the bells is only a part of the great scheme undertaken by the parishioners of Solihull. This scheme is nothing less than the restoration of the whole of the beautiful and ancient Parish Church at an estimated cost of £20,000. They have completed the tower, an operation involving the underpinning of the whole structure and renewing the foundations with reinforced concrete. From foundation to battlements the masonry has been repaired and grouted with cement, while the inside has been strengthened with a reinforced concrete frame, on the grids of which are set the new floors of the ringing and bell chambers. The base of the spire has been surrounded by a deep concrete ring.

The recast peal of ten bells have been hung on a new frame with all the latest fittings, and this work has been carried out with characteristic skill by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

The tower and bells have cost £6,500 — £1,500 more than was originally expected

The next step is the restoration of the chancel roof, which is in a dangerous condition. The chancel cannot be used for services until the roof is restored. Funds are urgently needed at once, so that this can be proceeded with. There is also the cost of the repair and replacement of the organ to be faced, the electric lighting of the church, the improvement of the heating apparatus, and last and greatest effort of all, the restoration of the nave.

E. C. S.

RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE TO LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the pilgrimage of bellringers to Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday, October 22nd, I would like to say that the bells of St. Nicholas' (12) will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

Also Mr. Goss Custard is giving a recital on the great organ of the Cathedral at 3 p.m. The Guest Master at the Cathedral, Mr. R. S. Dawson, invites visitors to this, and will reserve places for any who inform him.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES.

YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

BIG GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD.

JASPER SNOWDON'S CONTRIBUTION TO RINGING PROGRESS.

The first of the big social events of the season among ringers took place on Saturday, when the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner was held at Sheffield. Despite the prevailing depression, the party of 145 was one of the largest that has assembled for this event, which is held in rotation at York, Leeds and Sheffield.

Much of the success achieved was due to the enthusiastic efforts of the local hon. secretary, Mr. S. F. Palmer, and the work done by the other members of the dinner committee, which consisted of Messrs. George Lewis (local president), R. Harrison, sen., R. Harrison, jun., and M. E. Wilson. The dinner was the eleventh of the series, and, in addition to ringers from a wide radius in Yorkshire, attracted visitors from many other parts of the country. Full use was made during the afternoon of the facilities for ringing offered at the Cathedral, where the twelve bells were rung in Maximus, Cinques, Royal and Minor, and at St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, where numerous touches of Triples and Major were rung. A peal was also rung at Handsworth.

The dinner was held at Stephenson's Exchange Restaurant, and was presided over by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (President of the Yorkshire Association). He was supported by the Archdeacon and Provost of Sheffield (Dr. A. C. E. Jarvis) and Mrs. Jarvis, Mr. J. Cotterill (hon. treasurer of the association) and Mrs. Cotterill, Mr. J. E. Cawser (hon. secretary), Mr. George Lewis (vice-president of the Southern Division) and Mrs. Lewis; Mr. F. Clark (hon. secretary of the Southern Division) and Mrs. Clark, Mr. P. J. Johnson (late hon. secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Palmer, Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley), Mr. G. Harrison, Mr. J. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Rev. J. Thompson (Rector of Bradfield), Mr. J. Swift (churchwarden, of Bradfield), Rev. Foster (Vicar of Ranmoor), Mr. W. H. Arnison (Cathedral warden) and Mrs. Arnison, Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. T. Maude, Mr. and Mrs. Hardcastle (Bradford), Mr. J. E. L. Cockey (Dore), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thorber and Mr. and Mrs. G. Robinson (Leeds), Mr. F. Perrens (Coventry), Mr. W. H. Burt (Bristol United Ringing Guilds), Mr. H. Fearn (Birmingham), Messrs. G. and A. Horner, E. Ayre and J. Douglas (York), Mr. J. W. Rowbotham and Miss Rowbotham (London), Messrs. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe), W. Dransfield (Almondbury), J. W. Coulson (Keighley), A. Nash and S. Briggs (Rotherham), W. Barton (Pudsey), W. A. Wooler (Wortley), J. R. Brearley (Bolsterstone), F. W. Dixon (Guiseley), J. Marshall (Edinburgh), A. Mitchell, S. Walker and C. Wilson (Rawmarsh), Mr. and Mrs. H. Stenton and Mr. C. Fowler (South Anston), Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. McGuiness (Lincoln), Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dyson and Mr. and Mrs. W. Pearson (Pontefract), Mr. and Mrs. G. Clark and Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), Mr. W. Biggin (Norton), Mr. and Mrs. J. Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Holman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hurst, Mr. R. Harrison, sen., Mr. R. Harrison, jun., Mr. A. P. Knights, Mr. and Mrs. G. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Burgar, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dixon, Messrs. T. O'Hara, T. Lee and C. H. Lake (Sheffield), Mr. F. Watkinson, Miss Noel Cawthorne, Miss Kelly, Mr. J. Cardwell, Mr. C. Smith and Master J. Gilbert (Handsworth), Mr. H. Huddleston (Ecclesfield), Messrs. W. Barber, G. Barber, G. Fretwell, J. Fretwell, R. Swift, J. Homer, G. Worrall, N. Worrall, B. Ellis and W. Sanderson (Bradfield), etc.

OUR DEBT TO THE CHURCH.

After the toast of 'The King,' Mr. Colin Harrison proposed 'Church and State.' Although, he said, it was to Fabian Stedman that credit was due for the advancement of change ringing, it was to the Church that they were indebted for those towers which led to the installations of bells upon which they practised their art, enabling those talented men to come to the fore in whose memory they were met to pay homage. When they looked back in history and read of the religious persecutions which our forefathers had to undergo, of the devastation caused by plagues and the wanton destruction by civil wars, they could not help but realise how fortunate they were to have still standing those glorious examples of minsters and abbeys which were to be seen in almost every county of this country; buildings which were tokens of the labour of love expended in their erection and symbols of the faith of those who built them; they should be for ever grateful to the monks of old, who, by their craftsmanship, had caused to be handed down from generation to generation those magnificent specimens of architecture which arouse the admiration of rich and poor alike. As for their position as ringers, he thought most of the clergy regarded them as the unseen choir; perhaps they were somewhat more noisy than those who sat in the choir stalls, and although it could be dispensed with was, nevertheless, doing a valuable work which was better inside the church than out. Such recognition of the part which ringers took in the service of the church had become better appreciated since the introduction of belfry reform some 50 years ago, and gentlemen of high attainments and social standing had not been unwilling to join their ranks. Since that time, the clergy had taken a greater interest in their work and in the matter of seeing that the bells in their towers were, whenever possible, put into proper ringing order, a condition which they realised was necessary if they were to perform their services worthy of their intended purpose. From a national standpoint, they had to thank the Church, amongst other things, for what it had done in the way of education; the parson had invariably been regarded as the fountain of knowledge, and in days gone by he was often the only man in the district with scholastic attainments and frequently took the role of village tutor. There must be many in that room who could well recollect going to a church or chapel school before the old board schools came into being, and so, whenever they were handing out bouquets to the present day system of education they should not forget the spadework done by the Church years and years ago (applause). As for the State, it had not always been so non-partisan in religious affairs as it was to-day, but that, he thought, was a chapter best closed. Rather let them be grateful that the Church was enabled to pursue its religious activities without the interference of political intrigue such as existed in many of the countries abroad. It was usually during a period of national misfortune that they saw the Church at its best, dispensing charity and goodwill and exercising its influence for good, and through the very difficult times which the country was now passing they could confidently hope that the Church would lend all its hands to helping the Ship of State to ride the tide of Prosperity (applause).

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP.

The Provost, in reply, expressed his pleasure in finding himself in such genial company. They were, he said, all allies in the same great work. He conveyed to the gathering the paternal greetings and the episcopal blessing of the Bishop of Sheffield (applause). At that moment they were engaged in Sheffield in a colossal effort and were in the throes of a four days' bazaar, by which they were endeavouring to raise £5,000 towards a diocesan fund of 100,000 guineas. Although the Bishop was consequently unable to be with them he was anxious that he (the Provost) should convey that message to them (applause). He congratulated the proposer of the toast upon the felicitous way in which he had done it, and added that he supposed the subject of Church and State was about the most complicated that could be chosen for a toast. It had been his privilege to serve both. For 18 years he had the honour of serving as Chaplain of the Forces, and for the latter part of the period as Chaplain General of the Forces. At the moment, he was privileged to embody in his person not only the offices of Provost, Archdeacon and Vicar of Sheffield, but was also chaplain to His Majesty the King (applause). It was in the seventh century of their history, he continued, that Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, succeeded in unifying the turbulent elements in the Church of the Northumbrians with those of Mercia, and thus brought about a unified Church in the country, and it was out of that unified Church that the State was born, England became England, and the Heptarchy dissolved. Thus, from the beginning of our history the tie between Church and State had been well-nigh indissoluble. If the day should ever come, which God forbid, that disestablishment should be imposed upon them, then, honestly, he feared it would be a loss to the State. It might bring certain gains to the Church, it might restore to them a certain spiritual freedom which in these days they had not got; but surely the better way would be for them to find a way out by a measure of spiritual autonomy given to the Church and that the State should remain supreme, as in Scotland. Whether that day came or whether it did not, he for one hoped that the bells of their churches in city, town and village would still hold their places in the national life, which he regarded as unique and supreme. To him the bells were one of the greatest charms of their national life, and there was nothing more beautiful to him than on a Sunday morning to hear the bells of a village church calling the people to the highest duty of which they were capable. He regarded the ringers' job, which they so magnificently rendered, as one of the highest tasks to which a man or woman could be committed—helping their fellows to attain the highest and best that their natures were capable of. He wished the association and its members every blessing (applause).

The President asked the Archdeacon to convey to the Bishop the thanks of the members of the Yorkshire Association for his kind message and to assure the Bishop of their own services and continuous loyalty to him and the Church which he represented.

JASPER SNOWDON'S SERVICES TO RINGING

In proposing the toast of 'The memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association,' Mr. J. S. Goldsmith

said Jasper Snowdon came into the orbit of the ringing Exercise at a time when it was emerging from a period of 'depression.' Ringing in the middle of the nineteenth century had reached a low ebb. The Exercise was at that time almost without leaders, without organisation and with little means of instruction. They had only to read the early pages of 'Church Bells,' the first publication that seriously devoted attention to bell ringing, to observe the state of indifference that generally existed towards ringers and their art. Jasper Snowdon entered ringing at the end of 1870, but when he was called out of it in 1885, by his efforts and the efforts of others, ringing had been put upon a new foundation, given new prospects, new promise, and new organisation, and ringers a new means of gaining knowledge. As one particularly interested in the literature of ringing, the speaker said he had been amazed at the output of Jasper Snowdon's genius in his comparatively short ringing career. Ringing was to him an unknown science when he entered it at the age of 26, and there were few facilities for getting information except by one's own research and the hard school of experience. In less than three years, however, he had mastered some of the most intricate problems and had given the world an exposition on 'the in-and-out-of-course of changes' and the proof of Treble Bob, and those investigations, embodied later in his text book, had remained an unchallenged authority. He tackled other problems of his time in the same manner, and all that he wrote bore the imprint of clear and penetrative thinking, while his gift of direct expression made his books, even to-day, the best examples of their class. Moreover, he had a great capacity for putting himself into the place of the man for whom he was writing, and as a result his text books were a model of simplicity and clarity. Jasper Snowdon was a man of facts and not of theories, and had infinite capacity for taking pains. He was probably the first to introduce the idea of using diagrams for the purpose of teaching methods, a system which was now largely adopted by ringers when learning advanced methods. Many ringers in these days rang peals in methods of which they had never seen the figures; they relied entirely on the diagram. Before his death Jasper Snowdon had published 'Treble Bob,' Ropesight and Standard Methods, and had prepared the ground for other books which followed, 'Grandsire,' which was already in the press, 'Stedman' and 'Surprise Methods.' It was largely through the work of Jasper Snowdon that the ringing Exercise had reached its present dimensions, and there could be very few ringers who, either directly or indirectly, had not gained some of their knowledge from his work. It was impossible to evaluate what the Exercise, as a whole, owed to him, but they in Yorkshire were even more deeper indebted to him. It was largely through his efforts that the Yorkshire Association was founded in 1875: he was the first president, their guide and inspiration until his lamented death. Jasper Snowdon had left them a great legacy which had grown with the years and he left them a great example, for while he doubtless got great personal pleasure out of his ringing, it was not what he got out of it, but what he put into it which made him great.



JASPER SNOWDON.

DISTINGUISHED YORKSHIRE RINGERS

Yorkshire, continued Mr. Goldsmith, had been the home of many honoured men in the ringing Exercise, and the Yorkshire Association had been fortunate in having had a series of distinguished ringers to guide its destinies. Among them had been Mr. William Snowdon, who not only succeeded his brother as president and held the office for 25 years, but completed Jasper's task by supervising the production of his unfinished works. In this connection the speaker mentioned that another link with this undertaking had been broken by the death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who contributed so much to the work begun by Jasper Snowdon. Among others whose names they would specially honour that night were William Howard, of York, the first vice-president of the association, and William Whittaker, their first secretary; the two brothers Hattersley, of Sheffield, and many others who through the years had given their best to promote the welfare of the association. They honoured their names and would ever remember them with gratitude. He called upon the company to drink a silent toast to their memory.

This having been done, the President read a letter from Mrs. Snowdon (widow of the late Mr. Wm. Snowdon) and her daughter, sending their hearty greetings, and saying how much they valued the message sent to them every year, and without which they would feel very much poorer. The President added that he felt sure it was the desire of those present that he should send to Mrs. Snowdon and her daughter their thanks for the message and their best wishes (applause).

THE VISITORS.

Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed the toast of 'The Visitors and kindred Ringing Associations,' but first expressed the regret which all felt on the passing of an old Sheffield ringer during the last year, in the person of Mr. J. T. Rue, who was known and respected by many of them. Continuing, Mr. Johnson paid a tribute to Mr. S. F. Palmer, the local secretary, and the committee in getting together that successful gathering. In these times of depression it was exceedingly difficult to organise gatherings of that kind, and he was at a loss to understand the motive which brought together such a large assembly in such difficult times until he discovered the secret that for the first time in the history of those dinners they had been able to get draught beer at a reasonable price (laughter). Mr. Palmer by what he had achieved, would endear himself to them for all time (laughter). Sheffield, continued Mr. Johnson, was one of those places which could always be relied upon to supply something in the way of greatness, and it was not unworthy of notice that one of the most mysterious things in mathematics first saw the light at Sheffield. How it was done, nobody knew. He referred to William Hudson's famous sixty course-ends. No peal of Stedman had ever been composed with course-ends that were not Hudson's particular rows. The most profound mathematicians had explored the subject. They could not tell them why it was so, but in every peal these 60 course-ends were identical and no others had ever been got. Mr. Johnson added that they had among them that evening visitors from the Lancashire Association, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, the Midland Counties Association, the Essex Association—they were pleased to renew acquaintance with Mr. George Dent—the North Notts Association, the Bristol United Guilds, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and, representing the Guildford Diocesan Guild, one who held a position unique in the Exercise—the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' He (the speaker) would very much like to see the labours of Mr. Goldsmith more appreciated, because he did not know a paper that was read with more interest by the people for whom it was provided, but unfortunately in many cases the people who read it did not buy it. 'Nobody else,' added Mr. Johnson, 'reads mine; other people can get a copy at the same price, and it ought to be a golden rule with everybody to do so' (hear, hear). Continuing, Mr. Johnson said they also had with them members of the Warwickshire Guild, represented by Mr. Perrens, the Surrey Association, represented by Mr. Cyril Johnston, and for the first time the Scottish Association, represented by Mr. Marshall, whom they welcomed most heartily (applause).

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS IN YORKSHIRE.

Last, but not least, continued Mr. Johnson, they had represented the Ancient Society of College Youths. Talking once about the formation of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Wm. Snowdon told him that prior to 1875 there was a suggestion among Yorkshire ringers—Jasper Snowdon, the Hattersley brothers and other worthies—to establish a branch of the Ancient Society in Yorkshire. Instead, however, they decided to form a county association. That decision had never for a moment been regretted. It gave a great impetus to ringing. They welcomed representatives of the College Youths at those gatherings, and were particularly glad to have with them that night their dear old friend Mr. John Rowbotham, who they hoped would be able to join them on many future occasions. The College Youths had been associated with ringing from its earliest days, and they had been responsible for many very original ideas. An article which he saw in 'The Ringing World' made him wonder at the subtlety some of the College Youths put forward in the guise of geniality. It was well known that at the College Youths' dinners ladies were not allowed, and the result was they saw a greater gathering of husbands at that dinner than at any other ringers' gathering in England (laughter). They had in Yorkshire what was known as 'The Henpecked Husbands' Club' (laughter), and he was wondering why it was the College Youths went out once a year to enjoy their liberty while their wives were kept outside the doors (laughter). In conclusion, Mr. Johnson extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and hoped they would enjoy their stay in Yorkshire.

The Rev. J. Thompson, of Bradfield, who first responded, remarked that it was sometimes said that bellringing was a dying art. He could prove that it was not a dying art. Through the kindness and willing help of Mr. Palmer and his colleagues of Sheffield, they were training twelve young ringers at Bradfield, a parish of 64 square miles and containing less than 2,000 inhabitants. There was great keenness and enthusiasm among these young ringers, and ten of them were present that night (applause). He could assure them that if some of the slack ringers did not 'buck up,' these young ringers were going to make them jump (laughter and applause).

Mr. F. W. Perrens, who also replied, said it was sometimes urged that parsons should not be allowed to speak at gatherings of that kind, but they would be delighted to allow every parson to speak who could bring ten or twelve ringers with him as Mr. Thompson had done (laughter and applause). Mr. Perrens thanked the Yorkshire Association for the welcome extended to the visitors. Such gatherings, he said, helped considerably to get ringers together and did a tremendous amount of good. He was afraid, however, that if

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A NEW HANDBOOK FOR RINGERS.

REV. E. S. AND MRS. POWELL WRITE FOR BEGINNERS.

The beginner of to-day has no reason to complain of lack of instructional literature. Since Fabian Stedman first produced his 'Tintinnalogia' in 1677 there have been text books to help the tyro over the initial—and most difficult—stages of the art, and now another small volume makes its appearance. It has been written by the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, of Clyst St. George, Exeter, and covers what are generally described as the four standard methods—Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob. It teaches the elements of ringing from the first handling of a bell, and is a concise, yet sufficient, book of instruction. It deals not only with the ringing of the methods, but also with the conducting of them, and provides, in addition to a series of touches in each, a careful selection of peals.

The book is divided into two sections, the first for the six-bell ringers, which can be obtained separately (in paper covers, 1s. 2d. post free). The full edition (bound in cloth) carries the ringer to eight bells, and this, which extends to 120 pages, is 2s. 9d. post free.

In contrast to books which deal with one method only, this volume provides all the early stepping stones from rounds to the higher methods. Its merits will be obvious to instructors, while beginners will find its language simple, its directions clear and its illustrations pointed and helpful. The ability and care with which it has been written place it among the best of instructional books, and we anticipate that it will be in considerable demand when its usefulness becomes known.

Copies can be obtained from the authors. The Rev. E. S. Powell is president of the Devon Guild and a member of the Methods Committee of the Central Council, while Mrs. Powell is also a well-known ringer.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For reasons into which it is unnecessary to enter here, the negotiations mentioned in 'The Ringing World' some months ago to bring out a revised edition of Troyte's 'Change Ringing' fell through.

It will therefore be understood that the 'Ringers' Handbook' announced in your advertisement columns is a completely new and independent publication. E. S. AND M. POWELL.

Yorkshire Commemoration Dinner— (Continued from page 679). they were not careful they might overdo it by having the gatherings too close together. That might be all right for the ringers in the districts in which they were held, but it did not give others the chance to get round to them all. In conclusion, he thanked all those who had done so much for the success of that event.

At this point the president had to leave, and Mr. R. Harrison proposed a vote of thanks to him. The splendid harmony and good feeling which pervaded the gathering, he said, had been in a large measure due to the affable way in which Mr. Marshall had carried out his duties.

The President briefly replied, and said it was a great honour to be president of that association. He knew that in matters concerning ringing he was a very poor successor to those who had gone before him, but he tried to make up for it in other ways, and if they were satisfied he was more than satisfied.

A HEFTY SOCIETY.

The chair was then taken by Mr. George Lewis, vice-president of the Southern District, and Mr. C. F. Johnston proposed 'Continued prosperity to the Yorkshire Association.' In the South, he said, they always imagined the men in Yorkshire to be rather hefty people, and they imagined the Yorkshire Association to be a hefty society. They had about 1,350 members. He was not sure whether they were the largest association in the country or the second largest. He had asked Mr. Shuker, the secretary of the Lancashire Association, but he did not know. However, wherever it came on the list, they wished the Yorkshire Association the greatest possible prosperity. The county had produced, possibly, as big a percentage of famous and clever men in the bellringing world as had been produced in any part of the country in the 300 years of ringing history. They had famous men among them still, and the visitors were delighted to come among them once a year.

The Chairman, replying in the absence of the president, said it was an honour to belong to that great association, and he and his colleagues tried to carry forward the good work begun by their predecessors. It was very nice to know they had a lot of youngsters coming along who would in days to come follow in their footsteps when they were no longer here.

The musical programme was filled by the Hallam Octet, who sang a number of part songs very effectively, and whose efforts were greatly appreciated, especially in such pieces as the 'Soldiers' Chorus' from Faust, 'Passing By,' and that famous Yorkshire ditty, 'On Ilk'la Moor Ba't 'at.' Mr. H. Muscroft's fine voice gave great pleasure in his baritone solos, and Mr. J. Jennings' rendering of 'Take a pair of sparkling eyes' was warmly applauded.

During the evening a course of Stedman Cinques was rung by Messrs. A. Nash, J. Thorpe, S. F. Palmer, S. Briggs, G. Lewis and R. Harrison, sen., while five veterans, all over 70 and all of whom knew Jasper Snowdon, rang a course of Grandsire Caters. They were J. W. Rowbotham, G. Holmes, W. Burgar, F. E. Dawe and G. Dixon.

NOTICES.

THE LATE CANON W. W. C. BAKER.

VICAR OF SOUTHILL, FORMERLY RECTOR OF DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,
6, Tavistock Crescent,
Luton, Beds,
Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 20th; °St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1/- each. All ringers cordially invited.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Colsterworth. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the White Lion.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Henley on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ringers' service at Parish Church at 5 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Canon A. E. Dann. Tea to follow at the Chantry House. Ringing afterwards if required. All ringers are welcome. —Miss M. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Philip's Church, Hulme, Manchester (8 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited. — D. Brown, Branch Sec.

A JOINT MEETING of the Norwich Association and Suffolk Guild will be held at Diss on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells from 2.30. Tea (*please* advise) and meeting at 5.15 p.m.—Nolan Golden, South Norfolk Hon. Branch Sec., 39, Winter Road, Norwich; and Alphæus J. Berry, Eye Dis. Hon. Sec., Thornham Magna.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) will be available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The monthly practice meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me early. — S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Fulney, Spalding, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.15. Business meeting afterwards. —George Ladd, Hon. Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1/- a head.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Beckford, Saturday next, October 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—H. Wakefield, Secretary, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

GRIMLEY, Worcs. — The Bishop of Worcester will dedicate at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16th, the ring of six bells restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. — A meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Tuesday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 6.30 to 9.30. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19th. Afternoon—St. Hilda's, South Shields, 3 to 5 p.m.; Evening—Christ Church, North Shields. All ringers cordially invited.—Geo. Siddle, Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A Wednesday practice is to be held at Corfe Mullen and Wimborne on October 19th. Ringing at Corfe from 3 p.m. Tea in the Old Mill at 5. Ringing at the Minster from 7 to 9. — C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.—The ring of three bells restored and augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southall, on Friday evening, the 21st inst., at 7 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stanwick on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, October 18th?—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley End, October 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. Numbers for tea by 19th. Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Cambridge.—W. Ayre, Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Come to Goodrich and hear the flutes at the quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 22nd, at 3 p.m. You will be packed close together, hear good advice and have a good tea, if you let me know beforehand.—J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Swavesey on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, 10d. each. Special method, Ely Delight.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at East Coker on Saturday, October 22nd. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Secretary, North St., Martock.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5. All welcome. —Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wraysbury (8 bells) on Saturday, October 22nd, at 6 p.m. —A. D. Barker, Branch Secretary and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Grinstead on Sat., October 22nd. Ringing to commence 2.30 p.m, Tea at the Burrell Arms at 5.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Shedfield (6) also available from 3. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Upper Beeding on Sat., October 22nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. 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 1/6).—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bassaleg on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's bells available. Service at St. Stephen's at 4.15 p.m. Tea (members 7d., non-members 1s. 3d.) and meeting at The Beverly at 4.45 p.m. It is essential that those requiring tea should notify me before Thursday, Oct. 20th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The six bells of Ottershaw Church will be reopened after rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15. Ringing after service and during evening. Bus services from Chertsey and Woking Railway Stations. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday next.—H. Hancock, Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Paignton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, when a memorial tablet to the late Mr. F. T. Gover will be unveiled. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Those who intend to come to tea please advise me by Tuesday next. — H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Binsted on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Wickham Institute at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Will all who require tea please notify me by Thursday, Oct. 20th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.—The meeting at Deddington will be held on Saturday, October 29th, instead of 22nd.—E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) at the Bull Hotel after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by Tuesday, Oct. 22nd.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Deddington on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30, followed by short business meeting. Kindly send in names for tea by Tuesday, 25th.—E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Waverley Hotel, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, October 25th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Wendon. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29th.—A joint meeting of the Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Ely Diocesan Associations will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Oct. 29th. The fine peal of 8 bells available at 3 p.m. L.N.E.R. main line service, and buses every 20 minutes from all parts. The usual tea arrangements at the Grange are being made, and a post-card if you require tea will be much appreciated. Don't miss this meeting! Notification for tea to Don. Mears, Offley, Hitchin, by 27th. — Miss K. Willers, A. E. Sharman, Don. Mears, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Oxford, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Guild service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Ebbe's (8, tenor 4½cwt.) available in the evening. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, October 26th. Visiting ringers are cordially welcomed.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, DODDERHILL, DROITWICH.—Ringers' Festival.—The recently re-cast and augmented peal of eight bells by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be open to ringers on Saturday, October 29th, and will be available from 3 p.m Tea will be provided in the Parish Room (1/- each) for those who notify me by Wednesday, October 26th. All ringers welcome.—S. T. Holt, Crowle, near Worcester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, October 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, October 26th. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by invitation, will be reserved only for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, October 25th, first post.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 295th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 2nd from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, W. Roughton, Alb. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Michael's, Cornhill.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — The annual meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at which officers for ensuing year are elected. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 1st.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

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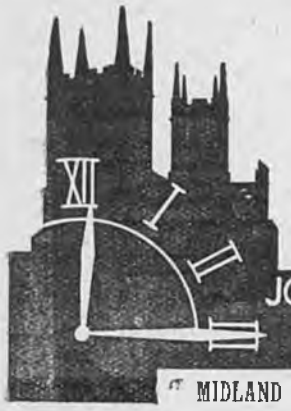

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

GOOD WORK IN THE DERBY DISTRICT.

The second quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at the rather out-of-the-way place of Seals on Saturday, October 1st, and, although the weather was anything but kind, torrential rain pouring down all the morning, quite a good muster turned up, seven of the eight districts of the association being represented, viz., Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and the Peak.

The bells of both Netherseal and Overseal were available during the afternoon, and good use made of them. The committee met in the Schools at Overseal at 3.15 p.m., and carried out various routine duties, and also made a grant of £2 2s. to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial Fund.

Tea was provided at the Robin Hood Hotel, and some 30 members did justice to the fare provided. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the president, who had an important engagement that day at Solihull, the vice-president, Mr. Wm. Willson, took the chair, supported by the hon. treasurer, Mr. Wm. E. White, and the general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris. Soon after the meeting commenced, the Rector, Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, and his curate, Rev. Dawson Bowling, made a welcome appearance.

In his opening remarks the Chairman regretted the absence of the president, also the local vice-president, Mr. W. W. Worthington, the latter not being well in health. He also referred to the loss which, during the last quarter, the association had sustained in the passing on of Mr. A. Archer, of Nottingham, one of the original members of the association, Mr. F. Johnson, of Nottingham, and one of their newest members, Mr. A. Arnold, of Great Glen, who had met with a motor-cycle accident and was burnt to death before he could be extracted from the wreck. The members present stood in silence to their respected memory.

The Chairman informed the members of the grant to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial Fund, which was ratified.

DERBY HON. SECRETARY'S GREAT WORK.

The Chairman, in calling on the hon. secretary to read over the names of the new members elected since the last quarterly meeting, paid an especial tribute to the magnificent effort of the Derby secretary, Mr. George Freebrey, who during the last quarter had gained no less than 32 new hon. members. The president had written his appreciation in a letter, and this was supported by the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. E. White, and the general hon. secretary also pointed out that during the year not only had Mr. Freebrey made over 50 new hon. members, but also had personally collected subscriptions due of practically all those already on his long list.

Needless to say, the members present received this news with acclamation. The new members elected since the last meeting were: Ringing 2, rejoined 3, life 3, and honorary 33.

The Chairman stated that Measham bells would be available after the meeting should any care to go there. He also said how pleased they all were to greet the Rector of Seals and his curate, and thanked the former for the use of bells, etc.

The Rector, in response, welcomed the visitors and trusted they would have a good time. He hoped the association would long continue in the good work they were doing, and ever increase their activities. He was proud of his local band at Overseal, and hoped soon to have a good set at Netherseal. He had brought along his curate, who had very soon met the members, he having only commenced his duties that day.—The latter then spoke a few words, thanking the members for their warm welcome, and gave an amusing experience in ringing he had had at his last curacy. He hoped (if his wife allowed!) to become more acquainted with ringers and ringing.

Further touches on the bells at both towers completed a successful meeting. E. M.

A RURAL DEAN'S DEATH.

The death has taken place at Linslade of the Rev. Canon Treffry Harvey, who until last year was Vicar of Ivinghoe, Bucks, where he had been incumbent for 35 years. Canon Harvey was 79 years of age and a bachelor. He was a native of Berkhamsted, and a son of the Rev. F. B. Harvey, a former Rector of Cheddington. He took his M.A. degree at New College, Oxford, in 1878, and was ordained in 1879 at Lichfield. He was appointed curate of Abbotts Langley in 1880, and in 1893, on the death of his father, he took charge of Cheddington for six months. He then became Vicar of Pitstone, and held this appointment until 1896, when he became Vicar of Ivinghoe. He had been Rural Dean since 1915, and was an honorary canon of Christ Church, Oxford.

At the funeral the last rites were performed by the Bishop of Buckingham, and Bishop Shaw, of Oxford. There were also present Archdeacon Parnell, of Bedford, Rev. F. Hills, of Leighton Buzzard, and 14 clergy from the Oxford Diocese. The church was filled by the deceased's late parishioners and friends.

The bells of Ivinghoe were rung muffled before the service, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Barnabas', Linslade, with the bells half-muffled: E. Belson 1, F. Jeffs 2, W. Insley 3, H. Whitney 4, W. Jeffs 5, F. Vickers, jun., 6, F. Vickers, sen. (conductor) 7, A. Kemsley 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire by ringers of 1, 3 and 8. The ringers of 7 and 6 are father and son, and it was their first quarter-peal.

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ALBERT WRIGHT	3	THOMAS WITTS	8
GEORGE ORCHARD	4	JOHN F. BALLINGER	9
THOMAS PRICE	5	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung in connection with the church festival and in honour of the diamond wedding of ex-Sergt. and Mrs. J. Williams.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES... ...	...*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	6
TOM WILDE	2	FREDERICK PAGE	7
*DONALD BROWN...	3	*FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS...	8
ALLEN F. BAILEY	4	BEN THORP...	9
*WILLIAM PYE	5	*JAMES TURNER	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BEN THORP.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	WALTER G. ROWE	6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ...	2	REGINALD BROWN	7
*FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	3	JOHN R. RODWELL	8
GEORGE POLLINGER	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	9
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	5	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* 200th peal. The 51st anniversary of the conductor's wedding. This is the first peal of Bob Royal in the county of Hants, also first peal of Bob Royal by ringers of 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and tenor.

EIGHT-BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HARRY BROWN	...*Treble*	VICTOR APPLEGATE	5
FRED NEWTON	2	CHARLES BROWN	6
JOHN H. LENTON	3	HARRY C. WALTERS... ...	7
WILFRED APPLEGATE... ...	4	*EDWARD ATKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Rev. A. G. Shipley, M.A., on the completion of 21 years as Vicar of All Saints' Church.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES P HYETT	...*Treble*	H. ERNEST COX	5
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	ALFRED T. POULTER	6
CHARLES L. SADLER	3	HENRY J. TAYLOR	7
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ...	4	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN...	...*Treble*	LEONARD A. TIDY	5
ALAN V. BROMLEY	2	JOHN O. WELLER	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	3	FRANK BELSEY	7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

A birthday peal for the youngest daughter of Robert T. Lambert.

SLATE PEAL TABLETS.—Now at 1914 prices. Inscriptions carved in correct Roman alphabet: for 6 bell peals, from £3; for 8 bell peals, from £4 each; same as supplied for the record peal at Appleton. Ringers' memorial tablets in slate, suitable for the belfry, from £2 each.—**C. H. WEBB, CROFT, LEICESTER.**

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. W. STRANGEWAY...	*Treble*	GEORGE W. STEEL	5
FRED NEWTON	2	HARRY BROWN	6
WILFRED APPLEGATE	3	HARRY C. WALTERS... ...	7
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE... ...	4	*HARRY HOMER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen 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 24 cwt.

*CHARLES H. COX	...*Treble*	ARTHUR ALFORD	5
ERNEST COX	2	JOHN J. WEBB	6
GLYN SHAW	3	WILLIAM POSTON...	7
ALFRED T. POULTON... ...	4	HARVEY H. WINNEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal on eight bells. A compliment to Mr. J. Williams, of Newent, on the 60th anniversary of his wedding.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*GEORGE S. JOY	...*Treble*	*RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ...	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	MAURICE SMITHER	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ...	7
P.S. FRANCIS C. HAGLEY .	4	WILFRED BARTLETT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal and first attempt. C. E. Smith's 150th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. Rosier, churchwarden of this church for several years, who was interred the same day.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)
On Monday, October 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
H. W. WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

A. BARNES	...*Treble*	W. BROWN	5
TOM WILDE	2	*F. R. WILLIAMS	6
WILLIAM PYE	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
HAROLD JACKSON...	4	†GEORGE PYE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. JACKSON.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Monday, October 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

G. EYRE	...*Treble*	STEPHEN PARRY	5
FRANK BEAUMONT	2	VERNON SYKES	6
ARTHUR TAYLOR	3	HERBERT BARLOW	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	4	GEORGE BARLOW	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. FRANCIS. Conducted by GEORGE BARLOW.

First peal in the method for G. Eyre. First peal for F. Beaumont. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Fred Crossland, Edwin B. Shaw and George Barlow, who respectively celebrated their 77th, 74th and 22nd birthdays.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD	...Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	5
FRANK G. RINGE	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	ERNEST W. FURBANK	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

The conductor has now rung a peal on every day in the year, i.e., 366 different dates.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM FISHER	...Treble	JOHN B. BUDD	5
MRS. J. BRAY	2	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN.	6
FRED OVERTON	3	JACK BRAY	7
HERBERT I. MINGAY	4	CHARLES W. TAYLOR	...Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to H. Mingay.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 20¼ cwt.

FREDERICK G. SHERWOOD	...Treble	*J. EDWARD REDFERN	5
G. WILFRED SLACK	2	*JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON	3	GEORGE ROBINSON	7
PERCY J. JOHNSON	4	*JOHN MARSHALL	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S FIVE-FART, No. 25. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. CHARLES DICKEN	...Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	6
MAURICE SWINFIELD	3	WALTER WALLACE	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	JOHN CURTIS	...Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT	...Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	NELSON ELLIOTT	6
KEITH HART	3	WALTER CHARMAN	7
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...Tenor

Composed by C W. ROBERTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS	...Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	5
JOHN CHARNOCK	2	WILLIAM TAYLOR	6
J. RICHARD TAYLOR	3	PETER CROOK, JUN.	7
WILLIAM SHARPLES	4	P.S. PETER CROOK	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

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

Tenor 37¾ cwt. in C.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	...Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
GEORGE HOWCHIN	2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	3	JAMES F. DUFFIELD	7
GEORGE MAYERS	4	GEORGE BAILEY	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A farewell peal to the Rev. D. L. Saberton, for 6½ years curate at this church, and a peal of welcome to his successor, the Rev. — de Voil. Fred Howchin's 100th peal in the method.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

JOSIAH MORRIS	...Treble	GEORGE TILLSON	5
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
HARRY L. SMITH	3	ROWLAND BARROW	7
W. ARTHUR SKINNER	4	KENNETH LAWSON	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Special arranged and rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the officers and men of the 4th Leicestershire Regt. who fell at Hohenzollern Redoubt, October 13th, 1915.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN.	...Treble	ERNEST E. HOLMAN	5
JOHN H. WILKINS	2	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
JAMES C. ADAMS	4	FRED C. MAYNARD	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Maynard, the respected Ringing Master of the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society: also to Mr. J. H. Wilkins and Mr. R. Maynard, jun., with the good wishes of the band.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ST. SAVIOUR'S GUILD.)

On Thursday, October 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8¼ cwt.

GEORGE W. STOKES	...Treble	HAROLD S. HOBDEN	5
EDWARD W. BRAY	2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST	6
*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY	3	ERNEST GOWER	7
ARTHUR K. GOWER	4	BENJAMIN HOBBS	...Tenor

Conducted by E. GOWER.

* First peal in the method. Arranged as a compliment to G. W. Stokes and also to Mrs. Stokes, whose birthdays fall on the 13th and 19th respectively.

IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, October 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

AMOS SMART	...Treble	JOHN R. SHARMAN	5
*FRANCIS BALL	2	HARRY CHAMBERS	6
MISS EVELYN STEEL	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
CHARLES W. CLARKE	4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS	...Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in the method.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF DEXTER'S. Tenor 23 cwt.

MISS IRENE HASTIE ...	...*Treble*	DAVID G. TAYLOR	5
ARTHUR H. REED	2	EDWARD J. WYATT	6
ALFRED J. WYATT	3	PERCY MERSON	7
JAMES HUNT...	4	GEORGE COLES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. REED.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ...	...*Treble*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	5
*CHARLES W. BURTON ...	2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT	6
FREDERICK REDGWELL ...	3	WALTER ARNOLD...	7
AMBROSE MASON	4	CHARLES BOTTON... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT	5
HECTOR G. BIRD...	2	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT...	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
JOHN BASS	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung for the harvest festival; also a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. E. Parsons, W. B. Cartwright, J. Smith and the conductor. Clifford Skidmore's 150th peal.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...*Treble*		†NATHANIEL T. MOXON ...	5
HAROLD DENMAN	2	*ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ...	6
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL	3	TOM BARTHOLOMEW	7
*MISS CONSTANCE ELING ...	4	LEONARD PIERREPONT	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. T. H. J. and Mrs. Eling on their silver wedding. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking them for their kind hospitality after the peal, and also wish to associate with the peal the name of Mr. E. A. Midwinter, who was unfortunately prevented by an accident from taking part.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR NEWTON ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR G. JAMES	5
†A. REGINALD BLABY... ...	2	ROLAND BIGGS	6
JAMES W. WILKINS	3	PERCY NEWTON	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ...	4	VICTOR EVANS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. NEWTON.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal "inside." First peal as conductor. All are members of the local band except the ringer of the 3rd, to whom the band are grateful for standing in after meeting short. Rung on the eve of the sixth anniversary of the conductor's wedding, which took place at this church.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT	...*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
GEORGE OLIVER	2	ROBERT SWIFT	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	CECIL NICE	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT DAVENPORT ..	5
ROBERT WALLWORK	2	WILLIAM HORAN	6
THOMAS WALLWORK	3	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ...	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of London. Quickest peal on the bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID WRIGHT	...*Treble*	*ALFRED J. CLAYTON	5
EDWARD G. TALBOT	2	TONY PRICE	6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ...	3	DANIEL COOPER...	7
*RONALD H. DOVE	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BENTLEY, SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 4½ cwt.

GEORGE WYATT	...*Treble*	*ROBERT HEAZEL	3
ALBERT RAINBIRD	2	*ALBERT PRYKE	4
		*CHARLES PRYKE... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT HEAZEL.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Alfred G. F. Wyatt, only son of the ringer of the treble, to Miss Violet Shute, which took place at Leeds Parish Church on September 24th. This unique occasion was his birthday and the anniversary of the wedding of his father.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(STROUD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Forty-two six-scores each called differently.

GEORGE DOWDESWELL	...*Treble*	HARRY NEWMAN	4
TREVOR PRICHARD	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
ALBERT WRIGHT	3	WILLIAM BANYARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a 70th birthday peal for the Vicar, who is chairman of the branch. Rung after meeting short for Triples.

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DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, GRANTHAM

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY C. JONES	...*Treble*	*FREDERICK W. LEACH ...	4
FREDERICK J. REEVE	2	C. JESSE PUPLETT	5
JAMES W. WILKINS	3	FRANK WEST	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

* First peal. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival, and as a farewell peal for the ringer of the 5th, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. C. Jones, wife of the ringer of the treble and local foreman.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

FRANCIS BROMLEY ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN.	4
PERCY TAYLOR	2	ALAN BROMLEY	5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	EDWIN BROMLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung for the harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to Francis Bromley, Percy Taylor, R. E., R. T. and T. Lambert.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MISS EDITH K. KNIGHT	...*Treble*	HERBERT SHERMAN	4
MISS EVELYN STEEL	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON	5
CHAS. W. CLARKE	3	HERBERT SHARP	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. T. Boston, who was churchwarden at St. Peter's, and who was interred on this day.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise and three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*ALFRED G. GORDON ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD FRADGLEY	4
HAROLD DOUGHTY	2	JOHN W. ENGLAND	5
ARTHUR B. JUDGE	3	TOM CLARK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM CLARK.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. Thomas H. Evans, and Mrs. Evans, formerly of Norden, Rochdale, Lancs.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FREDERICK HANNINGTON ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST COOMBES	4
JOHN W. JONES	2	CHARLES H. PERRY	5
ALFRED W. HEATH	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

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

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge and Beverley. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

*CECIL N. AUSTIN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. TACK	4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	2	ROBERT HOWARD...	5
JOHN W. WARD	3	EDWARD H. FINCH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal.

STANDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS ...	...*Treble*	SYDNEY CARTER	4
JEFFREY WILLIAMS	2	BARNARD PATMORE	5
ALBERT LAWRENCE	3	JOHN WELCH...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr.

*ALBERT C. BAKER ...	...*Treble*	†GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE ...	4
PERCY C. WILLIAMS... ...	2	JOHN G. JEFFERIES	5
SAMUEL PHILLIPS	3	FRANK SKIDMORE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK SKIDMORE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. R. Stevens), who was 90 years of age on September 28th. These bells were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in May of this year.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CHAS. W. CLARKE ...	...*Treble*	*DON C. MEARS	4
*HERBERT L. HARLOW ...	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	5
MISS EVELYN STEEL... ...	3	†W. G. BYGRAVE... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal. Mr. C. W. Clarke has now rung a peal of Stedman on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. First peal on the bells.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ARTHUR E. PEGLAR, JUN.	*Treble*	ROBERT SPERRING	4
ROBERT L. FAIRLIE	2	JAMES H. MIDWINTER... ...	5
EDMUND LODGE...	3	L. JOHN EVANS	6

ARTHUR E. PEGLAR, SEN. ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal and first attempt, age 14. Rung on the back seven. Second and 3rd ringers from Llandudno, 4th from Chester, 6th from Rhyl.

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FRATERNISING AT HILLINGDON.

A 21st BIRTHDAY PARTY!

A very enjoyable gathering of the clans took place at Hillingdon on Saturday, October 8th, when members of the Middlesex County Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a joint meeting. A couple of hours' ringing preceded a brief service, which was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Wadsworth in the absence of the Vicar, who, unfortunately, was seriously ill. Miss D. G. Feltham accompanied the singing with organ music.

An adjournment was then made to the Church Hall, where Dr. Wadsworth presided over a very jolly tea party. After tea, handbells were brought into use, and a thoroughly informal atmosphere prevailed.

The vice-president of the Middlesex Association (Mr. J. A. Trollope) briefly welcomed the visitors, the thanks of whom were voiced by the Branch Ringing Master of the Oxford Guild (Mr. Fowler).

Among other things, it was mentioned that 21 years ago on October 7th the very fine ring of ten bells that they had been ringing that afternoon were dedicated and rung for the first time.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Hillingdon for use of the bells, together with the hope that he would recover his health in due course. Dr. Wadsworth was thanked for his attendance, as also was Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow and her assistants for preparing and serving an excellent tea.

The tower was again visited and further ringing took place. Over forty ringers were present, both Guilds being well represented.

FIRST 720 SINCE THE WAR.

At Kirkby Malzeard, on Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Langshaw 1, E. Hudson 2, C. E. Howroyd 3, J. Metcalfe 4, G. Langshaw 5, E. Burnett (conductor) 6. Also on Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Langshaw 1, F. Tingle 2, C. Howroyd 3, J. Metcalfe 4, G. Langshaw 5, E. Hudson (conductor) 6. The conductor's first attempt to call a 720. The above are nearly all members of the Ripon Cathedral Company, their bells being at present in the hands of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. No 720 had been previously rung on these bells since the Great War.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Warkton, Northants, on Saturday, October 15th, at St. Edmund's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles with half-muffled clappers by the local band: A. S. Toseland (first 720) 1, H. Patrick 2, R. W. Lawrence 3, H. O. Mutton 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. Rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. Thomas Lane Coulson Bridges, Rector of Warkton from 1882-1909, who was interred at Warkton that afternoon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION'S RECORD IN NEW MEMBERS.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Sept. 24th, when the towers represented were Conisborough, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Ranmoor, Killamarsh, Rawmarsh, Arksey, Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham and Wortley. Touches of Bob Major, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were rung before service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Thomas). Tea was served in the schoolroom by the wives of the local company, and was very much appreciated.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, the following were elected members of the association: Messrs. J. Saswell, C. Alder and T. Cooper, of Eastwood, H. Holbrook, of Shelley, W. Steel, of Hoylandswaine, D. Smith, of Felkirk, and W. Lewis, of Conisborough. This brings the number of new members to 27 for the current year—a record for the division, and speaks well for the future welfare of change ringing in the area. It was decided to hold the next meeting jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Rawmarsh on Saturday, December 3rd.

A circular was read from the president of the Yorkshire Association (the Rev. C. C. Marshall), with regard to the proposed testimonial to the late hon. secretary of the association, Mr. P. J. Johnson. It is hoped that it will be a great success, so that a fitting recognition can be made to Mr. Johnson for his many years of real hard work for the association.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the ladies and to the local company for the very excellent arrangements made concluded the meeting.

A RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Tuesday, September 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. James' Church, Badsey, as a mark of respect to Mr. C. Knight on the occasion of his golden wedding. He has been 51 years a ringer, and 21 years foreman of the tower. J. Pethard 1, W. D. Sparrow 2, J. Perkins, sen., 3, W. Hardiman 4, A. Taylor 5, J. W. Heath 6, G. A. King (conductor) 7, G. Meisey 8.

STEDMAN DOUBLES IN SHROPSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I certainly appreciate the correction by Mr. T. R. Butler to the footnote of the peal at Stockton, Shropshire. I am sorry the error was made. Would it be asking too much from the compilers of 'The Ringers' Directory' to include a list of first peals in each method by the various associations and guilds?

C. WALLATER.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Police Guild will find an interesting short article on 'Our Pealing Peelers' in the October issue of 'On and Off Duty,' written by Ernest Morris, author of the 'History and Art of Change Ringing.'

The first peal on the bells at Wallington, Herts, was rung on Saturday. The bells have been put into a new frame and hung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Mr. W. G. Bygrave, the donor of the treble bell, and Mrs. Bygrave entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

Grimley, Worcestershire, has a ring of six with a pre-Reformation tenor dating back to 1482. The bells have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the first peal was rung on them on Sunday. Afterwards the ringers enjoyed the hospitality of the Rector (the Rev. W. Herald).

Very few ringers have rung a peal on every one of the 366 dates that go to make a year. Mr. William Pye and Mr. James George had done it; last Monday week Mr. G. R. Pye completed it. Are there any others?

Arthur E. Pegler, jun., of Bangor, has just rung his first peal, at the age of 14. Is he the youngest ringer to ring a peal in Wales? The peal was Grandsire Triples, rung without a cover!

A peal on seven bells, with or without a cover, is recognised by the Central Council, but as long ago as 1893 the Council passed a resolution discountenancing such performances.

Mr. Harold Walker, of Doncaster, has been appointed to take charge of the Carriage and Wagon Department, West Riding District, L.N.E.R. (G.N. Section), with headquarters at Holbeck, Leeds.

The dedication of the augmented and rehung peal at Stagsden, Beds, is to take place on November 4th. A ringers' festival will be held there about the third week in November.

THE LIVERPOOL 'PILGRIMAGE'

NEARLY 300 VISITORS EXPECTED.

Owing to the large number of visitors who will attend the great gathering of ringers at Liverpool on Saturday (nearly 300 tickets have been sold), it will be impossible to hold the service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral. The arrangements have, therefore, had to be slightly altered.

An organ recital, commencing at 3 p.m., will be given by Mr. Goss Custard on the great organ. Seats free on application to Mr. R. S. Dawson, Guest Master at the Cathedral.

Immediately after the recital the Pilgrimage party will tour the Cathedral. At 5 p.m. service will be held in the Cathedral.

Supper will be served at 6.15 at Bear's Paw Restaurant.

The bells at St. Nicholas' Church will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

MAGNIFICENT GIFT FOR RESTORATION SCHEME.

£30,000 FOR BISHOPWEARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH.

Owing to a subsidence caused by colliery workings, the Parish Church at Bishopwearmouth is in need of restoration on a large scale, towards the cost of which the Rector (the Rev. Preb. Wynne Willson) has received from an anonymous donor the magnificent sum of £30,000. The restoration work will include a new side chapel and a new aisle on the south side, a new aisle on the north side, while a narthex is to be added to the west end.

The peal of eight bells, six of which were put in by Mears and Stainbank in 1810, are to be recast and hung in ball bearings. As the tower will not be interfered with, it has been decided to get on with the bells at once, and the Whitechapel firm are again being entrusted with the work. They are starting to remove the bells this week, as the Rector wants the new ones in by Christmas, so that they can be kept going for the services which are to be held in the Church Hall during the alterations, which it is estimated will take two years.

ESSEX SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—To whom should the method Essex Surprise be credited? The reason I ask is that I have a belief that it was published some four years ago by Mr. A. Craven. The method is in my collection under his name, but I cannot give any date. The only clue I have is that it closely follows 'Norton,' 'Ripon,' 'Lincoln' and 'New London,' by Mr. Craven. 'New London' was immediately claimed by Mr. George Baker as 'Bellthorpe.' We then have 'Leek' and 'Chesterfield,' and then the above mentioned method, entered up by me as 'No 2, A. Craven.' I have a notion that No. 1 was 'Chesterfield.' Perhaps you or some other interested person may be able, from the above clues, to place the method and give the date of publication. It was certainly published; if not, how did it come into my possession? By the hand of providence, upon opening my book at random to enter the above, there was the method before my eyes. I am sorry I cannot give more precise details, but perhaps others who keep a record of methods can supply these facts. I am sorry that it has fallen to my lot to open up the matter, but I consider it is quite in the interest of the Exercise. The late Mr. Craven, I am sure, would have claimed the method had he been spared.—Yours truly,

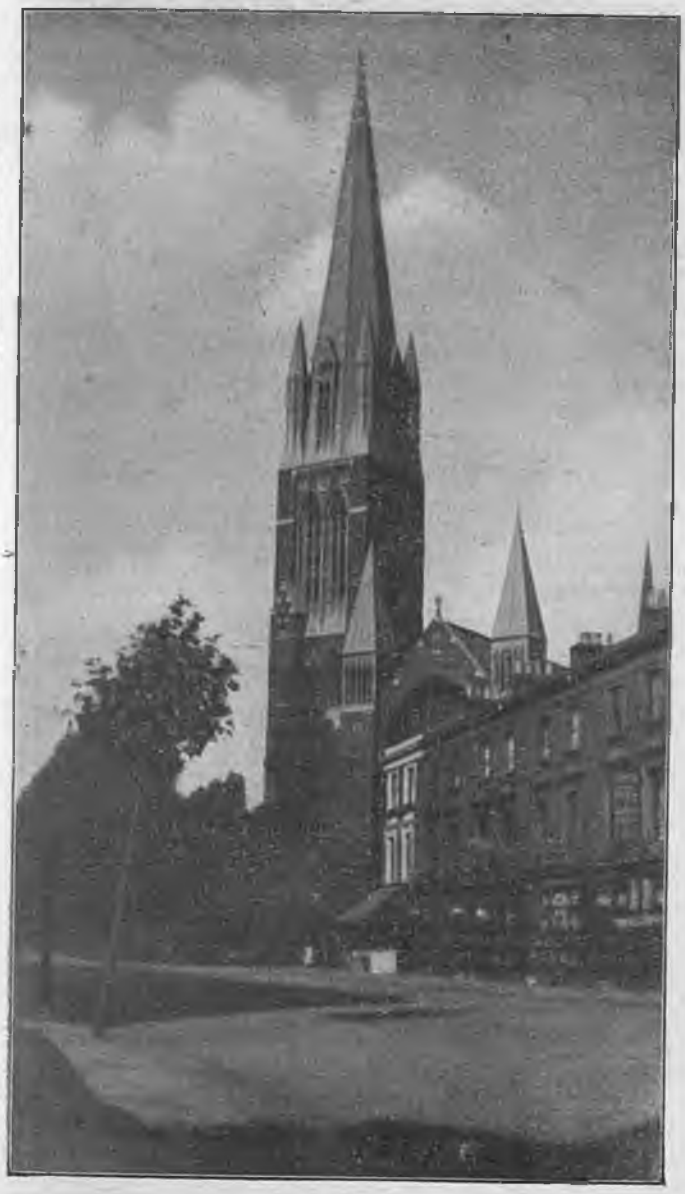
E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, KILBURN.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

The diamond jubilee celebrations of St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, which lasted for a week and began on Oct. 2nd, are not without interest to the Exercise, as the church is generally regarded as one of the finest examples of modern Gothic architecture, and has quite the most conspicuous spire in North-West London. The church was built from the designs of Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A., the architect of Truro Cathedral, and the spire was completed in 1898, when a ring of eight bells and a Bourdon were cast by Messrs. Vonacrschodt, of Louvain (Belgium), and placed therein. They were not intended for our style of ringing, but the hanging was subsequently altered so that they could be rung with difficulty.



THE IMPOSING TOWER AND SPIRE OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, KILBURN.

In 1926 the fourth bell was recast, the whole peal tuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, and the weights are now as follows:—

Treble.—1 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.
2nd.—1 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.
3rd.—2 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb.
4th.—3 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.
5th.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.
6th.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

(Continued in next column.)

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

72½ cwt. TENOR TURNED IN TO A PEAL.

The Exeter Grandisson was turned in to a peal for the first time on Saturday last. This enormous bell of 72½ cwt., weighing nearly five tons inclusive of headstock and fittings, has resisted more than one single-handed effort to turn it in to a peal, and it was after these failures that the Dean and Chapter decided that this bell should only be rung by two men. Prior to this, however, Mr. William Pye rang it through a peal of Stedman Caters some 29 years ago, and this remains on record as the only occasion on which a single-handed attempt has been successful. It says a great deal for Mr. Pye's long record as a heavy bell ringer that he now, at the age of 62, can stand his full share of ringing this bell through a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

The idea of making this attempt took definite shape about two years ago, when twelve of the band, after a peal at Buckfast Abbey, rang a trial course of Maximus at the Cathedral with the assistance of Mrs. E. S. Powell to make the thirteenth ringer. It was then felt that if an attempt was made there would have to be strengthened back end, and Mr. R. Sanders, who as an 'eleventh' man may be equalled but not surpassed, was invited to complete the band. Early this summer the Dean and Chapter were asked to permit the attempt to be made, and permission was given for October 15th. By a strange coincidence this date was the fifth anniversary of a peal of Stedman Cinques in which seven of the band took part, when Mr. Pye was assisted in ringing the tenor by Mr. A. Mitchell, of the Cathedral company.

At the Cathedral the visitors were met by the Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Devonshire Guild) and Mrs. Powell, Mr. T. Laver (hon. secretary, Devonshire Guild) and several of the Cathedral ringers, who very kindly raised the bells. Shortly after 4.30 all was ready, and 'Go' was called. Before a lead had been rung, however, it was found necessary to stop to adjust the auxiliary rope on the tenor, which was in danger of becoming entangled. After this all went well, and soon the bells got into a steady beat, which was maintained fairly evenly throughout the peal. There was a slight slowing up in the sixth course to ease the men on the tenor, but this was, perhaps, only noticeable in the tower. After nearly 4½ hours, 'That's all' was called, and a very fine peal was brought round.

There was an invasion of the belfry and many congratulations for the band, especially for the ringers of the eleventh and tenor. The ringing of Grandisson was a two-men job in every sense of the word. Each man took his full share of pulling, both at back and handstroke, and neither could afford to take any rest. They fitted in well, and at no time did they appear to be at 'sixes and sevens,' as might have been expected with less experienced ringers. The 11th man had his own task to do, and did it well, and went back to London with bandages round five badly blistered fingers. The conductor was most emphatic in his 'No' when he was asked if he thought it possible for one man to ring the tenor to a peal of Maximus, and added that he had always been of that opinion.

It was in 1902 that Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, carried out the rehanging of the Cathedral bells. Since that time the peal has received no bellhanger's attention, and the fact that a peal of Maximus has been accomplished on them after a lapse of 30 years speaks volumes for the way in which the work was carried out.

The sincere thanks of the band are due to Mr. T. Laver for his untiring efforts to ensure the success of the peal; and to the Cathedral ringers for raising and falling the bells, and for giving up their monthly practice to enable the attempt to be made. The welcome extended to the visitors by Exeter ringers generally will long be remembered.

The Great Western Railway Company must have heard something about this peal, for the train back to Paddington on Sunday was drawn by the King George V., which engine has a large brass bell mounted on its front platform.

C.

(Continued from previous column.)

7th.—6 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
Tenor.—8 cwt. 1 qr.
Bourdon or Angelus.—23 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb.
Total.—55 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

No peal had been attempted since the rehanging, as it had not been considered fair on the teeming population around the church, but this occasion was regarded as worthy of an exception, and, after due deliberation, the special service for the guilds and societies connected with the church was considered to be the most appropriate occasion for an attempt. This was successful, as recorded last week, and the peal is noteworthy in that four regular service ringers of the local Guild took part; the other four are honorary members and often assist; it was Mrs. Fletcher's 250th peal, and the weight of her bell, 162 lb., is somewhat of a contrast to Lincoln tenor, which she recently rang to a peal.

The bells were also rung on many other occasions during the week—notably before and after the great Eucharist on October 2nd, and the final evensong on October 9th, when they were 'fired.'

The Middlesex Association have been invited to hold a meeting at St. Augustine's on November 19th.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A COMPETITION.

The autumn meeting was held at Felixkirk, a village lying at the foot of the notorious Sutton bank, well known to motorists in Yorkshire for speed trials and otherwise. This meeting is usually arranged for a six-bell tower and the benefit of the six-bell ringers. There is a ringing competition arranged for instruction in the raising and falling of a peal of bells and the first lead of Plain Bob Minor, which is greatly neglected in a great many districts, but which to the ear of the general public in this area is considerably more appreciated than all the changing that the best of bands can produce.

The bands who entered the competition were Felixkirk (a), Felixkirk (b), Thirsk and Kirby Wiske, Thirsk coming out first, Felixkirk (a) second.

Tea was provided at Mount St. John, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Walker, the use of their private residence being greatly appreciated by the members and the officials of the association.

The secretary acted as adjudicator, and his decision was given at the tea. He pointed out where improvements could be made if only men would put more energy into the work and not be quite so 'touchy' when spoken to about their striking. Ringers attended from Ripon, Sharow, Thirsk, Kirby Wiske, Middlesbrough and Felixkirk.—The Rev. A. J. Metcalfe proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. A. J. and Mrs. Walker for their kindness in providing tea, which was replied to by Mr. Walker.

The president (Mr. J. Stott), who was supported by the Vicar of Felixkirk, Mr. A. J. Walker and the secretary, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the use of the church and bells for the occasion, which was replied to by the Vicar.

The president also moved that the best thanks be given to the adjudicator for the great interest taken in the competition.—Mr. Sanderson, Kirby Wiske, and Mr. E. Hudson, Sharow, complimented the winning teams on their ringing, the latter stating that the time for the raising, ringing rounds, twelve changes and the falling took 13 minutes.

After the tea and meeting the ringers returned to the tower, where several were got through their first course of Plain Bob Minor. The lady ringers present were specially successful.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Coln St. Aldwyns on Saturday, October 8th, when the following towers were represented: Cirencester, Coln St. Aldwyns, Chedworth, Down Ampney and Fairford. Among the visitors who put in a welcome appearance were Mr. E. H. Adams, of Warwick, Mr. A. W. Bond, of Leamington, Mr. W. Stote, Coventry, and the Rev. N. E. Hope, of Shedworth, a practical change ringer (lately of Sussex). Ringing took place until 4.30, when the Vicar of Coln (the Rev. A. H. Vizard) conducted service and gave an interesting address. Tea at the New Inn was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. N. E. Hope taking the chair.

A message was read from ex-Sergt. J. Williams, of Newent, who is a native of Coln, and who was that day celebrating his diamond wedding, wishing the meeting every success.—The secretary was asked to convey the best wishes of the members to Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

The Rev. N. E. Hope was elected a performing member, and Cirencester was chosen for the annual meeting in January.

An appeal was made on behalf of 'The Ringing World' and a discussion followed. The general opinion of those present was that a whole page should be devoted to the Sunday service ringing and miscellaneous touches to encourage young ringers by seeing their performances in print and thereby stimulating their interest in the paper and hoping thus to increase the circulation.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. H. Vizard for his kind welcome, for granting permission to ring and for arranging the service, and the hope was expressed that he would take up ringing himself.

The tower was again visited, and during the afternoon and evening touches were rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. Before dispersing, a social hour was spent with the handbells.

WEDDING OF WATFORD RINGER.

On Wednesday, October 5th, the marriage took place at Watford Parish Church of Mr. E. Stanley Edwards, Deputy Master of the Watford band, and Miss Helen K. Bryon, well known locally for her services in connection with Toc H.

The bells were rung as the happy couple left the church, and as only a short touch was possible at the time, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a compliment to them on the following Sunday evening, the band wishing them a very happy future: W. E. Oakley 1, E. P. Palmer 2, C. N. Leman 3, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 4, H. L. Long 5, F. H. Crook 6, R. G. Bell 7, J. Horton (first quarter-peal) 8.

HOOLE.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob: E. Priestner 1, W. Weetman, jun., 2, J. Benyon, sen., 3, S. D. Edwards 4, W. Weetman, sen. (conductor) 5, J. Benyon, jun., 6.

FORWARD—OR BACKWARD?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am glad that my last letter pleased my friend Mr. C. T. Coles. This ought to make him uproariously happy. If he sees no analogy between a seven-course dinner all mixed up and seven peals of Minor mixed ditto, then metaphor is lost on him, and he would be well advised to consult an oculist at once—if not sooner. I agree that my association ought to bar the false Doubles and Minor—and it is doing so. No more trash of that kind will be booked. Let us marshal the facts so that your readers can cut out this par. for future reference:—

(1) There is no such thing as 'A Peal' of 5,040 Doubles (or Minor). It takes 42 peals of Doubles, or seven peals of Minor, to make 5,040.
(2) Any attempt to mix them makes them false in every case.
(3) The Bankes James Cambridge Minor has six false peals out of seven.
(4) Whether you count rounds (before the start) as the first row or not makes no difference. The last lead in every case is a bob lead, and the bob is made at the back-stroke change, which makes that change inclusive—or why is it there?
(5) If rung in the orthodox way, the 720th row appears twice in each.
(6) The mixed Doubles are false at sight.
(7) The 5,040 Oxford T.B. Minor is ditto. It is so afflicted with 'T.B.' that no sanatorium would accept it.

It makes no difference to the ringer where the bobs (or singles) are made. It is no help to him to substitute one for other. The only person it can 'help' is the peal-hog conductor, who, given a weak hand—the weaker the better—and a clock, can book the 'peal' (sic) before he starts. In my opinion, if one was inclined to include an unorthodox peal of Minor, it would be the 5,040 of Bob Minor rung by Mr. M. Atkins, which consisted of seven in-course blocks of 360 each, turned with a single, then the out-of-course blocks rung likewise. In his case, he obtained seven true and complete 720's with the minimum number of singles, and unobtainable otherwise.

Just a word to those who think it a huge joke to rail at 'grandfather.' The old man was young once. He had traversed the same course and knew of the same pitfalls. He didn't do these things because he had more sense. There is a graphic account in the Old Testament of what happened to those who 'forsook the counsel of the old men.' Freak peals were rung over 70 years ago, while Sottanstall's book of 1864 gives spliced Oxford and Kent. If every conductor is to be a law unto himself, it spells chaos, and it would be a waste of time and money to run a Central Council, which was originated to bring all associations into unity.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

SIDE ISSUES.

Sir,—I, PERSONALLY, have no wish to appear in this matter either for or against, and think too much space has already been taken up in 'The Ringing World' that could be used for better purposes. BOTH sides use foolish analogies which are irrelevant and beside the point. Mr. Coles would make his side of the argument much more convincing if he stuck to the point and not keep getting on side tracks. The M.C.A. performances of several years ago, and Mr. Willson's attitude towards them, have nothing whatever to do with the matter. Since he mentions this side issue, however, as general hon. secretary of the M.C.A., I would refer him to your issue of May 16th, 1930.

Leicester. ERNEST MORRIS.

5,040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope is very sorry to contradict the statement I made, that if 123456 is taken as the first change in Mr. James' peal of Cambridge, we produce a true 720. May I ask him to give us any rows that are missing from a 720 produced by calling a 720 W.R.W.? He might also let us know how many leads are rung in the reverse way.

I had no intention of misquoting Mr. Coles, but as he has now made himself quite clear on the matter, may I suggest he arranges seven 720's of Oxford in the following way (both contain only two 5-6's at hand):—

23456	O	4th	W	H	23456	O	4th	W	H
54326	3	4	2	2	42356	2	2		
23456			2	2	53246	—	—	1	2
					23456			2	1

and then give us his opinion as to which tests the ability of the conductor the most.

Mr. Coles asks me to let your readers know how I called the peal of Cambridge at Killamarsh on February 18th, 1928. If he will refer to your issue of August 23rd, 1929, he will find my explanation there. The answer to his last question is, 123456 takes exactly the same place as it does in Mr. James' arrangement.

C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 minutes for the visit of the Bishop of Dover: C. Tribe 1, C. Brown 2, A. J. Battin 3, R. Edwards 4, C. Bullard (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, W. Tickner 6, K. Pattenden (conductor) 7, R. Breeze 8.

BOSTON 'STUMP' BELLS RESTORED.

RECAST RING OF TEN 'TRIED OUT.'

After a silence of five years, the bells of Boston 'Stump'—the stately tower which overlooks the waters of the Wash—were heard again on Saturday week, when the magnificent new peal of ten, which have been recast from the old peal of eight and installed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were 'tried out.' They have not yet been dedicated, but it is hoped a date will be decided upon shortly, probably when the scaffolding has all been removed from the tower, which should only take a few weeks now to clear away. Everyone had looked forward to hearing the new peal, and all were high in their praises for the grand scheme which has been so successfully carried out by the renowned Loughborough firm.

The restoration has been complete and thorough. The old iron frame has been scrapped, the bells recast and hung in a new iron frame on stout steel foundation girders with all the latest fittings, and is undoubtedly one of the finest schemes of bell restoration carried out by this great firm during recent years. What is more, although the old peal was hung at a great height, the new one has been taken up some 6ft. higher, so that an improved ringing chamber could be constructed.

Instead of Boston possessing the worst chamber in the country, it has now one of the best; excellently fitted up with electric lighting, etc. The visitors on Saturday week included Mr. E. Denison Taylor (head of the founders), Mr. J. Oldham (manager), Messrs. Collins and Smith (Loughborough), S. Procter (Grantham), W. White (Cotgrave), G. Ladd (Pinchbeck) and J. Phillips (Butterwick). The local ringers included Messrs. F. Dewey, W. E. Clarke, F. Leggett, H. Harper, F. P. Harwood, R. Howard, S. Jessop and others. The ringing commenced with some well-struck rounds, followed by several courses of Grandsire Caters, and concluded with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples on the back eight.

Inside the tower the sound of the bells is heard with just that clarity which is the joy of all ringers who love good striking, while outside their tones announced to all that the glorious tower stands once more securely restored to the beauty that men had given it.

The new bells are of beautiful tone, with a tenor of 20 cwt., which sounds a rich E flat.

After the ringing all were invited to tea at the Scala Restaurant, when, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. R. N. Daniels presided, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. H. Donnington and E. Steele) and Mr. Pratt (secretary to the Church Council and Restoration Fund).

In a brief speech the Chairman spoke highly of the Loughborough firm, who had, without doubt, carried out their work in their usual excellent manner, and had added one more to their long list of great triumphs.

Mr. Taylor, in responding, expressed appreciation of all that had been said, and stated that everything that was possible had been done to ensure the whole scheme being brought to a successful conclusion.

BISHOP CONGRATULATES RINGERS.

During the week of September 12th to the 18th the Bishop of Winchester made a walking tour through the Christchurch Deanery, visiting Christchurch on Saturday, 17th, when the following ringers greeted him by ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,320 changes) in 62 minutes: A. Bishop 1, Miss Sparshott 2, W. Stone 3, F. Sparshott 4, Mrs. Williams 5, R. O. Street 6, C. Forfitt 7, F. Pitman 8, H. Bird 9, E. Waters 10, G. Preston (conductor) 11, W. Fowler 12. C. Forfitt and E. Waters were from St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Mr. Bird, Heston, W. Stone, Guildford, and R. O. Street, Liverpool. It was the first quarter-peal of Cinques by all except F. Sparshott, W. Fowler and G. Preston.

The Bishop stayed at Christchurch during the night, and on Sunday morning was given a civic reception by the Mayor and Corporation. He marched with various public bodies, headed by a band, to the Priory church, where he preached to a crowded congregation. Meanwhile another quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,320 changes) was rung in 58 minutes: A. Bishop 1, Miss Sparshott 2, W. Stone 3, Miss M. Rouse 4, Mrs. Williams 5, E. Hinton 6, F. Sparshott 7, R. O. Street 8, F. Pitman 9, W. Fowler 10, G. Preston (conductor) 11, H. Gillard 12. First quarter of Cinques by Miss Rouse and E. Hinton. Also a 590 Grandsire Cinques, with Miss Hodges 1, A. Bishop 6, and A. Pye (Seven Kings) 8. The Bishop afterwards congratulated the ringers on the ringing. For evensong 575 Grandsire Caters was rung by: R. O. Street 1, Miss Sparshott 2, E. Hinton 3, Miss Rouse 4, Mrs. Williams 5, H. Bird 6, F. Bennett (Brighton) 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston 9, H. Gillard 10.

BEGINNING EARLY.

At Witham, Essex, on Sunday, September 18th, at the residence of Mr. W. Mellin, 720 Bob Minor on handbells: F. Mellin (first 720) 1, W. Mellin 2, A. Evers 3, W. S. Butler (first 720 on handbells) 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5-6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer on the eve of his 11th birthday. He is the youngest in the county to ring a 720.

TWO TREBLES FOR NEWBURY.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

The present eight bells at Newbury, Berks, are to be augmented to ten. The ringers have undertaken the raising of the funds, and a sum of £190 is required. Of this amount the Newbury men are giving £102, and they appeal to ringers and friends outside the town to contribute the remaining £88. Help from the parishioners is not to be expected, as they are already engaged in raising £4,000 to put a new roof on the church.

When the augmentation is completed, Newbury will have a fine peal of ten, with tenor 21½ cwt. in D. The work is to be done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Donations should be sent to Mr. H. W. Curtis (captain and secretary), Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A good meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, October 15th, members attending from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Nuneaton, Rugby, Shilton, Warwick, together with the local band. Various methods were rung on the tower bells (a light eight, tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.) during the afternoon until 5 o'clock, when a halt was called for tea, which was served in St. Andrew's Hall. This was a splendid meal, kindly arranged by Mr. E. H. Johnson, captain of the local band. The business meeting followed the tea, Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master) taking the chair.

The following meeting places were fixed: Bedworth for the January quarterly meeting, and Fillongley for November, the December meeting being dispensed with owing to the proximity to Christmas.

The election of Messrs. J. H. Lucas, F. Corke, E. Hancox, of Uxbridge, and F. Perry, of Lutterworth, prior to peals was ratified.

Mr A. H. Beamish, having given notice of motion at the previous quarterly meeting, proposed that the sum of one guinea be sent to the Davies Memorial Fund.—This was seconded by Mr. J. B. Fenton and carried unanimously.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea.

Some of the members stayed in the tea room for handbell ringing, while others returned to the tower until about 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Glastonbury Deanery Branch was held at West Pennard on Saturday, October 15th, when members and friends were present from Pilton, Croscombe, Glastonbury, West Pennard, Doulting, Shepton Mallet, Binegar, North Cadbury and Evercreech. Good use was made of the bells and a short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock (Master of the Association), the lesson being read by the Rev. L. S. Lewis, St. John's, Glastonbury (chairman of the branch). Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, when about two dozen sat down to an excellent spread, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. B. Dunkerton and friends. The Rev. L. S. Lewis presided over the business meeting, supported by the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, Binegar (a former chairman of the branch), the Rev. C. W. Wootton (Croscombe) and Mr. F. D. Rickards (hon. secretary and treasurer). It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Glastonbury, and it was left to the secretary to arrange the date.

On the proposition of the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, seconded by Mr. H. J. Trim, it was decided to advertise the meetings of the branch in 'The Ringing World.' Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address; to the organist and choir; to Mr. and Mrs. Dunkerton and friends for providing tea, all of which were carried with acclamation.

Further touches on the bells were rung during the evening, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. A successful and enjoyable meeting came to a close about 8.45 p.m.

EAST ILSLEY RINGERS' WEDDING

A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, East Ilsley, on October 15th, when Miss Hilda Mary Alice Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Curtis, of The Star, East Ilsley, was married to Mr. Edward Thomas Oliver Sneller, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Sneller, of East Ilsley. The Rev. A. Ogle officiated. Both bride and bridegroom were actively associated with the Parish Church and village life, the bride having been school teacher, chorister and bellringer, and the bridegroom a chorister, bandsman and bellringer. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Hilda Chaisley and Miss June East as bridesmaids. Mr. W. T. Hibbert was best man. Mrs. W. East, the bridegroom's sister, was the organist, and the choir led the singing. The bells rang out merrily as the happy couple left the church, the ringers being W. Hibbert 1, E. Warwick 2, Miss R. Hazell 3, R. Warwick 4, Miss S. Davis 5, Miss P. Holloway 6, C. Hibbert (conductor) 7, W. Warwick 8.

Later an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was unsuccessful, but afterwards a quarter-peal was rung by W. Hibbert 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, Miss R. Hazell 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, Miss S. Davis 6, C. Hibbert (conductor) 7, W. Warwick 8. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon in London.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Melksham on Saturday, October 8th. Good use was made of the excellent ring of eight bells (tenor 18 cwt.). At tea the members were joined by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Aston, M.A., D.S.O.), Mr. E. D. Aust (churchwarden) and Dr. C. F. Rumboll, the company numbering 47.

The usual business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbothom (branch chairman) presiding. He welcomed the visitors and specially mentioned two who had made the journey from Buckland Newton. Apologies were received from the Rev. C. A. Plaxton (Southbroom) and Mr. C. J. Pretty (Holt), the latter having met with a painful mishap. It was unanimously decided that the secretary should communicate with him the sympathy of the members and wish him a speedy recovery.

The places of the next two monthly meetings were provisionally decided upon—Market Lavington, with ringing at West Lavington, in November, and Bradford-on-Avon in December.

Before the meeting closed it was reported that Mr. F. Barns had passed away. He had been a member of Seend tower for many years. The meeting stood in silence for a few moments in honour of his memory.

The usual votes of thanks being passed, the members returned to the tower.

The Guild service, combined with evensong, was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. Wilbe Jones, Mr. Pearce being at the organ. This was much appreciated and enjoyed by the members who attended.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), St. James', Southbroom, Rowde, Trowbridge, North Bradley, Warminster, Westbury, Urchfont and Melksham; and the methods successfully brought round included Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, also, by special request, 'a whip round on the beender zix.' The branch was pleased and indeed honoured by the presence of visitors from Chippenham, Frome and Buckland Newton. The bells were lowered at 8 p.m. after a successful and most enjoyable meeting.

FOUR WEDDINGS IN A YEAR.

At Benhilton, Sutton, on Sunday, October 16th, for evening service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the local band: H. Smerdon 1, Mrs. E. Enticknap (first quarter 'inside') 2, H. Good 3, G. Chiverton (first quarter-peal) 4, G. Reed 5, E. Enticknap 6, W. C. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8.

This was rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 5th, who was married at this church on the previous day, he being the fourth member of the local band to be married within 12 months.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Woodley 1, P. Jaycock 2, G. J. Berry (conductor) 3, H. Webb 4, C. Barrett 5, R. Walker 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band and by the ringers of treble and tenor, also first as conductor. Ten different callings were used.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' Church on Sunday, October 16th, on the occasion of the visit of Bishop J. Taylor Smith, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the St. James' Guild: H. W. Burden 1, J. Hunt 2, W. H. Poole 3, A. H. Reed 4, A. R. Thorne 5, J. Roy 6, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 7, S. Priddle 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On October 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): T. Bond 1, W. Nipper (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 2, W. Brunsdon 3, T. Midwinter 4, A. Bishop 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, G. Faulkner 8. Rung by the local band.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On October 16th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, J. Williams 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, S. Carter 5, A. Phillips (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Duke of York: W. Williams 1, J. Williams 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Sunday, October 9th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1,344 London Surprise Major: A. Harris 1, W. Coley 2, Tom Greenhall 3, W. Brown 4, Eric Forrest 5, J. Cox 6, W. Webb 7, A. Hackett (conductor) 8. All are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival services, the following 720's were rung: Before 7 a.m. Choral Eucharist, 720 Norwich Surprise and 720 Ipswich Surprise; before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Bourne Surprise and 720 Lincoln Surprise; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Durham Surprise and 720 Cambridge Surprise. The ringers were L. Camp, H. Wright, C. Harrington, G. Camp, J. Sitch, E. Sitch and A. Bradley, the conductors being L. Camp, E. Sitch and A. Bradley.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): I. Cooper 1, A. Stamp 2, L. Parkin 3, E. Williams 4, J. Coad 5, G. Lee 6, F. E. Dawe (London) 7, A. G. W. Measures (composer and conductor) 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

VALE OF WHITE HORSE BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of the Vale of White Horse Branch was held at Buckland on Saturday, October 8th. The tower was opened at 2.30, and at 3.30 a special ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse), who also gave an appropriate address. After tea there was a short business meeting, the chairman of the branch (the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne) presiding. There were ringers present from five local towers and a visitor from London.

The Chairman spoke of the practices held at three towers, and said they had been very encouraging. He had hoped to see a larger attendance at the meeting that day. It was decided to arrange further practices at different towers on week nights during the winter.

The next meeting was fixed for Stanford in February.

The Chairman thanked the Rev. Newhouse for allowing them the use of the bells and for his helpful address.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to the tower, where further ringing continued until 8 o'clock.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH CHAIRMANSHIP.

The autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch was held at Stanton Harcourt on Saturday, October 1st. In spite of very cold and bad weather, a good attendance was recorded. Service in the old Parish Church, which was beautifully decorated for the harvest festival, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Farrer), who gave a most inspiring address on the words, 'For the edifying of the Body of Christ,' in the course of which he pointed out the necessity for ringers to remember their work as a duty unto God. The lesson, taken from Ephesians iv., 1-17, was read by the secretary of the branch (Mr. W. Evetts).

After service a short touch was rung on the bells by Kidlington ringers, who the members of the branch welcomed again at their meeting. Tea was served at the Harcourt Arms.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea. In the absence of the chairman (the Rev. F. R. Marriott), the Vicar was voted to the chair. A letter was read by the secretary from the Rev. F. R Marriott, stating that he wished to be relieved of his office as chairman of the branch. Owing to the many calls on his time, he was unable to attend the meetings as often as he felt he ought. He was sure a younger man would be able to render greater assistance to the branch than he.

This decision was received by the members with deep regret, and a resolution was passed requesting the secretary to write to Mr. Marriott expressing their sincere regret. It was stated that Mr. Marriott had been chairman since 1926.

In proposing a new chairman, the secretary read excerpts from a letter received from the Master of the Guild urging the members to appoint a new chairman at that meeting. The secretary, in proposing the Rev. C. H. Stuart Gmelin, Rural Dean of Woodstock, said he had been in consultation earlier in the year with this gentleman, who had agreed to accept the office if elected.—The secretary's proposal was seconded and carried unanimously.

Wootton, Cassington and Kidlington were proposed for the annual meeting in the spring, and, by a show of hands, Cassington was most favoured by three vote. The date was left to the secretary to arrange with the Master of the Guild.

Mr. Evetts then expressed his desire to further the art of ringing in the branch by offering the use of his set of handbells to the tower foremen. This offer was received with applause and hearty thanks, and several applications for their use were received.

Mr. John Monk proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Stanton Harcourt for his address, and expressed his pleasure at being in that village again.—This was carried unanimously, and the Vicar suitably replied.

The secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the organist and visitors, and coupled with the latter the new Rector of Standlake (the Rev. Pearce), who thanked the members for their hearty welcome, and said he hoped to be present at their meetings on many occasions. He also mentioned that in his younger days he used to be a ringer.

The members then dispersed to neighbouring towers for ringing.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,
6, Tavistock Crescent,
Luton, Beds,
Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 295th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 2nd from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, W. Roughton, Alb. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn: St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Michael's, Cornhill.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.—The ring of three bells restored and augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southwell, on Friday evening, the 21st inst., at 7 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stanwick on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley End, October 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. Numbers for tea by 19th. Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Cambridge.—W. Ayre, Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Come to Goodrich and hear the flutes at the quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 22nd, at 3 p.m. You will be packed close together, hear good advice and have a good tea, if you let me know beforehand.—J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Swavesey on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, 10d. each. Special method, Ely Delight.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at East Coker on Saturday, October 22nd. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Secretary, North St., Martock.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wraysbury (8 bells) on Saturday, October 22nd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Secretary and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Grinstead on Sat., October 22nd. Ringing to commence 2.30 p.m, Tea at the Burrell Arms at 5.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Shedfield (6) also available from 3. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Upper Beeding on Sat., October 22nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bassaleg on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's bells available. Service at St. Stephen's at 4.15 p.m. Tea (members 7d., non-members 1s. 3d.) and meeting at The Beverly at 4.45 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The six bells of Ottershaw Church will be reopened after rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15. Bus services from Chertsey and Woking Railway Stations. All ringers welcome.—H. Hancock, Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Paignton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, when a memorial tablet to the late Mr. F. T. Gover will be unveiled. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Binsted on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Wickham Institute at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

BROOKFIELD CHURCH, GORTON, MANCHESTER. — Commencing Tuesday, Oct. 25th, the weekly practice will take place on Tuesday evenings instead of Wednesdays until further notice. Will visitors please note?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) at the Bull Hotel after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Deddington on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30, followed by short business meeting. Kindly send in names for tea by Tuesday, 25th.—E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Waverley Hotel, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, October 25th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Wendon. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29th.—A joint meeting of the Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Ely Diocesan Associations will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Oct. 29th. The fine peal of 8 bells available at 3 p.m. L.N.E.R. main line service, and buses every 20 minutes from all parts. The usual tea arrangements at the Grange are being made, and a post-card if you require tea will be much appreciated. Don't miss this meeting! Notification for tea to Don. Mears, Offley, Hitchin, by 27th. — Miss K. Willers, A. E. Sharman, Don. Mears, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Oxford, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Guild service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Ebbe's (8, tenor 4½cwt.) available in the evening. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, October 26th. Visiting ringers are cordially welcomed.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, DODDERHILL, DROITWICH.—Ringers' Festival.—The recently re-cast and augmented peal of eight bells by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be open to ringers on Saturday, October 29th, and will be available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room (1/- each) for those who notify me by Wednesday, October 26th. All ringers welcome.—S. T. Holt, Crowle, near Worcester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) ready at 5.30 p.m. Method for special practice Double Norwich. Everybody welcome. — E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Netherbury on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea at 4.30. No meeting. Bradpole (8) also open. All welcome.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, October 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, October 26th. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by invitation, will be reserved only for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, October 25th, first post.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at St. Thomas', Leesfield, Oldham. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7.30 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — A ringing meeting will be held at Mansfield Woodhouse on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, price 1s. each, to those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome. — C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lowick (6) on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea advise me by Wednesday, Oct. 26th. — J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting, Scunthorpe, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Potts' Café, at a moderate charge. Business after tea. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Lord, 142, Mary Street, Scunthorpe, by the previous Wednesday. A lovely ring. Come in crowds.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea to follow. — Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2 p.m. Tea will be reserved for those who notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop. The Haigh Memorial, it is hoped, will be on view. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to me by Oct. 26th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Abbot's Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know how many for tea by Wednesday, 26th inst. Frequent bus service from Prince Street. All ringers welcome.—Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting will be held at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a good one.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Sat., October 29th. Bells open 3 30 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6 30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent St., Bacup.

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, STAGSDEN, BEDS.—The Lord Bishop of St. Albans will dedicate the ring of six bells, augmented and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, on Friday evening, Nov. 4th, at 7.30 p.m., on the occasion of the Induction of the Rev. W. A. Limbrick, F.R.Hist.S., to the benefice of Stagsden. Bells available after the service. All will be welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — The annual meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at which officers for ensuing year are elected. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 1st.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6). Tea will be free. Those requiring tea please send postcard to Mr. C. Severn, 34, Bridge Street, Killamarsh, not later than Nov. 3rd. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Walsham-le-Willows on Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Bodenham on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. (free). Please notify me not later than Nov. 1st.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea guaranteed only for only who send names by Oct. 31st to Harold Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bretforton on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service, with an address, at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided. Will those intending to be present please oblige by letting me know by the Tuesday previous?—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, near Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —A meeting will be held at Kendal Parish Church on Nov. 5th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., to all who notify Mr. E. Jennings, 15, Castle Oval, Kendal, not later than Nov. 4th.—E. Swain, Branch Sec.

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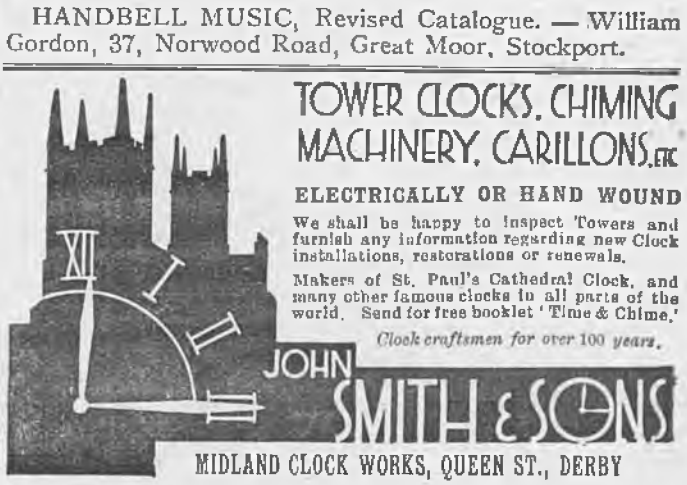

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On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

WILLIAM DICKINSON ... ...*Treble*	LESLIE W. BACON 5
THOMAS BETTISON 2	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... 6
FRANK BRADLEY 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 7
JOHN W. ENGLAND 4	SAMUEL PINDER ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRATT

The band wish to thank the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal.

BOVEY TRACEY, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN HOSGOOD ... ...*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD 5
EDWARD W. BIFFIN 2	WILLIAM A. WILLS 6
ERNEST HILL 3	WILLIAM H. HOWE 7
AUBREY L. BENNETT 4	ARTHUR H. GOAD... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

Ringer of 4th hails from Buckfastleigh, the remainder from Exeter.

WOOBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SODTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

THOMAS J. FOWLER ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR MARTIN 5
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 2	*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Major. A branch welcome to Mr. Wigg from the city of Oxford and now of High Wycombe.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

GEORGE OLIVER... ... ...*Treble*	*C. ERNEST SMITH 5
*WILLAM T. BEESON 2	ROBERT SMITH 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	ALFRED J. BOLL... 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

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LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

MISS E. DORICE TURNER ...*Treble*	JOSEPH MARKS 5
EDWARD P DUFFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S FIVE-PART, No. 24. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD 2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JOHN CURTIS... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
GEORGE MAYERS... 2	*HAROLD QUANTRILL... ... 6
WILLIAM E. BASON 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HAROLD SKEYCHLEY ... ...*Treble*	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
JOHN W. WARD 2	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS... ... 6
CHARLES W. COOK 3	EDWIN H. FINCH 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS... ... 4	FREDERICK DENCH ... ...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by F. DENCH.

First peal of Superlative in Cambridgeshire.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION.

HARRY L. SMITH ... ...*Treble*	EDWARD FOSTER 5
JOHN C. DICKEN 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	PERCIVAL PRICE 7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*GEORGE WILLIAM STEEL...*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON 5
SAMUEL WARD 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
*WILLIAM H. SENIOR... ... 3	*HARRY MARSDEN 7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 4	JOHN AMBLER ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JONATHAN PRESTON	...*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
†MISS O. MURIEL SANDERS	2	GEORGE F. SWANN	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	HECTOR G. BIRD	7
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS

* First peal in the method. † First Surprise peal and first attempt for London. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss O. M. Sanders.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	JOHN WHEADON	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	EDWARD J. BEER...	7
RICHARD SMITH	4	HARRY HOVERD	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

First peal of New Cambridge on the bells and by the ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 6. Also a birthday peal for E. A. Barnett, who was 14 on October 15th.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALAN D. STEEL	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ...	5
WILFRED STEVENSON... ...	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	6
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN....	3	ERNEST BENNETT	7
JAMES A. MILNER...	4	JOHN WORTH	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band and rung at the first attempt. Also believed to be first in the county and by the Guild.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JAMES RAMPLEY	...*Treble*	GEORGE MAYERS	5
GEORGE HOWCHIN	2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	6
WILLIAM E. BASON	3	GEORGE BAILEY	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WM. E. BASON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. D. A. Callum, Rector of St. Michael-at-Coslany and Vicar of St. Martin-at-Oak. This two-part composition of 44 courses contains the second alternately wrong and home, and is now rung for the first time. The average age of four of the band is over 68 years.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN HALLOWS	...*Treble*	THOMAS K. DRIVER	5
WILLIAM BERRY	2	FRED DUNKERLEY	6
JAMES JACQUES	3	JAMES H. BASTOW	7
ALWYN TAYLOR	4	J. H. C. MASSEY	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

Rung as a compliment to J. H. Bastow on his 60th birthday, also in honour of the Very Rev. C. W. Wilson, Archdeacon of Bradford, who was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Middleton on October 18th at York Minster.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ROGER W. DANIELS ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN ROYCE	5
HARRY THORPE	2	SIDNEY PROCTOR	6
WILLIAM G. THORPE	3	R. HENRY BARTRAM	7
ARTHUR W. WARD	4	THOMAS H. HALL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

G. ARTHUR BAKER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN C. ADAMS	5
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	ROBERT PICKERING	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	3	THOMAS J. ELTON	7
JACK W. TAYLOR	4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Arranged and rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. E. F. Mitchell, who, through illness, was unable to take part.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN BOTHAM	...*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES	5
JAMES BENNETT...	2	GEORGE R. PYE	6
THOMAS J LOCK...	3	HARRY KILBY	7
GEORGE M. KILBY	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal of Treble Bob.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY HARRINGTON...	...*Treble*	DONALD FINDLAY	5
BERNARD COLLISON	2	HERBERT MARKWELL... ...	6
*WILLIAM G. TURLEY... ...	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
*A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	4	ALEC RICHARDSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First peal of Stedman.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

WALTER ARNOLD ...	...*Treble*	*REGINALD MARTIN	5
*BERNARD W. PETTITT ...	2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	ALBERT WIFFEN	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 21¼ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ...	...*Treble*	*JESSE HARRISON...	5
EDGAR G. SWIFT	2	JAMES BLACKMORE	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ...	3	HARRY WINGROVE	7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL... ...	4	WILLIAM HENLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	5
HENRY HODGETTS	2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW...	6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	3	CECIL C. MAYNE...	7
STEPHEN H. HOARE	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal of Yorkshire Major by all the band and on the bells, and rung at the first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

WILLIAM SHARPLES ...	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	5
JOHN CHARNOCK...	2	FRED. HARWOOD	6
*HERMON NELSON	3	E. ROGER MARTIN	7
JOHN T. BIMSON...	4	†SYDNEY BLEASDALE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. The treble man has now rung each bell to a peal.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK WILLS	...*Treble*	ERNEST HILL	5
JOHN HOSGOOD	2	WILLIAM A. WILLS	6
FREDERICK WREFORD ...	3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN	7
*REGINALD E. TRUMAN ...	4	ARTHUR H. GOAD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

* First peal of Triples and first attempt.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Kingstone, Sandal, London Scholars', Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES HILTON SYKES	...*Treble*	ERNEST BROOKES...	4
HAROLD CHANT	2	ERNEST COTT	5
*RAYMOND CROSSLAND ...	3	DANIEL SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung for harvest thanksgiving.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2½ six-scores of Plain Bob and 21 of Grandsire.

ARTHUR WARREN ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK RANDALL	3
SIDNEY ROWNEY	2	CECIL SERGANT	4
P.C. ALBERT STAPLETON	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by P.C. ALBERT STAPLETON.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. Thomas Lane Coulson Bridges, who was Rector of Barton Seagrave for many years and was interred at Warkton on this date.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 16, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, four callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in B.

*HERBERT WARREN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE PANNELL	3
ARTHUR RIPPINGALE... ...	2	*ALFRED BIRD	4
THOMAS BIRD	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by ARTHUR RIPPINGALE.

* First peal. First peal by the local band and first on the bells since the rehanging by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. H. M. Shuttleworth, Rector of the parish for over 30 years.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*LESLIE F. COX	...*Treble*	†J. IVON DAVIS	4
†MISS NORAH M. HODGE ...	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
HUBERT SMITH	3	ARTHUR G. ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Jubilee celebration peal of the Salisbury Guild, also first peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in November, 1931. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. I. Davis.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, October 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILFRED A. SHARPE ...	...*Treble*	CYRIL TANSELL	4
WALTER H. RAXTER	2	ALLEN MORGAN...	5
THOMAS W. LEWIS	3	*THOMAS G. GREEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLEN MORGAN.

* First peal of Doubles. First as conductor. First peal on the bells.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE H. GRIFFITHS	...*Treble*	JAMES T. RANDLE	4
DENNIS J. SHARPLES	2	G. JAMES R. PRICE	5
REGINALD MORRIS	3	JAMES P. HYETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

A compliment to the conductor on his birthday.

KELLY, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Sunday, October 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE PINECOMBE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. SHEARS	4
CHARLES SANGWIN	2	FREDERICK SANGWIN	5
JOHN W. SANGWIN	3	FREDERICK PROUSE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. SANGWIN.

At the conclusion of the peal the band were kindly entertained to tea by Miss Kelly.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*HERBERT J. MORTIMER	...*Treble*	FRANCIS BALL	4
AMOS SMART	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE... ...	5
MISS EVELYN STEEL... ...	3	WALTER PERKINS... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Plain Bob and three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob (three callings). Tenor 7½ cwt.

*GEORGE C. WILSON ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD F. GOBEY	4
†GEORGE H. CLIFT	2	HERBERT TURNER	5
FREDERICK SALTER	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal on the bells, which were dedicated the previous evening by the Bishop of Southwell.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES W. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	HORACE H. SMITH	4
EDMUND J. HOBBS	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON	5
ALBERT FLEET	3	SYDNEY FOSKETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. SMITH.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HILLFARANCE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 15 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

ALFRED J. WYATT ...	...*Treble*	S. GEORGE COLES	4
ARTHUR H. REED	2	PERCY MERSON	5
WILLIAM G. GIGG	3	*WILLIAM A. SIEVIER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. MERSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt. in B.

JOSEPH WALLIS, SEN.	...*Treble*	*ROYDON DAVIES...	4
*EDWARD G. TALBOT	2	DANIEL COOPER...	5
HUGH R. THORPE	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in seven methods.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, 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 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*HERBERT FAWCETT ...	...*Treble*	†FRANCIS C. MORTON... ...	4
*JOHN HY. BROWN	2	FRANCIS COX	5
CHARLES DAVIES	3	JACK BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob, differently called. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE A. ANDREWS ...	...*Treble*	CLAUDE SNOWDON	4
MISS HILDA SNOWDON ...	2	ERNEST DURRANT	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

Miss Hilda Snowdon is believed to be the first lady to ring a peal on tower bells in the N.E. District.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	4
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ...	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
GEORGE MARTIN	3	GEORGE GILBERT... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Rung half-muffled after the funeral of the wife of Mr. George J. Berry (captain of the Hitcham band). Miss Cross' first peal in more than one method away from the treble.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty 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.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM	...*Treble*	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	4
WILLIAM J. GROOM	2	P.C. HENRY J. VINCE... ...	5
HARRY D. LISTER	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to P.C. H. J. Vince, now of Little Glemham, Suffolk.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Killamarsh, Woodbine and two each of Duke of York and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST TWIGG	...*Treble*	FRANK EDWARDS	4
GEORGE HULME...	2	EDWIN WOOD	5
HENRY CORNWALL	3	WILLIAM CORNWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY CORNWELL.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PUDSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1932, in Two Hours,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. BARTON, 9 PEMBROKE ROAD,

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

FRED HODGSON	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON...	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4	JOHN AMBLER	7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Attested by GEORGE AMBLER.

This peal was rung strictly silent and non-conducted, and is believed to be the first handbell peal in the method rung under those conditions. It was P. J. Johnson's 200th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

SLATE PEAL TABLETS.—Now at 1914 prices. Inscriptions carved in correct Roman alphabet: for 6 bell peals, from £3; for 8 bell peals, from £4 each; same as supplied for the record peal at Appleton. Ringers' memorial tablets in slate, suitable for the belfry, from £2 each.—**C. H. WEBB, CROFT, LEICESTER**

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday. In spite of the inclement weather, 50 members attended from various parts of the district, including Deal, Dover (St. Lawrence), Lyminge, Ashford, Littlebourne, Wickhambreaux, Willesborough, Walmer, Herne (St. Nicholas'), Sturry (St. Peter's) and Canterbury.

The bells of St. Stephen's Church were raised in the early afternoon, and ringing continued in various methods until 4.15 p.m., when the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Watkins) conducted the association's form of service and gave a very appropriate address. Miss H. Austin very kindly presided at the organ.

Tea, served in the Church Room, was presided over by the Rector, who was subsequently voted to the chair at the business meeting which followed.

The secretary's report and balance sheet for the year were presented. Although the figures show a decrease in balance from the previous year owing to a slight falling off in subscriptions, the report shows that the same measure of support is being enjoyed by the district from the various incumbents of parishes where meetings are held. Five meetings have been held in the district since last October, all of which have been well attended and have shown a good representation of the district. The report mentions the district's indebtedness to the Right Rev. Bishop W. B. Knight, of Lyminge, and Mr. A. Dawes, who kindly defrayed the cost of the teas on the occasion of a bye-meeting held at Lyminge, and also to the Rev. G. Dauheney, who entertained the ringers to tea at Herne. The report concluded with a summary of the district's membership, showing 22 towers in union with the association with a practising membership of 193.

The report was duly adopted.—Mr. Percy W. Smith was unanimously re-elected district secretary, and was warmly thanked for his services. Mr. Fred Brett and Mr. Harrison Smith were again elected district representatives, and Mr. Fred Brett Ringing Master.

Meetings for 1933 were then arranged as follows, after some close voting: Spring meeting at Chilham, summer meeting at St. Lawrence and the next bye-meeting at St. Nicholas-at-Wade.

Before the meeting closed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and the organist was proposed by Mr. E. Spice and carried by acclamation. The Rector suitably replied and signified his intention of becoming an honorary member of the association.

Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege bells were also available during the afternoon and evening.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PRACTICE ON STEEL BELLS.

A quarterly meeting was held at Bassaleg on Saturday, October 22nd. The bells, a ring of six (fortunately, the only ring of its kind in this part of the country), of cast steel by Vickers, were raised about 3 o'clock and rung in different methods until 4.30, when the Vicar (the Rev. G. Jenkins) conducted service, assisted by the Rev. Ivor Richards, curate of St. Mark's, Newport, who is a very keen and enthusiastic change ringer. The Vicar gave an address which dwelt chiefly on the history of bells all through the ages.

Following the service, tea was served in the Church Room and had been generously provided.

At the business meeting the Vicar occupied the chair. Various items were dealt with, including restorations, instructors' reports, the election of new members, etc. The place to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting was left over until the annual meeting, which is to be held at Cardiff on December 26th.

The heartiest welcome had been accorded the visitors, not only by the Vicar, but by the local band, who are now a good change ringing band, and to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. To this the Vicar suitably replied.

The number attending was not so large as usual; nevertheless, it was a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting. There were a few who had never heard or rung on steel bells before, and, from the remarks passed, will probably not recommend those contemplating new bells to have steel ones. Anyhow, good use was made of the bells during the evening.

Prior to the commencement of the business meeting, a vote of condolence was passed with Mr. T. Popnell and family on the death of Mrs. Popnell, who passed away and was buried earlier in the week. She was the mother of Mr. George Popnell, so well known throughout the country.

MUFFLED TRIBUTE TO A GREAT HEADMASTER.

On Saturday, October 15th, at the close of a special service held in Bath Abbey for the dedication of a memorial to the late T. W. Dunn, founder and first headmaster of Bath College, a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: C. Bell 1, G. Kemble 2, W. Prescott 3, E. J. Taylor 4, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards 5, H. Brown 6, W. Crocker 7, T. F. King (conductor) 8, J. Hallett 9, F. C. Mudford and L. Smith 10.

The ringing was very kindly arranged by the steeplekeeper, Mr. Theo. Grant, at the request of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who was head of Bath College, 1891-2, and read the lesson at the dedication.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

During the ringing of the peal at St. Paul's Cathedral last Saturday, the strap rope of the tenor became detached, and for nearly the last hour the man on the box could be given help only at hand-stroke.

Ringers' thirsts have long been the subject of jokes, but what about this: During an argument as to where a certain meeting was held, the following was heard, 'Don't you remember that was where you ate that enormous tea.' He did.

We understand that a fund has been started to rehang the fine old bells of Plympton St. Mary, Devon.

Increased from three to six and hung in a new iron frame for eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the bells at Stapleford, Notts, were dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Friday, and on Saturday the first peal (in three Minor methods) was rung on them.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral on October 15th contained 5,007 changes, not 5,024 as published.

Mr. James George reminds us that Mr. William Pye was the first to ring a peal on every one of the 366 dates that go to make a year, but he (Mr. George) was the first and is still the only ringer to complete the record on eight, ten or twelve tower bells.

The 'silent' peal of Double Norwich 'in hand' at Pudsey last week is no mean performance. Hearty congratulations to the Yorkshire company!

The ringer of the 5th in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Hughenden, Bucks, on October 15th, was Arthur G. Janes, not James as stated.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY W WILDE.

A LOSS TO THE EXERCISE.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Henry W. Wilde, of Belgrave, Pulford, Cheshire, who passed away on Tuesday at Chester Royal Infirmary following an operation which was performed on Friday. The operation appeared to have been successful and Mr. Wilde was reported to be making satisfactory progress even up to Monday evening, but he afterwards collapsed and died during the morning.

It had been hoped that the operation would cure an indisposition which had troubled him off and on for a considerable time.

By Mr. Wilde's death the Exercise loses one of its most talented members. In addition to his ability as a ringer and conductor, especially on six and eight bells, he was a well-known composer, having produced peals of outstanding merit in a number of methods.

He was an honorary member of the Central Council, of which he served for a number of years, and rendered valuable service, particularly on the Peal Collection Committee. We hope to give something further of Mr. Wilde's ringing career in our next issue.

TWO TREBLES FOR NEWBURY.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

The present eight bells at Newbury, Berks, are to be augmented to ten. The ringers have undertaken the raising of the funds, and a sum of £190 is required. Of this amount the Newbury men are giving £102, and they appeal to ringers and friends outside the town to contribute the remaining £88. Help from the parishioners is not to be expected, as they are already engaged in raising £4,000 to put a new roof on the church.

When the augmentation is completed, Newbury will have a fine peal of ten, with tenor 21¼ cwt. in D. The work is to be done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Donations should be sent to Mr. H. W. Curtis (captain and secretary), Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

CHURCH'S 400th ANNIVERSARY

For evensong at St. Nicholas' Church, Newbury, Berks, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Palmer (first quarter-peal) 1, A. J. Whittle 2, W. H. Adkins, sen., 3, C. Poole 4, H. T. E. Curtis 5, R. W. Rex 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Crocker 8. Rung for the 400th anniversary of the church and for the visit of the Bishop of Oxford and the Bishop of Buckingham.

ESSEX SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am glad to be able to furnish the information for which Mr. Tipler asks. In 'The Ringing World' of December 28th, 1923 (before, not after, the appearance of 'Norton,' 'Ripon,' etc.), were given, as No. 1 and No. 2, two unnamed Surprise Major methods by Mr. A. Craven. The first has since been named 'Chesterfield,' while the second is the same method as that recently published as the production of Mr. G. Lindoff and named 'Essex.'

The following should also interest your correspondent. In 'The Ringing World' of December 26th, 1919, appeared a condensed tabular presentation of 25 Surprise Major methods, expressed by formula, by Mr. John Carter. Method No. 17 in that table has recently been named 'Warwickshire,' AND PUBLISHED AS THE PRODUCTION OF MR. TIPLER.

'THE MAD HATTER.'

Similar information with regard to Essex Surprise has been received from Mr. G. Marriner, of Leatherhead.

A RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE.

SUCCESSFUL INNOVATION AT LIVERPOOL.

'A red-letter day!' How often one sees this phrase used to describe functions, some well worthy of the term, and others——! The first annual hotpot supper of the Lancashire Association in Liverpool on Saturday, October 22nd, was a real red-letter day in its history from every point of view—the ringing at St. Nicholas', the organ recital, the tour of the Cathedral and evensong there, the hotpot supper and the social which followed, one and all were thoroughly enjoyed by all privileged to take part therein. Such a full afternoon and evening were provided that it is difficult to know where to start to give a fair idea of what took place. Perhaps it will be best to follow events as they occurred. To start with, the peal of twelve at St. Nicholas' Church were at the disposal of the visitors, and, as may be imagined, good use was made of this opportunity, all tastes being catered for—even including Kent Treble Bob Minor on the middle six. Stedman Caters, Grandsire Cinques and other methods were also brought round, and the success of this part of the programme proved a good augury for the rest of the day. Then followed a recital on the great organ of the Cathedral, which a large congregation thoroughly appreciated. Immediately after this the party were taken by guides in parties over the wonderful Cathedral, its points of interest being lucidly explained and its architectural beauties pointed out. At present only about one-third of the building is finished, but this is sufficient to give one an idea of the massive grandeur which the completed whole will attain. The congregation then assembled for evensong, in the course of which Canon Twitchett, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, welcomed the Lancashire Association to the Cathedral, and spoke of the messages of joy, remembrance and sorrow which the bells rang out.

An adjournment was then made by the company to the Bear's Paw Restaurant, where a supper and social evening were held. Here close on three hundred ringers and friends assembled, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., president of the association. Among those present were the Very Rev. the Dean of Liverpool, the Ven. Archdeacon Howsom, M.A., Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mrs. Richardson (Ladies' Guild), Mr. H. Chapman (Keysham, formerly of Manchester), Mr. Peter Crook (secretary of the Bolton District), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. W. Bibby (Frodsham), Mr. G. Robinson (Leeds), Mr. H. Brocklebank (Birkenhead) and Mr. Hawkins (Slough).

Apologies for absence were received from the Bishops of Liverpool, Blackburn and Carlisle, owing to diocesan engagements, Canon W. O. Hunter-Rodwell (Rector of Walton), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World'), Mr. H. W. Wilde (who was in hospital) and Mr. W. G. Mann, one of the original members of the association.

An excellent 'hot-pot' supper was served and thoroughly enjoyed.

THE PROSPERITY OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

In the absence, owing to a chill, of the Bishop of Manchester, who was to have proposed the toast of 'Prosperity to the Lancashire Association,' the Chairman called on Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Guild, to perform that duty. This he did in a few well-chosen words, saying that if the attendance at that gathering was any criterion of the attendance in the belfries, the prosperity of the association was certainly assured.

The toast was responded to by Mr. George R. Newton, a past vice-president, who said he was proud to be one of four representatives of the association on the Central Council. The association had a membership of about 1,600, 1,200 of whom were ringing members. There had been considerable discussion as to the advisability of forming Diocesan Guilds in preference to county associations. He did not quite see how a Diocesan Guild would work in Lancashire, seeing that their area covered four dioceses. The Liverpool Diocesan Guild had been merged into the association. Bellringers were part and parcel of church work, and, although not seen, they did their best to uphold the best traditions of church workers.

'Our Guests' was proposed by Mr. Claude I. Davies, secretary of the Liverpool branch, who said it was very encouraging to them as an association to have such distinguished guests as were with them that night, and it gave them every encouragement to carry out the aims of the association. This happy state of affairs had not always existed, as there was at one time the proverbial great gulf fixed between the clergy and ringers, a position that was, unfortunately, often merited. However, during the last half-century, by the work of the various associations throughout the country, and also by the skill and research of bellfounders, a great improvement in the state of affairs had been brought about, and it was up to the bellringers to strengthen the friendship between the two parties. With all due deference, he would suggest that some of the onus rested on the clergy in building up a united body of church workers. He would like to thank the Dean of Liverpool for the arrangements in connection with the visit to the Cathedral. Canon Rodwell at one of their meetings had suggested this pilgrimage to the Cathedral, and he was pleased it had been so heartily taken up. They all regretted the absence of the Bishop of Manchester, and thanked him for the interest he had shown.

CANON ELSEE'S INFLUENCE.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Liverpool (Canon Dwelly), in responding, said he thought it was more important that people should eat

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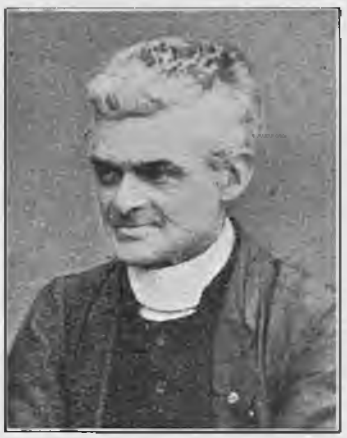
THE LATE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL BELLS AT SURFLEET.

A scheme for providing a fitting memorial to the late Rev. Henry Law James has been adopted by the committee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, of which he was for so many years Master. It is proposed to add two more bells to the ring at Surfleet Church, where Mr. James was Vicar for 34 years, and where, during that time, he not only transformed the building from a state of dilapidation to a beautiful country church, but increased the number of bells from five to ten, one being added to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII., and four trebles, as Mr. James' own gift, in 1913. At the same time he had the sixth and tenor recast and the whole peal rehung in a new iron frame. He was intensely proud of this ring of bells, which were at the time of their completion the lightest peal of ten in the country and one of the sweetest.



The Late Rev. H. Law James.

The addition of two more bells will give them the distinction of being the lightest twelve in the world, hung for ringing, the tenor being 12 cwt. 9 lb. The work is to be carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and so confident are the committee that ringers will welcome the opportunity of contributing to this memorial, that they have already placed the order. The anticipated cost is about £160.

All the towers in the Lincoln Diocesan Guild are being invited to subscribe, but the Rev. H. Law James was such a national figure in the Exercise, his great talents were used for the benefit of the art of ringing in so many directions, and he had such a large number of friends among ringers beyond his own Guild that there will be many who will desire to be associated with the memorial.

Contributions are therefore invited, and should be forwarded to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James,' or sent to Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

A RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE

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together than that they should be lectured. Nothing could be a success without spirit. When he looked round and saw the faces round him he knew there was a good spirit behind it all, and he felt that it was a 'real good "do"!' He could never get accustomed to calling the church at Manchester a Cathedral—to him it was 'T' Owd Church' (laughter). And if they looked at it like that—well, there was only ONE Cathedral in Lancashire! (laughter). He hoped he would live to see the day when he could welcome the association to try their skill on the Cathedral bells.

Archdeacon Howson, in proposing the toast of 'The Chairman,' said Canon Elsee had been president of the Lancashire Association for the long period of 42 years. They were grateful to Canon Elsee and regarded him with affection. 'There is a curious body of people,' he said, 'who do not understand the joy and extraordinary impulse and inspiration which come to ringers. Canon Elsee has made it possible for people to take a wider view.'

Canon Elsee said that other guilds and associations had their annual dinners, and they felt they in Lancashire should not lag behind, and so they decided on a 'real Lancashire "hot-pot" supper.' This was the biggest gathering of Lancashire ringers he had ever seen. When he first joined the association there was only one branch and 227 members. Now they had eleven branches. Then there were only 39 peals rung during the year—mostly Grandsire. Last year the total was 122, and the methods included practically all the Surprise methods. The credit for this was due to the work put in by the chief secretaries and the branch secretaries, and to the keenness of the ringers themselves.

The musical programme which followed included selections on handbells by ringers from Halewood and Woolton, and a touch of Plain Bob Major by Mrs. R. Richardson 1-2, Mr. R. Richardson 3-4, Mr. R. O. Street 5-6, Mr. W. Bibby 7-8.

The success of the whole arrangements was due in no small measure to the indefatigable work put in by Mr. Claude I. Davies, who spared no pains to make everyone feel at home.

And now we can do no more than repeat what we said at the beginning, it was a real red-letter day! and one that will live long in the memory of those present.

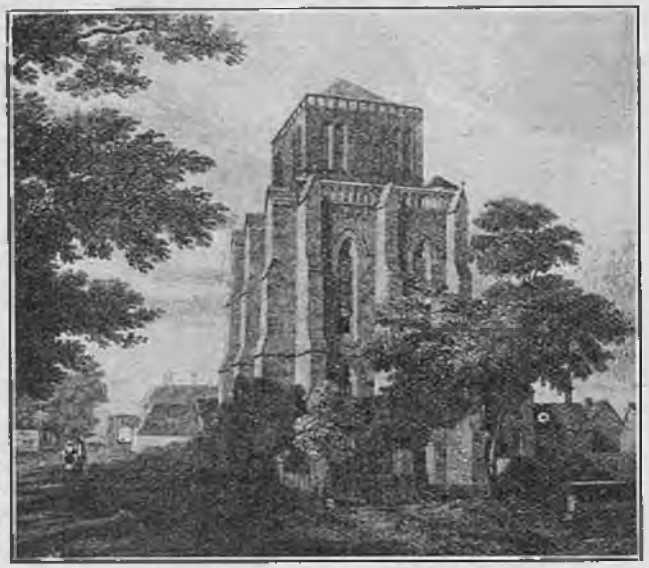
SALISBURY CATHEDRAL.

ITS DEMOLISHED CAMPANILE.

Salisbury Cathedral, whose graceful architecture and glorious spire is familiar to many ringers, but which, to their regret, lacks a ring of bells, was not always without a peal. There was once a separate campanile, which contained a heavy ring of eight.

Mr. Challis Winney has sent us the following extracts from the late Mr. J. R. Jerram's MSS. on the bells of our cathedrals. James Richard Jerram, whose death we recently recorded, was the son of a Doctor of Divinity, and, adds Mr. Winney, like his father, was a scholar in Greek and Latin and a pious lover of the Church and of her bells, as witnessed by his bell rubbings, which were very considerable. His MS., like his translations, were very correct and thoroughly done.

The old campanile was a building of great strength and solidity. It was 33ft. square inside the walls, which were nearly 8ft. thick. It was flanked by three buttresses on each side, and was nearly 80ft.



THE CAMPANILE AT SALISBURY CATHEDRAL, in which the bells formerly hung. It was demolished in 1793. The picture is from an old print.

high to the top of the parapet. On each side were four lancet windows and in the centre an octagonal stone shaft, from which projected corbels supporting the timbers of the floors. Above all this was a superstructure of oak, consisting first of a square tower, each external face being divided into eight arched compartments with tracery heads and spandrels. Four of these divisions were pierced as windows and filled with louvres. Above this rose an octagonal turret, divided into stages by horizontal strings and covered with lead work in herring-bone fashion, finished with an embattled parapet. From this sprang a spire of timber, also covered with lead, and surmounted by a cross and weathercock. The total height was 200ft. The door was in the south wall between the middle and eastern buttresses and there was a circular stone staircase reached by a short passage from a doorway on the inside of the east wall. The ringing floor was 37ft. from the ground and the bell chamber 32ft. higher. The whole building was doubtless coeval with the Cathedral itself. The original bells were probably brought from Old Sarum. The ring of eight had a tenor of approximately 38 cwt., as proved by the old 6th, which at present serves as a service bell for the Cathedral.

The destruction of the tower and disposal of the bells came about in this way. On October 10th, 1746, several of the bells being cracked and the fittings out of order, it was ordered that they be no more rung after November 5th till the cracked ones be recast. This, however, was never done; but in 1762 a faculty was applied for to Bishop Thomas to sell the second, third, fifth, seventh and tenor bells, all of which were cracked. This was refused, but in 1777 Bishop Hume granted a faculty for their sale, and in the records of the Dean and Chapter is this entry: 'March 14th, 1777. Ordered that Mr. Lush (then clerk of the works) do sell the five bells that are down in the belfry, the Lord Bishop of Sarum having consented to their sale for the benefit of the fabric.'

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DIFFICULT DISTRICT.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a district meeting at East Molesey on Saturday, October 15th. This district is the most difficult of the four into which the Guild is divided, and is the despair of the officers. Eight out of the dozen towers which comprise the district do not contribute one penny by way of members' subscriptions to the funds of the Guild, and it is not surprising, therefore, that only six members from the district were present at the meeting. However, with the help of visitors, the number of ringers attending was raised to seventeen. Walton, Harlow, Weybridge, Chertsey, Worplesdon, Aldershot, Farnborough, Esher, Deal, Clandon, Ottershaw, Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas', Guildford, were represented, but, with the exception of Mr. E. Brown, the local band were, as usual, conspicuous by their absence.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. le Masurier) conducted the Guild's form of service, and also presided at the business meeting which followed tea in the Bell Inn.

In the absence of the district secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford district secretary) deputised. He mentioned the great loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.). The members present stood in silence for a few moments, and it was resolved to record in the minutes their sincere regrets and their sympathy with his relatives.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and to the local foreman, Mr. Brown, were carried with applause.

The bells, a light peal of eight, which are beginning to show signs of requiring a little skilled attention, were kept going in various methods until late in the evening.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

The meeting at Ashtead on October 8th gave visitors an opportunity to try these bells after their recent overhaul. They have been fitted with ball bearings. This has improved their 'go,' which is not to be wondered at when one looks at the number of peals that have been rung on them since they were put in. They easily head the list for the Surrey Association.

A start was made with a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor for the earliest arrivals, after which it was Surprise Major until service time at 4.30. In the absence of the Rector through other engagements, the service was conducted by his curate (the Rev. C. T. Spurling).

Then followed tea at the Rosery Tea Rooms, 15 sitting down. The Rev. Spurling presided over the short business meeting which followed. Mention was made of the loss the Guild had sustained in the death of its hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker, and the members stood in silence as a token of respect and of sympathy for Mrs. Walker and other members of the family.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, and a move was made back to the tower and the bells kept going until nearly 9 o'clock in a variety of methods, 12 in all, and only one would not go. They were Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge (old and new), Superlative, London, Bristol and Ashtead and Peterborough, which failed.

That list would suggest a very successful meeting, but the officers were not satisfied with the support from the district. Ashtead, Banstead, Ewell and Leatherhead were represented, while visitors attended from Buckland, Clandon, Guildford, Reigate and an unattached member from Sutton.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

(Continued from previous column.)

The bells were bought by Robert Wells, the Aldbourne founder, who gave £4 4s. per cwt. for them, the total weight being computed at 7 tons 14 cwt. 1 qr. In 1790 the old clock (since replaced by one given in 1883 by the Wiltshire Regt.) was removed to the central steeple of the Cathedral, where the bell still does duty for service. In January, 1793, the two remaining bells were sold to Robert Wells for £105. The bell tower was then pulled down, the upper portion above the bells, which was of timber covered with lead, having been demolished in 1769 in account of its dangerous condition. At that date the bell chamber was covered by a slated roof.

St. Osmund gave most minute directions for the ringing and keeping of the bells in repair. Notwithstanding this, in 1331, a letter of remonstrance was addressed to the treasurer by the Chapter saying that the bells in the belfry, 'with much art suspended, of great weight and price and sweet sounding to the ears, by the fault of your officers are suffered to decay and rendered useless for ringing.'

In 1665, King Charles desiring to hear the bells, 10s. 6d. was paid. In May, 1634, 13s. 4d. was paid for Archbishop Laud's visitation, and on July 24th, 1686, ringing for another visitation cost 56s.

Wyatt had a free hand in the so-called restoration of the Cathedral. He thought the campanile spoilt the view of the spire. He pulled out the mediæval glass (which toned the light) to make it lighter; likewise demolished the campanile.

A SURREY REHANGING.

GUILDFORD GUILD 'TRY OUT' AT OTTERSHAW.

The bells of Christ Church, Ottershaw, Surrey, after having been in use since 1885, have now been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have also made some adjustments to the clock mechanism. Ottershaw Church crowns the summit of a hill which overlooks the country for miles around and is in an ideal situation. The tower is built of red brick and rocks considerably when the bells are rung, but Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have greatly increased their smooth going.

There was a 'ringers' opening' on Saturday, when one of the most representative gatherings of ringers that have assembled in the Chertsey District of the Guildford Guild met to 'try out' the restored bells. Representatives were present from Chertsey, Egham, Hersham, Esher, Weybridge, Guildford, Leatherhead, Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Woking, Worplesdon, West Clandon and Staines, with a full muster of the local band, and Mr. R. Dove, representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The Ottershaw ringers opened the proceedings, and thereafter touches in a variety of methods, from Grandsire Doubles and Cambridge Surprise Minor, were rung.

A party, numbering about 40, sat down to tea in the Brook Memorial Hall, the churchwardens (Messrs. R. T. D. Sayle and W. J. Brooker) being present, while the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. Lightbody) also looked in for a short time. Mr. Sayle gave a cordial welcome to the visitors and spoke of the good work done by ringers, often unseen and generally forgotten. As long as the bells were rung, he said, few people care 'two hoots' who rang them, and yet the ringers were rendering valuable service to the Church.

The welcome was acknowledged by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, general hon. secretary of the Guild, who congratulated the Ottershaw Church authorities upon having the work carried out effectively and upon having it done when it was required, in spite of other demands upon the parish. Bell repairs were so often the last consideration in a parish that it was refreshing to find a village where they had been put first. Mr. Goldsmith also mentioned that steps were being taken in Woking to provide a public memorial to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, who was hon. treasurer of the Guild. In view of Admiral Walker's interest in bells, he hoped part of the memorial might include improvements to the bells at Woking Parish Church, where the Admiral was churchwarden for 25 years and one of the ringers. If this was the case, he felt sure the Guild members would subscribe liberally to the memorial.

A collection taken at the tea for the Ottershaw Bell Repairs Fund amounted to nearly 30s. Mr. H. Hancock, the ringers' local secretary, has collected a considerable amount towards the cost of the work, but there is still a further sum to be raised.

On Sunday the Bishop of Guildford, who was visiting Ottershaw Church, referred in the course of his sermon to the restoration, and special prayers were offered on the completion of the work.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

MEMORIAL TO MR. F. T. GOVER DEDICATED AT PAIGNTON.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Paignton on Saturday, ringers being present from Exeter, Sidmouth, Clyst St. George, Kenn, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Torquay, Brixham, as well as Mr. C. Allsop, of Loughborough, and the local ringers. The bells were kept going to Grandsire Triples and Doubles during the afternoon, and later a service was held, which was conducted by the Rev. Preb. H. Mackworth Drake (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. E. S. Powell, Rector of Clyst St. George and president of the Devon Guild.

After the psalm, a tablet, which has been erected in Paignton tower by the branch in memory of the late Mr. Frederick T. Gover, who did so much spade work in the district, was dedicated. The tablet is of mounted brass, and bears the following inscription: 'In memory of Frederick T. Gover, and in recognition of the great services he rendered to the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Died 24th February, 1932.'

The address was given by the Rev. E. S. Powell, who based his remarks on the text, 'Bear ye one another's burdens,' and he gave an appropriate description of the ringing career of the late Mr. Gover.

After the service, tea was served in the Schoolroom, and this was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton, of Torquay (chairman). For the next meeting, to take place on Saturday, January 21st, 1933, Ashburton and Brixham were proposed. On a vote being taken, Brixham was chosen, and it was decided to include Churston Ferrers.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Paignton for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to the organist for his attendance. Thanks were also expressed to the members by Mrs. Gover for erecting the tablet in memory of her husband.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the visitors from other branches, and Messrs. E. W. Marsh, E. Shepherd, G. C. Woodley and A. T. Truman suitably replied. A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for all the work he carried out in connection with the late Mr. Gover's tablet, and this concluded the business. The visitors afterwards returned to the tower, where touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung.

FORWARD—OR BACKWARD?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Of all the blattering that I have read (and occasionally, let it be admitted, written), I commend parts of the letter in your issue of October 21st, signed by 'William Willson.' To ignore those which are personally directed, I specify:—

'. . . Let us marshal facts, so that your readers can cut out this par. . . .'

Facts! FACTS!! Look closely at these 'facts.'

'. . . There is no such thing as "A Peal" of 5,040 Doubles. . . .'

'(1) It takes . . . seven peals of Minor to make a 5,040. . . .'

Seven 'peals,' mind! A 'peal,' then, is an extent. This 'grandfer' can well be proud, I believe, of a certain 18,000 Stedman Caters down Loughborough way—but, a 'peal'? Oh, no; merely a few courses!

'(3) . . . The Bankes James . . . Minor . . . has six false peals' (because)

'(4) The last lead in every case is a bob lead . . . the bob is made at the backstroke change. . . .'

What, in the name of Leicester, has the BOB got to do with it? And made at BACKSTROKE? Ye Gods! Backstroke!!

Some years ago, on May 17th, 1929, to be precise, and in connection with this old, old subject with its same old, old arguments and side issues, I asked (in 'The Ringing World') if Mr. Willson would dub as an 'abortion' a 720 of London, comprising fourth's-place (or 'bob') courses, JOINED IN ONE WHOLE by second's-place 'bobs.' This question remained, and remains, unanswered.

'Bobs made at backstroke'! Blatter; sheer, unadulterated blatter!

Lower down in this issue comes Mr. Severn's question as to 'how many leads are rung the reverse way.' (Shades of Law James!) Mr. Severn may not agree, but there is no such thing! Oh, yes; I know all about those 'reversed leads.' I spent many months, in company with a master of Minor matters, trying to decide what is the difference between a lead 'head' and a lead 'end' (theoretically); i.e., whether certain isolated leads from a 'course' are upside-down or downside-up, and WHICH OF THEM are the one way or the other; needless to say, I should still be searching! In any case, what matters? They are RUNG the same way, and the question is absolutely irrelevant.

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

Leytonstone.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly practice of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, held at Wraysbury (Wyrardisbury), had several surprises. On our arrival, writes our correspondent, we were met by the new Vicar (it was his sixth day in residence) about to take evensong. Of course, we all went (ringers always go to service on a Saturday), making quite a large congregation.

Then to the belfry, and, on looking round to see what we could muster, discovered the Master. 'Pop' and Miss Robinson, so 'Go Cambridge' was called, a good course being rung. Touches and courses of other methods were also brought round, including London. Rounds were sandwiched between the highbrow stuff for real raw recruits. One of them had not seen eight bells rung before, but was heard to say on Sunday morning, 'You ought to have been at Wraysbury last night!'

The whole company stood for a few moments as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. G. J. Berry, wife of the belfry foreman at Hitcham, who was laid to rest that day after a long and painful illness.

It was decided to visit Chalfont St. Peter in November, if convenient. Now, you Minor experts, look up the following methods before you come: London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Overton (or Capel).

The east wind has apparently got into Henry VIII.'s bones (not while he was ringing), which accounts for his absence, although there were plenty of 'gallants' to look after the ladies' bikes, etc.

As to whether these monthly practices serve any real purpose, perhaps the following local expression will be a guide: 'Wish you'd come every week.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

A bye meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Buckland Newton on October 15th, when ringers from the following towers attended: St. Peter's, Dorchester, Wyke Regis, Upwey, Sydling, Bere Regis and Buckland Newton, as well as visitors from Evershot, Hazlebury Bryan, Kington Magna and Sherborne. In all there were 27 present.

The bells were in use from about 3 p.m. until service time at 4.30. The Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Field) officiated, and the Rev. E. V. Roe (Rector of Bishop's Caundle and secretary of the North Dorset Branch) preached a helpful sermon. Tea was partaken of afterwards at the Vicarage.

It being a bye meeting, there was no business to be transacted, but one new ringing member was elected, and the usual votes of thanks given and responded to.

Under the guidance of the energetic Mr. W. Shute, excellent practice was put in from about 6 to 9.15. The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Kent, Plain Bob and Little Bob Minor, besides rounds and call changes for the beginners.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT APPEAL.

Although the attendance was small, much good work was done by those who attended the Western District meeting at Apsley End, from Baldock, St. Albans, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, Kenton, Tring, Kings Langley, Little Gaddesden and the local company. Owing to a careless mishap in the morning, the reinstated secretary joined the 'one-armed' association, but failed to hang anyone. Practice was obtained in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford, Hereward, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge—plain courses and short touches being the order—as several were making their first acquaintance with most of these methods.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Goodwin), recovering from a serious illness, took the service and gave a very apt address on 'Brotherhood and Service,' also stressing his appreciation of the services of the local ringers. Tea followed in the Church Room, this being kindly provided by the Vicar.

At the business meeting the Vicar took the chair. Kings Langley was selected for the next meeting, probably on December 10th.

Conversations then took place to try and solve any difficulties of the district and to improve this area. An 'omnibus' vote was then accorded to the Vicar for all he had done.

Further practice was obtained in the methods mentioned until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

The secretary appeals to the district to help to increase the membership, to raise the standard of ringing and to obtain more support from their parishioners, also to the adjoining districts to assist by attendance at meetings, etc. W. A.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Wickham on Saturday, when members attended from Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, Overton, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Swanmore, Titchfield and Wickham. The Guild's service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. E. H. Duke) officiated, followed by tea and the business meeting, at which the Rector was voted to the chair.—The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. F. A. Burnett, Mr. E. Woods and Mr. G. H. Child, J.P.

The Vicar of Shedfield (the Rev. F. W. Martin) was elected an honorary member subject to his consent, and five new members were elected from Holy Trinity, Gosport.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at St. Mary's, Portsea, subject to the bells being ready for ringing after restoration, the date not to be later than the first Saturday in February.

The general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) brought to the notice of the members the new Ringers' Handbook (by E. S. and M. Powell), a specimen of which was handed round.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and officiating at service and meeting, also to the organist and choir boys.

The ringing during the day consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at West Grinstead on Saturday. It is ten years since a meeting was last held here, and one of the old and well-known members of the tower is sadly missed, viz., Mr. Harry Turrell, who passed away two years ago. The band now find it difficult to get enough ringers to carry on. The church is a bit off the main road, but about 20 braved the rough weather and attended the meeting from Billingshurst, Ifcene, Itchingfield, Lindfield, Slinfold, Rudgwick, Washington and West Grinstead.

Tea was partaken of at the Burrell Arms. At the business meeting which followed, with Mr. Smale presiding, the members were advised that the next meeting will be held at Shoreham-by-Sea.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for granting the use of the bells, also to Mr. Smale. Most of the members afterwards paid another visit to the belfry.

AN OXFORDSHIRE PEAL REHUNG.

The bells of Standlake, Oxon, have recently been rehung by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and the first 720 on them since the work was completed was rung on October 1st after the meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch, held at Stanton Harcourt. This was a 720 of Grandsire Minor: V. Webb 1, R. Coombes 2, J. Franklin 3, W. E. Bennett 4, G. Bennett 5, N. Spindlow (conductor) 6.

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT EXETER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We desire, through your columns, heartily to congratulate the band who rang the magnificent peal at Exeter.—Yours truly,

W. SHARPLES, J. CHARNOCK,
H. NELSON, J. T. BIMSON,
B. A. KNIGHTS, F. HARWOOD,
E. R. MARTIN, S. BLEASDALE.

Lancashire.

AND HE IS ONLY 14!

MASTER E. A. BARNETT'S RECORD.

Edwin A. Barnett, son of Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, and grandson of the late Mr. E. Barnett, sen., celebrated his 14th birthday on October 15th, and on Saturday rang a 'birthday' peal, which was his first of New Cambridge Surprise and his 31st altogether.

The number of methods which he has rung must be a record for his age, and whoever excels it will have to begin early. Among the peals which he has lost have been London Surprise, which he was calling from the 3rd (he had never called a bob in London until then), and which was lost four courses from home; and Camden Surprise, for which he was called upon at the last minute, and had to learn the method after coming home from school in the afternoon before a 6.30 p.m. start at Erith! Such ability must have a great future and will doubtless develop, for Teddy III. has all his grandfather's enthusiasm. His peals are as follow: Grandsire Triples 4, Stedman Triples 4, Bob Major 3, Treble Bob Major (conducted 1) 2, Double Oxford Major 1, Double Oxford, Double Norwich and Bob Major Spliced 1, Double Norwich Major 5, Superlative Surprise 2, Cambridge Surprise (conducted 1) 5, New Cambridge Surprise 1, London Surprise 2, Bristol Surprise 1, total 31.

SANCTUARY SERVERS' FESTIVAL.

At St. Giles' Church, Reading, Berks, on October 19th, for the annual festival of the Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Essex 1, W. Osborne 2, A. W. Osborne 3, H. A. Osborne 4, A. E. Bailey 5, E. Jeffrey 6, L. T. Osborne (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, W. Evans 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

BISHOP'S ENTHRONEMENT.

At Barthomley, Cheshire, on Thursday, September 29th, in honour of the enthronement of the Right Rev. G. F. Fisher as Lord Bishop of Chester in Chester Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Astbury 1, J. Brassington 2, E. Allman 3, J. Matthews 4, J. Timmis 5, J. Parker 6, A. Allman (conductor) 7, A. Astbury 8. Also 308 in the same method with R. Sherratt and G. Astbury standing in. All are local ringers.

A HALF-PEAL.

At the Parish Church, Llantrisant, South Wales, on October 18th, a half-peal of Bob Triples was rung in one hour and 28 minutes: R. Collins 1, W. Huish 2, J. Westcott 3, R. John 4, R. Westcott 5, J. Evans 6, F. Rowsell (conductor) 7, W. Westcott 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCH.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, October 9th, for evening service (harvest thanksgiving), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. from Thurstans' Four-Part: F. S. Palmer 1, E. J. Walsom 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, J. A. D. Webb 4, P. E. Clark 5, W. Rushton 6, A. R. Macdonald 7, E. L. Palmer 8. First quarter in the method for ringers of the 4th and tenor.

NOTICES.

FREISTON, near BOSTON, LINCS.—The dedication of the new bell-frame, recently installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will take place at Evensong on Sunday next, Oct. 30th. Ringing both before and after Evensong. All ringers welcome.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Kimbolton on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, Nov. 2nd?—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Freiston, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6), recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea (2s. per head) 4.45, followed immediately by usual business meeting. Buses leave Boston Post Office for Freiston at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6.30 p.m. and leave Freiston at 6.11 p.m., 6.56 p.m., 8.56 p.m., 10.26 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly advise me by Wednesday, Nov. 2nd? All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.
Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.
E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

THE LATE CANON W. W. C. BAKER.

VICAR OF SOUTHILL, FORMERLY RECTOR OF DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,
6, Tavistock Crescent,
Luton, Beds,
Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 295th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 2nd from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, W. Roughton, Alb. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Michael's, Cornhill.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) at the Bull Hotel after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Deddington on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30, followed by short business meeting.—E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Waverley Hotel, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Wendon. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29th.—A joint meeting of the Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Ely Diocesan Associations will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Oct. 29th. The fine peal of 8 bells available at 3 p.m. L.N.E.R. main line service, and buses every 20 minutes from all parts. The usual tea arrangements at the Grange are being made, and a post-card if you require tea will be much appreciated. Don't miss this meeting!—Miss K. Willers, A. E. Sharman, Don. Mears, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Oxford, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Guild service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Ebbe's (8, tenor 4½cwt.) available in the evening. Visiting ringers are cordially welcomed. — W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, DODDERHILL, DROITWICH.—Ringers' Festival.—The recently re-cast and augmented peal of eight bells by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be open to ringers on Saturday, October 29th, and will be available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. T. Holt, Crowle, near Worcester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) ready at 5.30 p.m. Method for special practice Double Norwich. Everybody welcome. — E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, October 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, October 29th. 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.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2 p.m. Tea will be reserved for those who notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop. The Haigh Memorial, it is hoped, will be on view. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at St. Thomas', Leesfield, Oldham. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7.30 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — A ringing meeting will be held at Mansfield Woodhouse on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, price 1s. each.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome. — C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea to follow. — Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting will be held at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a good one.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Sat., October 29th. Bells open 3 30 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6 30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent St., Bacup

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A combined practice will be held at Crawley and Sparsholt on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The postponed meeting will be held at Horsington (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Arrangements as usual.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Nov. 1st. (nominations), St. Magnus' on the 3rd and 17th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th (elections), Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *The Coffee Pot on the 29th (8 p.m.); the others 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WOOLWICH, LONDON.—The peal of 8, restored and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Tuesday, Nov. 1st, at 8 p.m., by Bishop Hough (former Bishop of Woolwich). Ringers' festival, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Details next week. All ringers welcome.—Cyril E. Palmer, Hon. Tower Sec.

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, STAGSDEN, BEDS.—The Lord Bishop of St. Albans will dedicate the ring of six bells, augmented and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, on Friday evening, Nov. 4th, at 7.30 p.m., on the occasion of the Induction of the Rev. W. A. Limbrick, F.R.Hist.S., to the benefice of Stagsden. Bells available after the service. All will be welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — The annual meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at which officers for ensuing year are elected. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 1st.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6). Tea will be free. Those requiring tea please send postcard to Mr. C. Severn, 34, Bridge Street, Killamarsh, not later than Nov. 3rd. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at St. Hilary's, Wallasey, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall. — Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Walsham-le-Willows on Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, at the Blue Boar (1s. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Bodenham on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. (free). Please notify me not later than Nov. 1st.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bretforton on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service, with an address, at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided. Will those intending to be present please oblige by letting me know by the Tuesday previous?—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, near Evesham.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —A meeting will be held at Kendal Parish Church on Nov. 5th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., to all who notify Mr. E. Jennings, 15, Castle Oval, Kendal, not later than Nov. 4th.—E. Swain, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech. — The next meeting will be held at March, Cambs., on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Stapleford on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The last quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Clipston on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, for those who notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 1st.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.—

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. T. Hurd, Bethal School House, Burslem, not later than Nov. 2nd?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., to be followed by special meeting in All Saints' Schools at 6 p.m. The Rector of Wigan (Canon C. C. Thicknesse) will preside. I appeal to all ringers of the branch to attend this meeting, especially the service.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.— The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. each, to all who notify Mr. Jas. Harrison, Park Gate, Hoghton, by Nov. 7th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 9th, to enable me to make the necessary arrangements?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. C. J. Puplett, who recently removed from Hertfordshire, is now South Devon Nurseries, Plympton, Devon.

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Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. G. Ingle to Miss Gwendoline Thoday, sister of the ringer of the sixth. First peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

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HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM BLACKBURST	...*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	5
HIRAM MEAKIN	2	TOM WILDE	6
FRANK TWIGG	3	ALAN F. BAILEY	7
JOHN BRIERLEY	4	†HAROLD JACKSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.
* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26¾ cwt.

WALTER THOMAS	...*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
ALBERT E. RICHARDS	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
J. WILLIAM CLARKE	3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	7
ROBERT SPERRING	4	JAMES MORGAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in grateful memory of the life and work of Henry W. Wilde, who was called to rest on Tuesday, Oct. 25th.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 11 cwt.

LEONARD HOLDEN	...*Treble*	DAVID HINGLEY	5
ARTHUR HINGLEY	2	SAMUEL BAKER	6
DENNIS HOLDEN	3	DANIEL T. MATKIN	7
WILLIAM FISHER	4	BERT HORTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Baker, daughter of the ringer of the 6th. It was also the 85th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	*Treble*	FRED WATKINSON	5
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	2	*ALFRED E. PARSONS	6
JOHN HOLMAN	3	L. WILLIAM JACQUES	7
FREDERICK CARDWELL	4	*FREDERICK E. PARSONS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.
* First peal in the method. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd (who is only 14 years of age) for the way he rang throughout the peal. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

STRATTON-ST.-MARGARET, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*RICHARD E. G. LUTON	...*Treble*	GEORGE LANCASTER	5
ERNEST BISHOP	2	WALTER TRUEMAN	6
SIDNEY H. HOPPER	3	SIDNEY PALMER	7
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	4	CHARLES J. GARDINER	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Swindon branch of the association, also as a farewell peal to Mr. Hopper, late secretary of the branch, who is leaving the district for Exmouth.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, October 5th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Abrams 1, S. Murphy 2, W. Seekings 3, M. Ginn 4, J. Granger (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM R. MALGWICK ...	6
JOHN H. CRAMPION	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
WILLIAM PYE	4	HERBERT F. HULL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung by special request to celebrate the Parish Church Pageant. Mr. Hull's first peal for 23 years.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERBY	...*Treble*	WILLIAM P. DEANE	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER... ...	3	ALAN D. STEEL	7
THOMAS HURD	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

Rung as a birthday peal to the ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOSEPH J. PRATT	...*Treble*	*THOMAS COLLINS	5
WILLIAM H. JOINER	2	EDGAR HANCOX	6
EDGAR G. SWIFT	3	FRANK CORK	7
PERCY E. JONES	4	WILLIAM HONER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

* First peal of Stedman.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

HARRY CHAPMAN... ...	...*Treble*	WALTER PERKINS	5
AMOS SMART...	2	CHARLES W. BIRD	6
JOHN J. MAWBY	3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	7
ROBERT G. BLACK	4	JAMES T. WARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

FREDERICK W. CRIPPS	...*Treble*	OWEN H. GILES	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	KEITH HART...	6
JACK M. CRIPPS	3	JOHN DEARLOVE	7
ROBERT SWIFT	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN....	...*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON... ...	5
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.... ...	2	LIONEL CLOUGH	6
WILLIAM FERNLEY	3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	7
JAMES A. MILNER...	4	JOHN WORTH...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	HENRY J. WILKINSON... ...	5
GEORGE PULLINGER	2	CHARLES J. FRAY	6
ROBERT G. HUNT	3	JOHN R. RODWELL	7
*FREDERICK G. GRIFFEN ...	4	EDWARD C. WHEELER...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' The first peal of Triples on the bells. Rung for the eve of the dedication festival.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ALBERT G. HARRISON...	...*Treble*	ERNEST F. POPPY	5
WILLIAM STEGGALLS	2	*DAVID WHITING...	6
FREDERICK ROOPE	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	ERNEST WHITING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the fifth has by this peal 'completed the circle' on eight rings of eight.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. HARRIS ...	...*Treble*	JESSE GILLETT	5
JOHN AUSTIN...	2	JOHN W. DAVIS	6
SYDNEY E. ROMANS	3	EX.-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ...	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	JOHN CLARKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung to commemorate the diamond wedding of ex-Sergt. Williams and also as a birthday compliment on his 80th birthday.

SHAROW, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

ALFRED COATES... ...	...*Treble*	JACK REED	5
CHARLES E. HOWROYD ...	2	*JOHN STOTT...	6
*RICHARD DUFFIELD	3	†EDWARD HUDSON	7
JAMES METCALFE	4	THOMAS METCALFE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to the Very Rev. Charles Mansfield Owen, D.D., Dean of Ripon, patron of the association and of the living of Sharow, who attained the age of 80 years on Monday, October 24th, 1932.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*F. RICHARDSON	...*Treble*	J. G. BURROWS	5
*E. ROBERTS...	2	C. SMITH	6
*W. LUNN	3	*G. TOMLINSON	7
G. ELLIOTT...	4	R. G. LEWIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by R. G. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells by Sunday service ringers. R. G. Lewis has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

WILLESDEN.—At St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, October 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins., for the visit of the Bishop of Willesden: E. Lankester 1, H. Kilby 2, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 3, Miss K. M. Bradford 4, J. H. Botham 5, E. H. Kilby 6, T. J. Lock 7, E. B. Hartley (first quarter-peal) 8.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HENRY JARMAN ... ...*Treble*		FREDERICK HUNT 5	
ALFRED KING 2		HARRY WOOD 6	
†ARTHUR DAY 3		‡BEN JARMAN 7	
ARTHUR J. SMITH 4		LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ...*Tenor*	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.'

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM WARD ... ...*Treble*		*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5	
WILLIAM P. GARRETT... ... 2		CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6	
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3		FREDERICK J. TILLETT ... 7	
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4		ERNEST FITCH ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE ... ...*Treble*		JAMES BENNETT 5	
GEORGE R. PYE 2		ALBERT W. COLES 6	
CHARLES T. COLES 3		RUPERT RICHARDSON 7	
JOHN G. NASH 4		WILLIAM PYE... ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Composition No. 144.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ...*Treble*		VICTOR A. JARRETT 5	
GEORGE KENWARD 2		WILLIAM J. WALKER 6	
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 3		CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 7	
WALTER BEAUMONT 4		FRANK BELSEY ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. BELSEY.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Rung for the dedication festival.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

TOM PAGE ... ...*Treble*		†HARRY PAGE 5	
*ERNEST STITCH 2		WILLIAM PAGE 6	
*JOSEPH LOVETT 3		*ALBERT J. PITMAN 7	
*HERBERT DAVIES 4		FREDERICK LASBURY... ...*Tenor*	

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' This peal was arranged for the ringers of 2nd and 7th, who hail from Aberavon.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ARDLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, City Delight, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... ...*Treble*		SYDNEY CARTER 4	
JEFFREY WILLIAMS 2		JOHN WELCH 5	
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3		BARNARD PATMORE ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Netherseale Surprise, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court.

*ERNEST KIMM ... ...*Treble*		ALBERT V. MIDDLEDITCH ... 4	
WALTER LAYZELL 2		VICTOR E. WATERS 5	
WILLIAM PRIME... 3		FREDERICK J. LONG ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by F. J. LONG.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK SHUKER ... ...*Treble*		PHILIP KELSALL 4	
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2		WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 5	
THOMAS HURD 3		JAMES WALLEY ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by PHILIP KELSALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Hurd.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED J. BOYCE ... ...*Treble*		SIDNEY HILLIER 4	
GEORGE WINTER... 2		VINCENT E. SWIFT 5	
WILLIAM A. SWIFT 3		FRANK GREEN ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by VINCENT E. SWIFT.

Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday. First peal of Minor as conductor.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY MURPHY ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM SEEKINGS 4	
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS 2		ARTHUR J. GINN 5	
FRANK WARRINGTON 3		ERNEST WAKELING ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First Surprise peal on the bells and by 1st, 2nd, 4th and tenor. Mr. Abrams (local captain) has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Mr. and Mrs. W. Seekings kindly entertained the band after the peal.

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WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores called differently. Tepor 14 cwt.

*M. BOYER ... ...*Treble*	*A. JERVIS 4
*J. BOYER 2	F. BARNARD 5
W. C. SUTTON 3	*ALEX J. KING ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. SUTTON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Arranged for A. J. King, who met with a serious accident which deprived him of his eyesight. He is a regular ringer at the above church on Sundays.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treblo Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

STANLEY SLANEY... ... ...*Treble*	EDWARD ROBBINS 4
THOMAS BETTESON 2	HENRY W. TURTON 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL... ... 3	JOHN FLINT ... .*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. J. Waugh) for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST F. WHITE ... ...*Treble*	D. M. FLOWER 4
E. C. MARLOW 2	E. F. MARLOW 5
N. KNEE 3	*W. AVERY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.

* First peal. Rung as a jubilee celebration peal of the Salisbury Guild.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*THOMAS S. ASTBURY... ...*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 2	*NORMAN G. LEECH 5
*RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in three methods. The conductor's 160th peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. LASKEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 1-2	WALTER J. FORD 5-6
WILLIAM J. WASEY 3-4	HERBERT LASKEY 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

First 'double-handed' peal by ringers of 5-6 and 7-8.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE PARTITION OF THE CENTRAL DIVISION.

A meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Upper Beeding on Saturday, October 22nd, when approximately 30 members were present, representing Brighton (St. Peter's and the Church of the Good Shepherd), Upper Beeding, Lower Beeding, Crawley, Turner's Hill, Shoreham, Uckfield and Warnham.

The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon with one short pause to allow Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, to measure the bells, three of which are pre-Reformation. The Vicar (the Rev. R. P. E. Richards) conducted a short service in church, and in the course of his address touched on the message of church bells and bells as a means of conversion.

A sumptuous tea was provided in the Mission Hall, after which followed the meeting, with the Vicar as chairman. Messrs. F. Howe (Shoreham) and George Searle (Upper Beeding) were elected members of the association, and the election of the following as non-resident life members was also confirmed: H. Dennis Ford (Sevenoaks), A. Relfe (Lamberhurst) and John W. Ward (Cambridge).

The next item was the election of an honorary secretary for the newly-formed Central South Division, whose duties will commence on January 1st, 1933.

Mr. J. M. Cripps, proposed by Mr. S. E. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. W. Mease, was unanimously elected to fill this office.

The general secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone) brought to the attention of the members the Ringers' Handbook by the Rev. E. S. and M. Powell, which he recommended as a very useful book for beginners. A copy was passed round and inspected by the members.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the trouble he had taken in making arrangements for the tea, for his address at the service and for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

The tower was again visited and ringing continued until 7.45. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

DEATH OF ANOTHER WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to record that another Worcestershire stalwart has just passed away. Three well-known ringers from around Worcester had previously gone to their rest within the last twelve months, and on top of this comes the sad news of the death of yet another—John Worman, of Leigh Court. The deceased was 59 years old, and had lived for the last 40 years in the parish, where he was head ringer. His death took place suddenly while he was at work at Bromyard on Monday, October 17th. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, both for his services to the church in the tower and his genial character outside. His spirit would be a model and example to any young ringer of to-day. He was not a great peal ringer, having rung only about nine, of which he conducted one, but he always gave a willing and helpful hand to beginners.

He was buried at Bransford Cemetery, adjoining Leigh, on Friday, October 21st. On the same evening a combined band of St. John's (Worcester) and Leigh ringers rang at the Parish Church a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Woodyatt 1, R. Rowe (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, T. W. Lewis 3, W. Banner 4, W. Lewis (conductor) 5, H. Deakin 6.

On Sunday morning ringers from Bromyard, Worcester, Leigh, etc., paid their last respect to a dear old friend by taking part in other muffled ringing and attending a memorial service, which was held in the Leigh Church. T. W. L.

SELLY OAK RINGER MARRIED.

An interesting and pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham, on October 15th, between Miss Janet McCallen Thornborn, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Thornborn, of Sanquhar, Scotland, and Mr. Kenneth W. Davis, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, of Oak Tree Lane, Selly Oak. Mr. Leslie Barker, A.L.C.M., who presided at the organ, played appropriate music before and after the service.

The bride, attended by Miss Dora Davis (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Winnie Moy, was given away by Mr. F. L. C. Gibbs, a fellow-bellringer of the above Guild.

The bridegroom, who belongs to the oldest family in Selly Oak, has long been associated with the work of the church, and is an ardent ringer at Selly Oak. The Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Steer) officiated at the ceremony in the presence of numerous friends and relatives.

As the happy couple left the church nurses from the Summer Hill District Nursing Association, to which the bride belonged, formed a guard of honour, whilst the bells rang out merrily, the ringers being H. Atkins 1, J. Boylin 2, A. Workman 3, Jack Atkins 4, H. Stanley 5, G. Fearn 6.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Davis were the recipients of many useful presents and telegrams of congratulations and good wishes.

At the reception Mrs. A. G. Myring acted as hostess. There were expressions of delight when it was found the wedding cake was adorned by a miniature octave of handbells in honour of the bridegroom's art.

The St. Mary's Guild hope in the immediate future to arrange a quarter-peal in honour of the event.

A RINGER FOR 70 YEARS.

Recently Mr. Walter Spiers, of Alresford, Hants, celebrated his 82nd birthday. He is still hale and hearty, can read without spectacles and do a full day's work.

Mr. Spiers has lived all his life in Alresford, and has been bell ringing ever since he was nine years old, so that he has been a ringer for over 70 years. He began at Old Alresford, when he had to stand on a little stool because he could not otherwise reach the ropes. He still rings at Old Alresford and is regularly in his place every Sunday. He is a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and in days gone by took part in several peals, but, he says, three hours at a stretch is now a bit too long for him.

DEATH OF FORMER LINCOLN GUILD SECRETARY.

On Wednesday, October 26th, at All Saints', Gainsborough, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins.: F. S. W. Butler 1, Miss E. Marshall 2, Miss P. G. Baker 3, C. A. Hewitt 4, G. W. Creasey 5, C. H. Baker 6, H. Morgan (conductor) 7, E. Halingwater 8.

This quarter-peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. Reginald Bond, Grayingham, who for four years was one of the assistant clergy at All Saints' Church. He was for a time secretary of the North Lincolnshire Association, and for a period, later on, held the same office for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

It was also rung as a tribute of sympathy to Mr. J. Dixon, a member of the local company, on the sad loss of his wife.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Thomas', Woolton Hill, on Sunday, September 18th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Disney, wife of Canon Disney, of The Grange, Woolton Hill, whose daughter was a member of the above tower before her marriage. The ringers were: J. Robbins 1, S. Bevan 2, J. Berry 3, T. Lock 4, J. Scott (conductor) 5, F. Palmer 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On October 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. M. Knapp 1, Miss D. M. Honeywell 2, Miss I. D. Knapp 3, J. Berry 4, A. Challis 5, T. Bratchell 6, F. J. Knapp (conductor) 7, W. Buckland 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by all the band except the conductor.

VISIT TO CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 15th, six members of the North Staffs and District Association paid a visit to the beautiful church at Clive, where the six bells (tenor 25 cwt.) have recently been rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. At Market Drayton the party were joined by Messrs. W. Weatherby and W. J. Chester, Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst having already gone on in advance to herald their approach and to get everything ready. On arriving at Clive, they were met by Mr. George Ruscoe, the genial leader at this tower, who extended a hearty welcome. The bells were raised in peal, after which 240 each of London, York and Cambridge were brought round by S. B. Bailey 1, W. Wheeldon 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Walley 6. By this time several local men had turned up and were given a trial touch of Kent with a little prompting from the visitors. Oxford and Bob Minor followed, and the visitors rang a beautifully struck 240 of Wells Surprise as a closing touch, in view of the fact that they had 50 miles to travel before reaching home. After a splendid tea at the Elephant and Castle Hotel, Mr. George Pearson regaled the party with some of his colliery experiences, in which some well-known local worthies were involved. He kept to the humorous side of the stories and told them in his breezy and inimitable manner. It was really through the generosity of Mr. Pearson that this visit was made, and sincere thanks are tendered to him and to Mr. W. P. Deane, whose car also was at the service of the party. Thanks are also accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. George Ruscoe for his untiring efforts in making the visit so enjoyable. J. E. W.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Combe Martin, Devon, on Sunday, October 30th, for evensong at the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1932 changes) in 1 hour 9 mins.: L. Rook 1, C. Rook 2, J. G. S. Sanders 3, R. H. D. Gubb 4, T. Yeo 5, J. Rook 6, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, T. Gubb 8. Longest length for ringers of treble, 4th, 5th and 6th.

RAPID PROGRESS.

At St. Mary's Church, Wroxham, on October 24th, the local band rang a date touch (1,932 changes) in the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob: F. G. Boyce 1, E. A. Stevenson 2, V. M. Ormerod 3, C. W. Griffin 4, H. C. Read 5, G. Bailey (conductor) 6. At this time last year five of the band could only ring call changes.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A wonderful triumph over disability has been achieved by Mr. A. J. King, of Wrenbury, Cheshire. Deprived of his eyesight as the result of a serious accident, he has just rung his first peal. This was the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Doubles at his Parish Church, where he is a regular ringer on Sundays.

After a peal at Earls Colne, Essex, on Saturday—her sixth peal this year—Miss Hilda Snowden was presented with a gold wrist watch by members of St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.

The 'Empire' peal, which was mentioned in our columns recently, is to be attempted next Empire Day, May 24th, at St. Clement Danes Church, London, by the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford). Mr. W. R. Madgwick, of 14, Handel Street, London, W.C.1, would like to hear from any ringers who have resided overseas.

HUDSON'S COURSE-ENDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was hoping to see, in one of your last issues, some amendment of a statement made by one of the speakers at the Yorkshire commemoration dinner. He is reported to have said that no peal of Stedman had ever been composed with course-ends that were not Hudson's particular rows. As it stands, this statement is so misleading that it ought to be corrected.

On page 120 of 'Stedman' there is a peal by Henry Cooper. As given, the composition is false, probably because the manuscript was indistinct. However, the course-ends give a true peal in two equal parts with ordinary bobs and singles, which, it may be safely said, no other course-ends will give. Further, the seventh is undisturbed throughout, which quality has never been obtained with Hudson's course-ends. Cooper's peal was rung 13 years before Hudson's discovery, and there is no relationship between the two sets of course-ends.

To come to more modern peals, there are many seven-part peals with never more than four calls together. Obviously a set of sixty courses can have no connection with these. Again, many peals of the late John Carter, J. O. Lancashire and other composers on the sixty course plan have quite different course-ends to Hudson's, and have qualities which are not obtainable with the latter.

No more is necessary to disprove the statement made.

In conclusion, I can speak with knowledge as to the value of the late William Hudson's discovery, and believe that all composers, since the first odd-bob peal was published, have used his course-ends as a proof scale.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MORE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Not being content with an extra-special jubilee annual meeting to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Midland Counties Association, that hard-working and indefatigable secretary for Derby District (Mr. George Freebrey) set about getting a record number of new honorary members to join. To show how he has interested certain gentlemen in the association's work, the results speak for themselves, for he has collected nearly 60. Thinking a special peal ought to be rung, he arranged for as representative a band as possible to meet at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, on Saturday last, to attempt Stedman Caters. Owing to illness and other arrangements intervening, the vice-president and others invited could not attend, but the 'reserves' came up splendidly, and an excellently struck peal was successfully rung. It was fitting that the conductor should be the general hon. secretary, for the FIRST PEAL by the association was conducted by the then hon. secretary, the late Mr. H. C. Woodward. The conductor also chose to call the composition of the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., who was for 30 years president of the association, and he selected the suitable number of 5,050 changes. Those who listened to the peal outside declared it as 'one of the best,' and the music, too, was very fine.

Mr. Freebrey has not yet finished 'celebrating,' for the next item will be a lantern lecture in the Cathedral Schools on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at 7.30 p.m., when the general hon. secretary will give 'The Founder's Art—Famous Bells of the World,' and mention the work of the association. The president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, will preside, and it is proposed to invite ladies and gentlemen from the various parishes to attend. It is hoped all Derby and district ringers possible will be present—and bring their friends—for they will see and hear some interesting things.

ST. DUNSTAN'S 'FISH' FESTIVAL.

At the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, London, there is annually held a thanksgiving for the harvest of the sea, when the decorations of the church consist of offerings of fish. Last Sunday, for this special festival, 1,248 London Surprise Major was rung on the bells by J. G. A. Prior 1, W. H. Theobald 2, E. W. Furbank 3, A. Clayton 4, J. Marks 5, G. H. Cross (conductor) 6, G. R. Gammon 7, E. D. Smith 8. Also 224 Superlative and 224 Cambridge, in which Mrs. G. H. Cross, T. H. Taffender and W. Grainger took part.

THE LATE MR. HENRY W. WILDE.

HIS INTEREST IN MINOR RINGING.

The news of the death of Mr. Henry W. Wilde, of Pulford, Cheshire, which we briefly recorded last week, has been received with widespread regret throughout the Exercise, and particularly by his friends in the Chester Diocesan Guild and on the Central Council. Mr. Wilde, who was born on February 11th, 1869, passed away in Chester Royal Infirmary on Tuesday of last week. He had been operated on on the preceding Friday, and showed signs of making a satisfactory recovery when he unexpectedly collapsed. His death brings a great loss to the Exercise, for he was an active, although unassuming, worker in many ways.

In his young days Mr. Wilde was apprenticed at the Stanton Ironworks, and later went to Sir Arthur Heywood at Duffield. He began his ringing career at Sandiacre, and here, after much struggling practice, scored his first 720—Grandsire Minor—and some time afterwards—on May 25th, 1889—his first peal, which was in two methods, Grandsire and Bob Minor.

In 1895 the late Duke of Westminster, who was much interested in the light railway on Sir Arthur's estate, decided to erect a similar railway on the Eaton estate. It was built under Sir Arthur's direction and Mr. Wilde was sent to superintend the work. The railway connects Eaton Hall and the various estate departments with the G.W.R. main London line some few miles away. On the completion of the work in 1897 Mr. Wilde was appointed engineer of the railway, a post which he held until his death. Many of his ringing friends will remember with interest the trip which he was able to arrange—by kind permission of the Duke—on the occasion of the Central Council meeting at Chester in 1925, and which, together with the visit to Eaton Hall itself, was one of the episodes which helped to make that meeting the success it was.



THE LATE MR. H. W. WILDE.

On settling down at Eaton, Mr. Wilde threw himself into local ringing activities, and joined the band at Pulford, where ringing was then in a flourishing state. Meanwhile a new church was being built at Eccleston, and when ringing on this fine eight commenced in 1907, he became captain of the newly-formed band, and rang his first peal there—Oxford Bob Triples—on January 4th, 1908. Since that time he had acted as host to hundreds of ringers who have visited this beautiful church with its equally beautiful bells.

AN ABLE RINGER AND COMPOSER.

To few men is given his ability as a ringer and conductor, while his compositions, most of which were of characteristic merit, made his name known throughout the country. Hosts of his fellow-ringers who have had the privilege of meeting him at ringers' gatherings will recall with feeling his delightful ringing in methods easy and difficult and on bells large and small. Those, too, who have known him, not only in the tower, but as a correspondent in ringing matters, will testify to his keen mental outlook and his ability to see matters in their correct perspective.

He was a valued member of the Central Council, for which body he did a great amount of quiet, unostentatious work, particularly in the proving of peals for the 'Collection.'

By his death the Chester Diocesan Guild loses one of its most talented and active members. He seldom failed to be present at the Chester branch meetings, where he was equally willing and ready to stand in either for some advanced method or for rounds and call changes for the beginners, with whom he always showed great patience. Indeed, his genial disposition and unassuming manner made him a popular figure wherever he went.

Although a gifted ringer on eight, ten and twelve bells, he had a soft place in his heart for Minor. With scarcely a break for the past ten years he and a small band of fellow-ringers from the Chester branch of the Chester Guild have met every Tuesday for Minor ringing. The task on hand at present is the ringing of at least one extent of all the Surprise Minor methods in the Central Council's 'Collection,' a task in which he was intensely interested. It is sad to record that only three of those methods remained to be rung when he was called so suddenly to his rest. He rang and conducted his last 720—of Hanley Surprise—at Aldford on Tuesday, October 11th, the evening before he entered hospital. He was in good spirits that evening and parted with a cheerful 'good night' and hopes for a speedy return.

To these few of his most intimate ringing friends the news of his death seemed almost unbelievable, and it was with heavy hearts that they met on Saturday evening at Eccleston to ring a muffled peal for one whose memory will always be green, not only to themselves, but to hundreds of ringers throughout the land. It is gratifying to reflect that the peal was one which 'Harry' himself would have enjoyed—well struck and without a hitch all through. He rang his last peal—his 295th—on these same bells on July 14th last, when he called Grandsire and New Grandsire Spliced, the latter a method which, at the time, was thought not to have been rung before and was named by him 'Grandam.' Subsequently, however, it proved to have been rung some considerable time previously.

A VARIETY OF PEALS.

The variety of Mr. Wilde's peals, of which he had conducted a considerable number, showed his enterprise in the practical application of the art in which he was so much interested. Altogether his peals numbered 295, and were made up as follows:—

Maximus:		Major (cont.):	
Plain Bob	1	Kent and Oxford (S.)	4
Kent	4	Little Bob	2
Cambridge	1	Albion	2
Cinques:		Little Albion	2
Grandsire	1	Superlative	17
Stedman	1	Cambridge	26
Royal:		London	12
Plain Bob	1	New Cambridge	1
Kent	5	Triples:	
Kent and Oxford (Spliced)	1	Grandsire	32
Little Albion	1	Double Grandsire	1
Cambridge	3	Grandsire and New Grandsire (S.)	1
New Cambridge	1	Union	2
Caters:		Plain Bob	1
Grandsire	3	Oxford Bob	4
Stedman	3	Double Oxford	2
Major:		St. Clement's	1
Plain Bob	19	Stedman	18
Canterbury	1	Minor.	
Double Bob	1	1 Method	1
Bristol	3	2 Methods	4
Yorkshire	1	3 Methods	2
Rutland	1	4 Methods	11
Belgrave	1	5 Methods	1
St. Clement's	1	7 Methods	8
Oxford Bob	1	10 Methods	1
Double Oxford	3	Doubles	1
Double Norwich	36		
Duffield	3	Total	295
Kent Treble Bob	40		
Oxford Treble Bob	3		

Beside his ringing activities, Mr. Wilde was greatly interested in things musical. He had a pleasing tenor voice, and immediately on receiving his appointment at Eaton he joined the choir of the private chapel at the hall, which was at that time the centre of local musical activities. When this choir was disbanded in 1900 he became a member of the choir at Pulford Church and later at Eccleston, where he was also a sidesman and a member of the Church Council. He carried his musical abilities into the belfry, for he hated bad striking and was frequently heard to say that, for service ringing at least, call changes well struck were far better than Cambridge or London badly struck. He was also a member of the Chester Natural Science Society, an active society founded by Charles Kingsley.

At morning service at Eccleston on Sunday the Rector spoke in touching terms of his unfailing devotion to his church and parish and his ringing craft. On all sides it is felt that his passing will leave a gap which cannot be filled.

The sympathy of the whole Exercise goes out to his widow and family in their great sorrow.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mr. Wilde, which took place at Eccleston on Friday, was attended by many of his colleagues from the Eaton Hall Estate and residents of the district, as well as ringers from neighbouring towers. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. J. Okell), and the interment followed in the churchyard. The choir was in attendance, and Mr. A. H. Robinson, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O. (organist to the Duke of Westminster), was at the organ. He played suitable music, including Chopin's 'Funeral March,' as the cortege left the church. The hymn, 'Abide with me,' was sung, and Psalm 23 chanted.

The principal mourners included Mrs. Wilde (widow), Mr. Walter Wilde and Mr. Francis Wilde (sons), Mrs. Walter Wilde (daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilde (brother and sister-in-law), Miss Lowe (sister-in-law), Mrs. Goring (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Myles.

The ringers present included Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. H. A. Heywood (vice-chairman of Chester Branch of the Chester Guild), Messrs. J. Morgan, W. Bibby, R. Sperring, J. Swindley, W. Morgan, G. Jones, W. Thomas, S. Jones, H. Thomas, W. Hopwood, J. Allman, E. Hughes, E. Salisbury and A. Jones.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. A. Richards (Farndon), Mr. J. W. Clark (Chester) and Mr. Geo. R. Newton (Liverpool).

There were many wreaths, including those from heads of departments on the estate; his workmates; Belgrave Yard; president and fellow-members of the Central Council of Church Bellringers; Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers; his ringing friends; organist and fellow-members of the choir of the Church of St. Mary, Eccleston; bellringers, St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool.

After the service the bells were rung half-muffled by the local company in rounds and call changes, and the ringing later included 447 Grandsire Triples: W. Bibby 1, George Jones 2, W. Morgan 3, J. Morgan 4, J. Swindley 5, H. Thomas 6, E. H. Lewis 7, J. Allman 8.

On Saturday a half-muffled peal was rung at Eccleston.



ECCLESTON CHURCH, CHESHIRE,

where the late Mr. Wilde was captain of the ringers. The church was opened on Ascension Day, 1900. The fine peal of eight bells, with tenor of 26¾ cwt. in D, were opened in 1907.

DEDICATION OF A PEAL BOARD.

In the course of evening service on Sunday at Haslemere, Surrey, Parish Church, the Rector dedicated a handsome oak peal board commemorating a peal of Stedman Caters (10,025 changes) rung on the bells on February 28th, 1931, in 6 hours and 32 minutes, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

The board is of polished oak, beautifully carved, and is the work and gift of Mr. R. Hayes, the lettering, in gold, being given by Major Hesse, both of whom took part in the peal.

Eight of the band who rang in the long peal were present at the dedication, and prior to the service rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 50 minutes with the assistance of Mr. R. Philpott and Mr. F. Bowden: R. Hayes 1, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 2, R. Overy 3, W. J. Robinson 4, C. E. Smith 5, F. Bowden 6, M. Smither 7, R. Philpott 8, Major J. H. B. Hesse 9, A. J. Bartlett 10.

The peal was and still is the longest peal on the bells and for the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and the board, which is placed in a prominent position in the belfry, is a very worthy record of the performance.

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5,312 BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456	M	W	H	One lead each of
45632	1	1	2	L C L B
52364	1	1	2	L C L B
34625	1	1	2	L C L B
52643	1	1	1	L C L
45623		1		B C L
24653		1		L C B
56342	1	1		B B C R
45362		1		L C L
36452		1	1	R C L

Repeat last four courses four times, omit last bob of all for 56423, then repeat the whole.

Contains 1,216 of Bristol, 1,856 of London, 640 of Rutland, 1,600 of Cambridge. Superlative may be rung for Cambridge. London may be rung for Rutland. Thus the peal may be rung in three, four or five methods.

For 5120 finish one part as follows:—

24653

36452 M H B B C L

A FRENCH BELL FOUNDRY.

ELABORATE WORK.

The foundry of C. and F. Paccard was established at Annecy-le-Vieux, High Savoy, in 1796, and has to its credit the largest bells in France. In addition, carillons and chimes have been supplied to almost every country in the world.

The works are situated amongst magnificent scenery on the shores of the Lake of Annecy, and consist of a group of six buildings, the woodworking shop in the centre being surmounted with a carillon of 36 bells, worked from a piano-type clavier in the loft. On the north side of this is a small casting house with an oil-fired furnace for the making of clock bells, while the main foundry, with its wood burning furnaces, takes up the central position. The other buildings consist of various polishing shops, the wax carving shed and forges.

The most striking feature is the splendid finish which is put on the bells. Without exception they are cast with cannons, carefully proportioned with reference to the size of the bell, and are usually moulded elaborately in the form of allegorical animals. The outer surface of the bells round the crown and mouth is encircled with bands of bas relief involving the rose and cross of Savoy and the arms of the city of Annecy. In the space between is put the lengthy inscription, the name of the bell, and the founders' mark. When taken from the moulds the bells are sandblasted, filed all over by hand and finally polished with pumice stone. Consequently they present a most attractive appearance. Possibly the care exercised at this stage is owing to the fact that in France the hanging of a new peal is made the occasion for a general holiday, and the bells are taken in procession garlanded with flowers, consecrated by the Bishop, and named by their appointed godparents.

As an example of a typical inscription, that of the tenor of the peal of four, shortly to be installed at the Church of Villemoble, Paris, will be of interest:—

The 23rd October, 1932.

Under the Pontificat of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI., His Excellency Monseignor Eugene Crepin, Bishop of Trailles, auxiliary of His Eminence Cardinal Jean Verdier, Archbishop of Paris, consecrated me at the same time as my three other sisters to the service of God. I have as my godfather M. Henri Jouisseaume, Mayor of Villemoble, and as my godmother Mme. Jouisseaume, who have named me Marie-Terese-Blanche.

The Rector, Alcide Deschamps, placed me in this tower.

Weight, 25 cwt.

Although there is no change ringing on the Continent, the fittings of the bells are quite as up to date as those of any English peal. The familiar stays and sliders are, of course, absent, but iron headstocks, ball bearings and sometimes iron frames are quite usual. Owing to the retention of the cannons the headstocks are arched to the form of a semicircle in order that the heavy bells may be tucked up for ease in chiming. A shaped oak block is fitted under the headstock, and the cannons are bolted against it.

Where a chime of three or four bells are supplied, they are cast to the notes of a perfect chord, so that they may be swung clashing without dissonance. As a rule a heavy bell swings up to the horizontal, but the light ones are sent up 45 degrees or so further than this. Very often an automatic device is fitted, known as the 'Auto-Sonneur,' which starts by means of a switch in the tower. There are no blocked-up louvres in France; the more noise that comes out the better everyone is pleased, and in some cases the bells actually swing out of the openings and may be clearly seen in the street below.

It is a speciality of the Paccard firm that they will guarantee bells cast perfectly in tune, and, otherwise than polished, untouched from the mould. The bells for Villemoble were tested with the tuning forks in the writer's presence, and gave perfect response to the five tones.

Lastly, a word on some of the interesting bells cast at the foundry. Foremost is 'La Savoyarde,' hung at the Church of Sacre Cœur, Paris, so named owing to the fact that it was a gift to the church from the ladies of Savoy. The largest bell in France, it measures 9ft. 6in. in diameter, and weighs, without fittings, 19.8 tons. Not far behind is 'Jeanne d'Arc,' bourdon at Rouen Cathedral, 18.6 tons. This bell was cast on July 18th, 1914, and was rung in the foundry, where it was left during the war, for the first time to celebrate the Armistice.

In England there are eight Paccard bells at the Catholic Church at Leigh-on-Sea, tenor 20 cwt., installed in 1926, and four at St. Leonards, Sussex. America has bought several carillons, while India and China possess one or two chimes from this firm.

In conclusion the writer would like to thank MM. Paccard for their kind hospitality during his stay in Annecy, and for the generous manner in which he was given every access to the works.

S. E. A.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

A joint practice was held at Portmadoc on October 29th, when members attended from Bangor and Portmadoc. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung for the benefit of the young ringers who have recently joined the respective towers.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Crayford on Saturday, October 29th, and, despite inclement weather, was well attended by ringers from Chislehurst, Beckenham, Dartford, Deptford, Erith, West Wickham, Woolwich, Greenwich and Swanscombe. The bells were kept in use throughout the afternoon and evening, touches being accomplished in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise.

Service, at which the association form was used, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Andrews), who gave an extremely interesting address, in the course of which he paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett.

Later the members visited the new Church Hall, there to partake of tea, provided in generous measure and attractive manner by the Social Committee of the Parochial Church Council, the secretary of which (Mr. P. Russell) occupied the head of the table.

The business meeting followed, Mr. Russell presiding. The chairman extended a hearty welcome to the ringers to Crayford and their new hall. He then paid a brief but sincere tribute to the late Mr. E. Barnett, and the meeting passed a vote of condolence with the relatives, showing its respect for his memory by standing in silent meditation for a short time.

The election of Mr. J. W. Ward, previous to a peal at Crayford, was ratified. A report of the past year's work was presented by the district secretary and adopted.

All the retiring holders of office in the district were re-elected, viz.: Mr. A. G. Hill, hon. district secretary; Messrs. E. Barnett and W. Smith, district representatives; and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Ringing Master.

Mr. F. A. Coley (Erith) said that as the next annual general meeting of the association was due to be held in the Lewisham district, and the Vicar of Christ Church, Erith, had extended an invitation to hold this meeting at Christ Church, he proposed that the district representatives bring this invitation to the attention of the association committee and endeavour to secure its acceptance.—This was carried.

After some discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting (in January) at Woolwich if possible, with Greenwich as second choice if Woolwich was not available.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his address; to the Parochial Church Council for their generous hospitality; to the organist and organ blower for their services; to the ladies for their help at tea, and to the chairman for presiding at the meeting.—This was carried with applause.

After the chairman had briefly responded, the tower was revisited for further ringing, 9 o'clock bringing the conclusion of a very successful and enjoyable function and the prospect of a very uncomfortable journey home. Jupiter Pluvius received no vote of thanks!

DEATH OF AN OXTON RINGER.

The death occurred on Sunday, October 23rd, of Mr. William Hughes, a much respected member and captain of the band of ringers connected with St. Saviour's Church, Oxton, Birkenhead, Cheshire. The deceased, who was 58 years of age, had been ill for a few weeks. Mr. Hughes was a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild and one of the oldest members of the Oxton band of ringers, having rung there since the bells were placed in the tower in 1895, with the exception of a period of six years, when his occupation of a gardener took him away from the district into North Wales. When he came back again into the neighbourhood he returned to the tower and bells that he loved so well. He was not a great peal ringer, but was always regular and punctual in his attendance for Sunday service ringing. His cheery smile and jovial manner will be greatly missed by his fellow-ringers at Oxton. He had rung five peals, a peal of Minor at Woodchurch, three peals of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major on Oxton bells. He rang in the first peal which was rung at Oxton on February 2nd, 1901—a peal of Grandsire Triples—and also in the first peal of Bob Major at Oxton on September 14th, 1912. His last peal was one of Grandsire Triples on July 19th, 1919, at Oxton, which was rung on the occasion of the peace celebrations after the Great War.

He was laid to rest in Woodchurch Churchyard on October 26th within the sound of the bells on which he received his first instruction in the art of ringing. The first portion of the service was held at St. Saviour's, Oxton, the Vicar of Oxton (the Rev. Canon J. B. Sayer, M.A., R.D.) officiating, assisted by the Rev. T. F. Edmond, M.A., Vicar of St. John's, Birkenhead. The cortege then proceeded to Woodchurch, where the service at the graveside was taken by Canon Sayer.

There were many floral tributes, including one from his fellow-ringers at Oxton, and several of the members of the band followed him to his last resting place. He leaves in bereavement a wife and son, to whom his fellow-ringers tender their deepest sympathy.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted with the bells half-muffled, but, unfortunately, it came to grief. As time would not allow another start being made, owing to a service, touches of 630 and 112 Grandsire Triples were rung by R. Edgar 1, H. S. Brocklebank 2, W. O. Wharton 3, J. L. Grant 4, G. R. Edwards 5, R. G. Edwards 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8.

'THE END.'

A SUGGESTED NEW TERM.

In instructing beginners it will usually be found that they respond very much more readily to the warning, 'Go down to Lead,' than to 'Go up Behind.' The reason is that the learner's first reaction to the latter phrase is to ask himself, 'Behind whom?' He then remembers that 'behind' means the last column of written rows. He has, however, to manage his bell, which is not so instinctive a matter as with those more expert. The result often is that whereas he was probably already one place behind where he ought to be, by the time he has really taken in the meaning of the instruction, he has lost another place, and the ringing is in hopeless confusion.

It would, therefore, help considerably in getting beginners to become expert if a better term could be used, and one which conveys its meaning as quickly, and as unmistakably, as the word 'Lead' does.

One needs a term which uses the same word as a verb and a noun. 'Last' is available, but it is already in use in perpendicular descriptions. One speaks, for instance, of the 'last blow in thirds.' In fact, this word is already so overworked that one might say that a bell rang last its last blow. Therefore, it would never do to be able to add a third 'last.'

'Back' also would not do. It might be confused with back stroke. A ringer who found that the beginner was trying to dodge the wrong way with him could no longer say, 'Follow me at back' if the dodge was in the middle.

As 'rear' is the correlative of 'lead,' one would like to employ that word. But as the verb is used in a different sense from the noun, one has to use the phrase, 'to bring up the rear' instead, and that makes it useless for our purpose.

The only word left, as far as I see, is 'end.' This seems to be just what we need. It is just as clear and as concise to say, 'Go up to end,' as to say, 'Go down to lead.' 'To end' is as expressive as 'to lead.' It is quite clear what a 'whole' or 'full end' means, or a 'half' or 'snapping end.' It is just as good horizontally, where it means the end of a row, as it is vertically, where it means the end of hunting up.

What do your readers think of this? Has anyone a better suggestion to make? One great advantage is that its use would be quite voluntary. Those who wish to go on using 'behind' in its present meaning could continue to do so. There would be nothing to prevent them, and their intention would be as clear as it is now. On the other hand, those who object to making a preposition do the work of a noun, or to using two or more words instead of a single verb, would have a term which would enable them to be more concise as well as more precise in their instructions. If this use became general, the present use would die a natural and unlamented death. Is it not worth trying?

Employing the word to signify the end column would not be likely to confuse it with a term meaning the end row. For this we have already the expression, 'That is all.' I notice, however, that Mr. and Mrs. Powell in their 'Ringers' Handbook' tell us to say, 'This is all' when the treble reaches the second place. It is certainly much more sensible to give this call with the usual two rows notice than to call it out belatedly when the work it should precede is over, or nearly so.

HERBERT DRAKE.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The October meeting was held on the extreme limits of the society's territorial boundary, when a visit was paid to the neighbouring city of Bradford. Ringing at the Cathedral commenced about 3.30 p.m. The day was one of the worst possible on which to travel, but a promising 'turn up' was recorded before tea, and other ringers came after the tea interval, when members were present from Armley, Burley, Birstall, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Michael's and Headingley St. Chad's, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Holbeck, Queensbury, Northowram, Rothwell, Rotherham, Shipley, Lightcliffe and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, with Mr. T. Strangeway as chairman owing to the unavoidable absence of the president.

The secretary announced the death of Mr. George Hunt, of Horbury. Mr. Hunt was, in his day, a famous handbell ringer, and was one of the band who toured America some years ago.—All the members present stood in silent tribute to his memory.

Ten new members were elected, viz.: Messrs. J. Hardcastle, George Titterington, H. C. Buckley, A. Gill, Ed. Wheater, J. H. Mawson, J. W. Cundall, of the Cathedral company; J. Lawson, of Lightcliffe; T. Kendall, of Shipley; and E. Jenkins, unattached.

The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on November 26th, and all members are requested to note that the business meeting will be held immediately after tea and in the same building.

The very best thanks of the society were accorded the Bishop of Bradford and his churchwardens for granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements, on the proposition of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. C. Lawson.—Mr. J. Broadley replied on behalf of the Bradford Cathedral company.

FORWARD OR BACKWARD?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Alas, I am all undone. I am unmasked, and by Mr. George L. Joyce, of Leytonstone. I thought that I had made it clear to the meanest intellect, but obviously I did not. I apologise. Still, I believe that the average ringer can read between the lines, and knows that 'A Peal' of 5,040 Minor or Doubles is a courtesy title only. Older ringers can remember that all such were designated 'Performances,' and were printed as such in the 'Bell News' and other publications. The fact remains. Your correspondent's hilarity would fall flat if only he had the courage to give the whole sentence after 'backstroke change' which supplies the answer. Will some friend in his vicinity please tell him that there are famous methods rung daily where the bob is NOT made at the backstroke. He admits to spending many months wrestling with the differences of 'Lead-end' and 'Lead-head.' I don't doubt it for a moment. Here is another puzzle for him to study. The Cambridge Minor was published in the Lincoln Guild report with a dividing line between the hand and backstrokes of the last treble leads, thus showing that the handstroke was the last change. Many ringers and writers have said and written that you cannot have 'rounds' both at the beginning and end (nor any other row for that matter). Both Mr. C. T. Coles—and myself—have said it.

Here is the puzzle: If rounds is the FIRST row, to what peal does the FINAL row of rounds belong? I want no equivocation. To the ringer, rows and changes mean the same thing in practice. Possibly Mr. G. L. Joyce can solve this in a moment. I may say at once that I cannot do so.

W. WILLSON.

'TOO RIDICULOUS'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Joyce appears to be in a very flippant mood, but as he evidently does not understand why, and for what reason the question was asked, he would be well advised to leave the answer to those best qualified to give it.

The question he asked in May, 1929, is really too ridiculous, but if he wants an answer I would refer him to page 95 of the book of Minor methods.—Faithfully yours,

C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

THE COMPOSER'S OPPORTUNITY.

Dear Sir,—No one seems to come to the point raised in your leader, entitled 'Forward or backwards,' so may I give my opinion? As a one time member of an enterprising Minor band, I would say there were signs of going forward if only these composers would give the Minor men the right stuff instead of freaks.

I would like to state the case for the Rev. Bankes James' composition of Cambridge. It came to us at a time when we were looking for something we had not got, a peal which did not offend 'Snowball,' by producing 6-5's at back-stroke, and so it was rung by us, after ascertaining that each 720 was true. Now, thanks to the 'Mad Hatter's' tables, we get eight 720's which eliminate the 6-5's and all end with rounds in the old way, but there are many methods which will not produce enough such 720's for a band to ring a peal in that manner, and there lies the composer's opportunity to produce, where possible, enough 720's for a peal if required. I think most of us are enlightened enough to realise that a 720 can be true even if it does not end with rounds, and I think that a Central Council rule to the effect that 'All PEALS of Minor shall start from, and end with, rounds, and shall consist of at least seven 720's each true in themselves,' would be sufficient to wipe out the unwanted and give us something that can be rung with a feeling of safety.

A. H. SMITH.

Leatherhead.

IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES.

Dear Sir,—As a much Minor ringer, I feel it a duty to support Mr. Severn in his remark that 'the calling of Mr. Turner's peal will not test the ability of present-day conductors.' What I think would be more to the point is it would tax the bob callers. Anyone with a few minutes to spare can easily split Mr. Turner's peal in parts and the rest is easy. The Rev. Bankes James' peal is in a different category.

The definition of a peal as I read it is that it begins FROM rounds and finishes WITH rounds, or 123456. If ringing is to keep its proper prestige, let us keep (or try to) the old adage, 'Ring out the false, ring in truth.' If a good peal is rung, whose credit is it as regards the calling? It makes not an iota of difference to the band where the bobs are called. I congratulate all our best conductors on calling difficult peals; for my part, I try to find the easy ones in fairness to our many triers. They want the peal, not the calling.

Over, Cambs. F. WARRINGTON.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SEDBERGH.—For divine service on October 23rd, 1,280 changes Superlative Surprise Major: E. Jennings 1, J. E. Pennington 2, J. P. Fidler 3, J. Smith 4, T. Sisson 5, H. Haresnape 6, J. W. Pennington 7, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 8.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, October 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Allwood 1, A. L. Bennett 2, W. C. Wakley 3, C. F. Austin 4, A. J. Grant 5, E. W. Marsh (conductor) 6, H. J. Hole 7, A. L. Pope 8.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At the risk of further boring some of your more easily bored readers, I again refer to this subject. Mr. E. Morris must accept my word that I have no wish to introduce Midland Counties Association performances, except that they vividly illustrate Mr. Willson's extraordinary attitude. I am quite aware that that association has now entirely banned Spliced and Mixed Minor and Doubles, but the ban is not retrospective, and whilst a large number of peals which Mr. Willson describes as 'rot and rubbish,' and in his latest epistle as 'trash,' remain on his association's records, he has no right to complain of what other societies ring. His remarks, too, about the peal-hog conductor with a weak band and a clock are in very bad taste. Is he referring to the conductors of the above mentioned peals?

So Mr. Willson is of the opinion that there is no such thing as 'A Peal' of 5,040 Doubles (or Minor). I do not think he will get many five and six bell ringers to agree with him—but therein lies the root of his objection to the splicing of Doubles and Minor compositions. When he recognises, as most ringers do, 42 six-scores of Doubles, or seven 720's of Minor, as ONE PEAL, he will be well on the way towards recognising Mr. Turner's Oxford Treble Bob Minor as well (Treble Bob included).

Mr. Willson is unkind enough to let Mr. Severn down completely. Mr. Severn, having rung part of Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge Minor in a peal, wishes to count the initial rounds to enable him to term each 720 as complete. Mr. Willson will not have this at any price, and puts up quite a good case for not doing so. The truth is, of course, that this peal consists of two round blocks of 2,160 changes each, and one 720, and no amount of arguing about counting the initial row 123456 as part of the first 720 will bring the bells round at the 720th change to make that 720 COMPLETE.

Mr. Severn must, therefore, admit that when he rang the peal of Cambridge Minor at Killamarsh on February 18th, 1928, consisting of one round block of 2,160 and four separate 'true and complete' 720's, he rang a peal which contained mixed 720's, to which he now takes a decided objection. If he insists that the Bankes James peal consists of separate 720's, with rounds at the beginning, I will put this point to him. The end of his third 720 was 132465 at handstroke; he then had 123456 at backstroke, and from there rang four separate 720's, each starting FROM and ending WITH rounds, thus making 5,041 changes in all, including rounds eight times. I anticipate him saying that each of these last four 720's also had rounds at the beginning and not at the end, and ask him, 'How can your 720's be complete if they do not come back to where they started from, and how can your peal be complete if it does not END WITH ROUNDS?' I cannot follow Mr. Severn's so-called 720's of Treble Bob. As shown they appear to be false, and not 720's. In any case, they do not appear to be difficult to call, and since 5-6 no turn up the wrong way, I fail to see why they are brought in in comparison to Mr. Turner's peal.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

P.S.—In some associations' rules one often finds the words, '5,040 true and complete changes.' Can anyone inform me what is a 'true and complete change'?

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE HUNT.

HORBURY RINGER WHO TOURED AMERICA.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Hunt, of Horbury, Wakefield, who passed away at the age of 62 years on Thursday, Oct. 27th.

For many years the deceased was a member of St. Peter's Church choir, first as a boy and then as an adult alto singer. He started his career as a ringer in the year 1889, and was actively engaged in the art until about 18 months ago. He had taken part in many notable peals. He was also an active and clever tune ringer, being for many years a ringing member of the Horbury handbell ringers, and on two occasions accompanied them on tour in America. The entertainment given by this company was much appreciated, as the ringing was augmented by a clever vocal quartette, in which deceased sang the alto parts.

The funeral took place at Horbury on Saturday, October 29th. Canon Hill officiated and about 30 ringers were present, representing Wakefield, Ossett, Sandal, Royston, Barnsley, Wath-in-Dearn and Horbury. Deceased's brother ringers acted as bearers and took part in the ringing of handbells by the graveside. After the funeral a touch of 756 Stedman Triples was rung with bells deeply muffled at St. Peter's Church.

On Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, Horbury, in memory of Mr. Hunt, 2,016 Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled: H. Pickles 1, G. W. Pickles 2, H. Dransfield 3, E. Pickles 4, J. Milner 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, R. Thicket 7, G. Goldstraw 8.

STANMORE.—On the occasion of a special service held at St. John's Church by the Bishop of Willesden on Thursday, October 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss Elsie K. Fulton 1, G. R. Goodship 2, Miss Freda Clayton (first quarter-peal on eight bells) 3, R. Wilkinson 4, G. Cheshire 5, J. Rootes 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Hughes 8.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.
Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.
E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

THE LATE CANON W. W. C. BAKER.

VICAR OF SOUTHILL, FORMERLY RECTOR OF DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,
6, Tavistock Crescent,
Luton, Beds,
Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. All who desire to be associated with the memorial, whether members of the Lincoln Guild or not, are invited to send their contributions, either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James,' or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 295th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing 2.30 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Michael's, Cornhill.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 17th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th (elections), Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *The Coffee Pot on the 29th (8 p.m.); the others 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — The annual meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at which officers for ensuing year are elected.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6). Tea will be free. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Walsham-le-Willows on Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, at the Blue Boar (1s. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Bodenham on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. (free). —A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Harold Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —A meeting will be held at Kendal Parish Church on Nov. 5th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., to all who notify Mr. E. Jennings, 15, Castle Oval, Kendal, not later than Nov. 4th.—E. Swain, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech. — The next meeting will be held at March, Cambs., on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Stapleford on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.— K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Kimbolton on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., to be followed by special meeting in All Saints' Schools at 6 p.m. The Rector of Wigan (Canon C. C. Thicknesse) will preside. I appeal to all ringers of the branch to attend this meeting, especially the service.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The last quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Clipston on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. —G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Freiston, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6), recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea (2s. per head) 4.45, followed immediately by usual business meeting. Buses leave Boston Post Office for Freiston at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6.30 p.m. and leave Freiston at 6.11 p.m., 6.56 p.m., 8.56 p.m., 10.26 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. each, to all who notify Mr. Jas. Harrison, Park Gate, Hoghton, by Nov. 7th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WOOLWICH, LONDON. — The peal, restored and rehung by Taylors, will be open for ringing on Saturday, Nov. 12th, 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (free) to all who notify me before last post Tuesday, Nov. 8th. All ringers welcome.—Cyril E. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 61, Church Street, Woolwich.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 9th, to enable me to make the necessary arrangements?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, near Pontefract, by Wednesday, 9th. All are specially invited.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stapleford, Notts, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and try this little lot, which consist of three new trebles and the three old ones all rehung in an iron frame for eight. Will those who intend coming please let me know by first post on the 12th, so that tea can be arranged? Plenty of buses. — E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 12th. 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, Nov. 10th, for tea. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory (by kind invitation of Canon Sawyer) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All members and friends cordially invited. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. The bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available. Service in All Saints'. Tea and business after. All ringing friends are cordially invited, and any non-members will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Darlington on Saturday, Nov. 12th. The bells of St. John's (8) available from 2 p.m. Holy Trinity (6) from 6 p.m. Ringers meet St. John's. Tea, at 5 p.m., to those who notify me by Nov. 10th.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. Humphriss, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Anchor Inn at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, before Nov. 10th?—W. T. Tucker, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 8th? Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Finedon (8) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing from 2.45. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Numbers for tea by Nov. 9th, please. Note alteration of place. — S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 12th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Church Hall, Warwick Road, at 5.30. Further ringing afterwards. All ringers welcome. I should be glad if outstanding subscriptions could be paid now.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

BUSHEY.—Meet at Bushey for a pleasant ring and tea on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at Institute 6. Ringing after till 8.45. Cheap tickets by rail from Broad Street, Euston, or Charing Cross, or by coach from Oxford Circus.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Wednesday, November 16th. Bells available 3.30 till 9. Service at 5.15 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify Mr. A. J. House, 10, Fairley, Cheshunt, Herts.—W. H. Lawrence, Herts Dis. Sec., Little Munden; G. Dent, Essex Dis. Sec., Harlow Common.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey, November 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Visitors please notify by Wednesday, November 16th.—H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Next meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, Wandsworth. Holy Trinity 3.30 prompt. Tea, Church Hall (both West Hill) 5.15. Meeting 6. All Saints' 6.30. Everyone welcome. Names for tea before 17th. Buses 85 and 93. Near L.C.C. trams, ½ mile.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (Guildford District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District). — JOINT MEETING at West Clandon and Merrow on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service (4.30) and tea at West Clandon. Please send me numbers for tea by Nov. 15th. Nominations for district officers 1933 must be made for Guildford District at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Epsom Road, East Clandon, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD. — Loughborough, Saturday, Nov. 19, joint meeting of Lincoln and Northern Districts. Foundry open to visitors during the afternoon. The Foundry Campanile and bells of the Parish Church available afternoon and evening. Service 4.45. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, by Nov. 17th. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, I. B. Thompson, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Will all who require same kindly advise me? Further ringing after tea, also at Willesden, from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed, with a special invitation to S. and W. District members. Nearest stations, Kilburn Park (Und.) and Kilburn High Road (L.M.S.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale) 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will those expecting to be present please let me know by 22nd? — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

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If, however, a register of compositions is beyond the realm of practical politics, a register of methods certainly ought not to be. The problems of variation and reversal which complicate the former do not enter into the latter—they are obvious on the surface. There seems, therefore, to be little obstacle to immediate steps being taken to compile this register; and in this connection we would emphasise the fact that what is required of a register is not necessarily the same thing as demanded of a 'Collection' such as the Council issues. A register would include those methods which have already been published, or are in the possession of authors and others, and would be added to from time to time as new methods make their appearance. There is no need to wait until every possible Treble Bob or Surprise method has been worked out before it could be of use. What is wanted is some means by which methods already in existence can be recorded and readily referred to; the authors given the credit of their work and the names applied to them placed beyond dispute.

Usually when a matter of this kind crops up and there is work to be done, the question is asked, 'Who is going to do it?' In this case, happily, there would appear to be little difficulty. We know of one enthusiastic young ringer who has embarked upon the task of extracting all the methods that have appeared in the ringing Press; in a letter in another column, Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, than whom

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CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4	GILBERT HARDING	10
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CHARLES T. COLES	3	†FRANK CORKE	8
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THOMAS BALDWYN	2	HARRY NEWMAN	6
FRANK PONTING	3	THOMAS PRICE	7
ALBERT WRIGHT	4	LESLIE BARRY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

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Tenor 20 cwt.

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JAMES E. DAVIS	2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	6
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EDWIN F. PIKE	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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*GEORGE HARVEY ...	...*Treble*	FRANK AINSLEY	5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR	2	JOSEPH W. PARKER	6
HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ...	3	THOMAS H. REEVES	7
JOHN PICKERING...	4	*ROBERT BELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. H. REEVES.

* First peal. The ringers of the 4th and tenor are from St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, and T. H. Reeves from Birmingham.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, November 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF HELMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

This method, of which Mr. G. Lindoff is the author, is now rung for the first time, hence the name. It was rung on the birthday of Mr. E. Lanham, one of the local band, who was unfortunately prevented from taking part in it.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ...	...*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ...	2	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL... ...	6
FRED BIGGS	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

MARSHLAND, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 7¾ cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. BASON	5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	2	GEORGE MAYERS	6
WILLIAM J. WASEY	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WM. E. BASON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)
On Thursday, November 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Frank Lord	...*Treble*	*Harold Eastor	5
*Arthur W. Hoodless ...	2	*George W. Moody ...	6
Bernard Gillatt, jun. ...	3	*† Ernest Brittain	7
Mrs. J. Bray	4	Jack Bray	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Gosby. Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First spliced peal. † First peal of Major. Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of Lincoln Cathedral, the special service to celebrate the completion of the work being held in the Cathedral on this date.

BINGHAM, NOTTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

Harry Thorpe	...*Treble*	Sidney Proctor	5
Arthur W. Ward	2	Ernest Bartram	6
William G. Thorpe	3	R. Henry Bartram	7
John Royce...	4	Thomas H. Hall ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Proctor.

Specially rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the restoration and reopening of the bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part, No. 1. Tenor 10 cwt.

Rev. J. R. King, B.D.	...*Treble*	Charles Draper	5
Albert H. Ward	2	Arthur Braines	6
John H. Swinfield	3	Ernest W. Beadsmore ...	7
*George Bailey	4	John Curtis	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert H. Ward.

* First attempt for a peal, and belongs to the local company. The Vicar kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Hector G. Bird	...*Treble*	*C. Howard Stanley ...	5
William B. Cartwright ...	2	Frank W. Perrens	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Samuel Grove	7
Sidney T. Holt	4	Robert Matthews ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by William B. Cartwright

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells since they were recast. First peal in the method as conductor.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven 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. in E.

Harold Astbury	...*Treble*	†Douglas R. Whalley ...	5
*Bryan Fernyhough ...	2	Eric B. Allman	6
John Brassington	3	Arthur Allman	7
John Timmis	4	George Astbury ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Allman.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung on the eve of Armistice Sunday.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
J. W. Washbrook's No. 2. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Ernest Cutsforth ...	...*Treble*	F. Frankland Rigby... ...	5
Norman Heaps	2	John Potter	6
Wilfred J. Moss	3	Christopher Gudgeon ...	7
Wilfred Halliwell... ...	4	Arthur Burton	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Christopher Gudgeon.

Rung to celebrate the 295th anniversary of the foundation of the society, and also the 21st anniversary of the wedding of the tenor ringer.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

William Keeble ...	...*Treble*	Victor Glass	5
John Ridgwell	2	*Andrew Evers	6
William Butler	3	*William S. Butler	7
William H. P. Mellins ...	4	*Ernest W. Bright ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by William Keeble.

* First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, W. Butler and A. Evers. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church except the conductor.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-part, No. 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

Frank Lawrence ...	...*Treble*	Fred Hawkes	5
*Arthur J. Martin	2	*Harold F. Martin	6
Albert Hartland	3	Charles Camm	7
William Halford	4	Charles Young ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Camm.

* First peal in the method.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 20 cwt.

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher	...*Treble*	G. B. Collins	5
F. C. Perrin	2	H. Miller	6
W. J. Bowden	3	G. Radley	7
A. J. House	4	E. Pickett	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Radley.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the extinction of the debt on the new church day school, which is due to the great part taken by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Jenkins), who is shortly leaving the parish to take up new duties at Birmingham.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Stockport & Bowden Branch.)
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Richard E. Jones ...	...*Treble*	Lionel Clough	5
James Fernley, sen. ...	2	William Fernley	6
James Fernley, jun. ...	3	Tom Wilde	7
Harry Langley	4	John W. Hartley ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Tom Wilde.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in grateful memory of Mrs. Cawley Roberts, a generous donor and worker for the Parish Church, who was called to rest October 29th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, each called differently.

*PERCY RIDDIFORD ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR HARMER 4
ALBERT WRIGHT 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
THOMAS PRICE 3	*ROBERT ROGERS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

* First peal.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER *Treble*	*F. DONALD BORBHAM ... 4
*WILFRED EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM E. REDRUP ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This peal had all 5-6's at backstroke.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, October 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norfolk, Primrose, Norwich, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY *Treble*	ROGER W. DANIELS 4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY... 2	*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	†CHARLES WILKINSON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First Surprise peal of Minor. † First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung prior to evensong, and for the harvest festival; also as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, October 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JACK BRAY ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST BRITTAIN 4
BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 2	*GEORGE W. MOODY 5
PERCY PEACOCK... 3	FRANK LORD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in three methods. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Hall and Miss Ada Thornton, the bride being the only daughter of Mr. A. Thornton, one of the local ringers.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(BATH BRANCH.)
On Thursday, November 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

*JESSE HALLETT ... ...*Treble*	*THEODORE GRANT 4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 5
*THOMAS F. KING 3	*WILLIAM H. CROCKER ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells and by members of the Bath branch. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Brown, a respected member of the Abbey company. The band would like to associate with the peal the name of R. Cousins, who was prevented from taking part through illness, also to thank Mr. F. Cannings for enabling the peal to be rung.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM NORTH ... ...*Treble*	ALBERT LAWRENCE 4
SYDNEY CARTER 2	HENRY WALLACE... 5
BARNARD PATMORE 3	JOHN WELCH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

Quickest peal on the bells.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Primrose Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford and Kent, (5) Double and Single Oxford, (6) Double Court, (7) Single Court. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM V. BENNETT ...*Treble*	*THOMAS A. COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	JOSEPH O. LANDON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in nine methods.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SYDNEY COOPER... ... ...*Treble*	WILF BOWE 4
*JOHN SMITHSON 2	FRED TICKLE 5
JOHN CARSON 3	WILLIAM T. HOLMES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. T. HOLMES.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the glorious dead, and also in memory of Tom Casson, who was a ringer for 50 years at the above church.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE... ...*Treble*	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
WILLIAM SHARP 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW... ... 5
JOSEPH SHARP 3	WILLIAM STOCK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

Rung on the 34th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, November 5th, 1898.

EPPING, ESSEX.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932 in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*FREDERICK WHITBY ... ...*Treble*	HARRY SMALE 4
ISAAC CAVILL 2	*WILLIAM WEDLOCK 5
*LEWIS CORDELL 3	*WILLIAM WHEELER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

* First peal in three methods. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. A. Limbrick, F.R.Hist.S.

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OAKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. in A

RONALD A. HICKMAN	...*1 treble*	ERNEST P. AUSTIN	4
*CHARLES W. MUNDAY ...	2	WILLIAM HUNT	5
HARRY E. BALAAM	3	JOHN CHESTERMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY E. BALAAM.

* First peal. The first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival. Thanks are due to Mr. Hunt for having everything in readiness, and for kindly entertaining the band to tea after the peal.

EVERTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

C. RONALD SMITH ...	...*Treble*	*HAROLD DENMAN	4
MISS K. BURCHNALL	2	LEONARD PIERREPONT ...	5
MISS G. BURCHNALL	3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932 in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt in F.

*FRANK SURRIDGE ..	...*Treble*	*STANLEY MARTIN	4
ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ...	2	THOMAS BIRD	5
†ALFRED BIRD	3	REGINALD MARTIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD MARTIN.

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

HANDBELL PEALS.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT 254, COGGESHALL ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	FRANK LORD	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3-4	JACK BRAY	7-8
HAROLD MAXON	9-10		

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT 8, ESSEX HALL ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

*GEORGE RASHBROOKE ...	1-2	*WILLIAM CHALK	5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE	3-4	WILLIAM DENT	7-8

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal on handbells. First peal on handbells in the borough of Colchester.

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ANOTHER ATTEMPT FOR EIGHT-BELL RECORD.

All being well, eight members of the Herts County Association hope to make another attempt for the peal of 18,144 changes of Bob Major at Bennington, Herts, on Saturday, November 19th, starting at 7.30 a.m.

A QUARTER-PEAL IN AUSTRALIA.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, for evening service on Sunday, September 18th. The bells are a heavy ring, with a tenor of 31½ cwt., and the 1,260 changes occupied 51½ minutes, the ringers being: W. G. Waghorn 1, Miss J. F. Shimmin (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 2, J. L. Murray 3, J. W. Spencer 4, H. Blakeley 5, A. A. Savage (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, J. T. R. Trotter 7, J. Badley 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO FORMER BRANCH SECRETARY.

As one stood in the old Market Place in Wigan on Saturday last and listened to the bells tumbling after one another on their joyous errand, the very echoes seemed to ring with the old Prophet's cry, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway.' After weeks of incessant rain, gales and storms, which caused great havoc in the town, King Sol at last burst through in all his glory, and together with the music of the bells seemed to breed a spirit of good fellowship and contentment in the passers-by. In the belfry itself, what a sight for a sorely harassed secretary to see! Between 30 and 40 members of the association, each doing his little bit to make the meeting a success.

A short service was held in the church, a very inspiring sermon being preached by the Rev. T. Dewey, who took for his theme, 'Beauty in all things; service in all things.' Tea was partaken of at Winnard's Cafe, the members then adjourning to the school for the business meeting.

Mr. George Brown, of Poolstock, an old member of the old Liverpool Diocesan Guild, was unanimously elected as chairman. Coppul was chosen for the next meeting, and for January, a joint meeting with the Liverpool Branch was decided upon.

During the evening a presentation, which took the form of a case of cutlery, was made to Mr. James W. Grounds, of Standish, who for a period of eight years was secretary of the Wigan Branch, but had to retire owing to business pressure.

The Rector of Wigan, Canon C. C. Thicknesse, who kindly officiated at the presentation, mentioned that the lot of an hon. secretary was not always smooth, but he relied mostly on the loyal co-operation of the members he served.—Mr. Grounds suitably acknowledged the gift.

At the close of the meeting a move was made to St. James', Poolstock, where further ringing took place. The meeting terminated at 9 p.m., with everyone smiling and happy.

During the afternoon Mr. W. H. Shuker, the general secretary of the Lancashire Association, put in an appearance, and other welcome visitors were Mr. R. W. Mosley and Mr. E. Ford, of Bolton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, October 29th. Owing to the bad weather a very small company turned up, but the hero of the day was a young enthusiast from Rotherham, who 'push biked' thirty-five miles each way to attend the meeting. Other towers represented were Bigby, Ulceby, Barrow, Thornton Curtis, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham and Grimsby St. Andrew's, with the local members, also Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness and Mr. H. Marcon, Lincoln district secretary, and Miss Norton, of Lincoln.

The five peal of eight were kept going during the afternoon and evening in a large variety of methods. The Vicar of Scunthorpe (the Rev. C. Steele) conducted the service, and also addressed the members. Mr. G. Moody, of Burton-on-Stather, kindly presided at the organ.

After service, members adjourned to Potts' Cafe, where a good tea and a bright fire were awaiting them, and were much appreciated. Nineteen sat down to tea. Owing to an important engagement the president (the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry) was unable to be present, and Rev. Charles Steele kindly took the chair at the business meeting. A collection for the District Bell Fund was taken.

Reference was made by Mr. C. McGuiness to the great loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the Rev. Reginald Bond, one-time Vicar of St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, and a past-secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He was a great worker amongst bells and bellringers. To show their deep regret and respect members stood in silence.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. McGuiness to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his address, also for presiding over the meeting; to Mr. G. Moody for presiding at the organ; to the caterers and those who had made the arrangements. This was seconded by Mr. J. Bray. In reply, the Vicar thanked the members for the assistance they had given for the repair of Scunthorpe tenor. He also thanked Mr. F. Lord, captain of the Scunthorpe band, for the work he had done, which had saved them a lot of expense in this matter.

After handbell ringing the members again visited the tower.

TOWERS WITHOUT RINGERS.

NORTH NOTTS APPEAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

The last official meeting of the North Notts Association for the year was held at Shireoaks on Saturday, October 29th, when about 20 members from Anston, Edwinstowe, Blyth, Worksop, Firecroft and Ordsell, with a full company of local ringers, came in bad weather to make the day a success. Various plain and Treble Bob methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Tea was partaken of in the Public Hall, when the association members thanked the local ringers' wives and friends for the splendid way in which they had catered for them.

The Rev. R. V. Dodd, Vicar of Shireoaks, presided over the business meeting, and was supported by his wardens and other friends. In welcoming the society to Shireoaks, the Vicar remarked that he heard that it had been said that the cause of the depression in ringing was partly due to Vicars and Rectors not taking any interest in their ringers. He thought he had taken sufficient interest in the bells and ringers to be clear of this criticism, but if he had not he invited those present to say so.

There were no new members to be elected at this meeting, and it was thought that something ought to be done to try and induce young people to take up the old and skilful art of change ringing, as there were about six towers in the district with no members at all. The Secretary said he would write to the Vicars and try to make arrangements for the teaching of any who wish to make advancement in the art.

It was proposed by Mr. A. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. H. Stenton, that a special meeting be held at Ordsall on Saturday, December 10th, to dedicate the Haigh memorial tablet, the arrangements for the service to be left in the hands of the secretary. Any friends of the late Mr. Haigh who wish to attend this meeting will be heartily welcomed. Particulars will be published later.

Mr. Hargreaves proposed the vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding over the meeting. He remarked that if all clergy were as happy in their relations with ringers as the Rev. R. V. Dodd they would be good enough.

FIFTY YEARS AT ONE CHURCH.

On Saturday, Mr. Joseph Gould completed fifty years as a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Henbury, Gloucestershire, and in honour of the event a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: W. Clifford 1, Mrs. J. Gould 2, H. Baugley 3, C. Gould 4, J. Hilliar 5, H. Bromfield 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, A. Beadsmore 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Brenchley on Saturday, October 29th, and was attended by about 30 members. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and the usual service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. H. Whelan), who gave an excellent address. Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, was at the organ. Tea was partaken of at the Bull Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, Mr. S. H. Green being voted to the chair.

A report of the past year's work and the balance sheet were read by the district secretary and adopted.

All the retiring holders of office in the district were re-elected with the thanks of the members for their services, viz., Mr. W. Latter, hon. district secretary; Messrs. G. Edwards and H. Markwell, district representatives.

It was decided that meetings for the ensuing year should be held at Edenbridge, Speldhurst, Kilndown, Sevenoaks, and Tonbridge. It was also decided that, if possible, the meetings should be held on the first Saturdays in February, May, July and October, the date of the Sevenoaks meeting being left to the district secretary to arrange.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to Mr. Pitman and Mr. S. H. Green for their services, was passed, and the meeting terminated.

5,040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

23456	W.	M.	H.
64352		—	—
56342	—		
45362	—		
43652	—		2
26354		—	—
52364	—		3
53624	—		2
63425		—	3
43526		—	3
65324		—	—
63254	—		2
34256		—	2
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In the first and third parts call Single instead of Bob W in 2nd course, and omit 3rd course. The part ends thus produced are:—

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Tom Benney was the oldest member of the Ancient Society of College Youths present at the 295th anniversary dinner on Saturday. His membership extends to more than 60 years.

Others present who have been members for over 50 years were Canon Coleridge, Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, Mr. W. D. Smith, Mr. Challis Winney and Mr. Walter Prime.

Mr. G. Rashbrooke, who took part in the first peal rung in Colchester after a lapse of 52 years, is now the first native of that town to ring a handbell peal, the first of which in Colchester was rung last week.

Canon G. F. Coleridge was 75 years old yesterday. The congratulations of his friends throughout the country will be extended to the genial Canon.

A meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild is to be held at Farnborough to-morrow.

'Wulf,' Warwick, writes: Referring to the footnote to the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Appleton on October 29th, your correspondent was evidently short of ink. After Grandsire Caters he should have added the words 'on these bells.'

The reports of a peal at Claines, Worcestershire, and another at Faringdon, Berks, have been sent without the names of the conductors.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 1910 I worked out all the Surprise methods with and without 2nd's being made while treble is in 3-4. I might add, others have done the same, and even gone further.

From time to time I have been asked for methods, which I have supplied from this collection. When rung, they were published, and more credit probably given to me than I merited. When I noticed that one of these methods had been published and named, I noted such particulars under that method, but made no claim.

When the Central Council are able to publish the Surprise methods it will stop all this bickering. If I can be of any help to them to such an end I shall be pleased to do what I can.

If Mr. Tipler thinks it will add to the lustre of my old friend, Arthur Craven, he can put his name to Essex Surprise by all means.
—Yours faithfully,

G. LINDOFF.

Dublin.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ROWS AND CHANGES

To the Editor.

Sir,—While I do not propose to enter again at this stage into the controversy about Doubles and Minor peals, there is a perfectly fair question put by Mr. Willson in your current number, which deserves an attempt at an answer. The difference between rows and changes is one of those elementary problems which are the most difficult to explain. Either you see the difference as something obvious and axiomatic, or you get landed in a state of mystification, and in fact lose the wood among the trees. The simplest explanation is in terms of mathematics. In the study of mechanics rows correspond to Statics and changes to Dynamics. But how put this for the benefit of ringers who have not read maths?

In a plain course of Bob Minor the rows consist of the successive orders into which the six bells fall during the course. The changes are the movements that take place from row to row.

In the plain course 61 rows are required set out in the ordinary way with the rows arranged from top to bottom, while there are only 60 changes, viz., from the 1st row to the 2nd, 2nd to 3rd . . . 60th to 61st. On the other hand, you can set out the rows, if you will, round a circle such as is used for teaching the course method of ringing. Now you will only require 60 rows, as the first row becomes also the last.

Mr. Willson is not quite correct in saying that to the ringer rows and changes mean the same thing in practice. True, he does not consciously distinguish between them, but he is thinking in rows when at home he studies the plain course in his text book, while in the belfry he is taught to give his whole mind to the movement in which he is to take part, hunting and dodging, i.e., the changes.

In my experience it is just in this practical difficulty of translating the rows into the changes that many an absolute beginner finds himself up against a blank wall. Some never do surmount the obstacle and are lost to the Exercise in consequence.

It is very apparent that there are many ringers who have got far, far beyond the beginners' stage, but have failed to grasp this elementary difference between rows and changes. If what I have written above helps any of them to a better understanding of this point we shall have gone one step on the way towards the settlement of the argument about the compositions in question.

May I add for the benefit of Mr. Smith that he will find in the supplement of the 'Doubles and Minor Collection' a series of 2,160's for all Treble Bob methods which go, as far as conditions admit, in the direction he desires?

E. S. POWELL.

The Rectory, Clyst St. George, Exeter.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ANNIVERSARY GATHERING IN LONDON.

The 295th anniversary of the foundation of the Ancient Society of College Youths was celebrated on Saturday, and brought together from many parts of the country a large and representative gathering of ringers, who first enjoyed ringing at a number of the City churches, attended service at the Church of St. Michael, College Hill, traditionally associated with the early days of the society, and in the evening dined together at the London Tavern.

St. Michael's Church was filled for the service, which was conducted by the Rev. T. C. Dale (curate-in-charge), the preacher being the Rev. J. A. Mayo, of St. Mary Matfelon's Church, Whitechapel. At the outset of his address Mr. Mayo paid a tribute to the late Mr. Edward Wallage, who recently passed away, and who for more than half a century was steeplekeeper at Whitechapel. He was one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society, and, said the preacher, 'one of the best men that ever lived. He gave me my first initiation into bellringing—not that I have ever learned to ring a bell, but he taught me something of the ins and outs of bellringing, and what hearty good fellows most bellringers are—and surely he was a sample. He was with us at Whitechapel for 56 years, and when I lost him I lost a link that I cannot possibly replace. At Whitechapel we respected and loved him, and he was something more to me than the bellringer.'

The preacher then went on to give an impressive address based on the Prayer Book version of the last verse of Psalm 50, 'He who offereth Me thanks and praise, he honoureth Me.' He had always looked upon bellringers, he said, especially in the last 16 years, as men who in some sort of spirit were assistants to the parish priest. The clergyman could not preach unless he had someone to preach to, and Sunday by Sunday the ringers did their best to make the voice of the bells sound so that people should be reminded of the church, reminded of the day, and reminded of God. Surely they were doing, if any men were doing, a work that was little short of Gospel work. They were most sincere helpers, for they helped to bring the people to church, and without that he did not know how the clergy would fare. The preacher then went on to refer to the growing lack of Sunday observance, and to emphasise the important place which thanksgiving and praise to God should take in the life of every Christian.

The offertory was devoted to work among the unemployed in an adjoining parish, and at the conclusion of the service a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. H. Hodgetts, C. F. Winney, A. H. Pulling and E. A. Young.

THE DINNER.

Dinner at the London Tavern was served to a party numbering 200, presided over by the Master (Mr. Joseph S. Hawkins), who was supported by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. Canon S. A. Alexander (St. Paul's), Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. E. C. Bedford (Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn), Rev. W. P. Besley (Rector of St. Lawrence Jewry), Rev. Dr. Perkins (Westminster Abbey), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Dr. E. L. Taylor (Sevenoaks), Mr. J. C. Mitchell, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. R. A. Daniel (Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. C. E. Hodges, Rev. J. A. Mayo (Rector of Whitechapel), Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford (St. Clement Danes), Rev. H. Fynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus'), Mr. W. Skinner (Dean's verger at St. Paul's), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. J. Parker (Enfield), Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. G. J. Strickland, Mr. F. Sergison (hon. secretary, St. Clement's Youths), Mr. W. Jackson, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Cann (Bristol). The vice-chairman was Mr. P. E. Clark, and the company included Messrs. H. R. Newton and F. M. Mitchell (stewards of the society), A. A. Hughes (treasurer), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), C. E. Winney and Walter Prime (trustees). Many well-known London ringers were present, and among the visitors were Messrs. A. Walker (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild), S. F. Palmer (hon. secretary, Sheffield Cathedral Society), J. Corbett (hon. treasurer, Guildford Diocesan Guild), C. F. Johnston (Croydon), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Rev. E. Royle and Rev. D. Hodges (Southwark Cathedral), Rev. C. Wing (High Wycombe), Messrs. W. H. J. Hooton and E. M. Atkins (Cambridge University Guild), W. A. Cave, C. Gordon, U. Braven (Bristol), J. F. Smallwood (Wisbech), E. C. Goldsmith (Clapham), F. Rich and T. King (Bath), S. H. Green (Southborough), J. Cripps (Shoreham), N. Elliott and W. Williams (Crawley), D. Mears (Hitchin), J. F. George (Ilkeston), W. Simmonds and R. Post (Oxford), T. Setter (Yeovil), T. Fowler (Cookham), D. Boreham and F. Boreham (High Wycombe), H. Bishop (Swindon), G. Martin (Slough), G. Dent (Harlow), F. F. Papny (Eye), C. J. Sedgeley (Ipswich), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), C. Pipe (Staines), G. Hoad, R. Fuller, R. Tuffin, M. Northover and W. Claydon (Reigate), A. D. Cullum, S. Davis, E. Foster and L. Sadler (Reading), F. Bugler (Beaminster), J. Hoyle (Ashtead), F. Romaine (Salisbury), W. J. Jeffries (Lewisham), D. Cooper and R. Davies (Croydon), G. Pullinger (Bishopstoke), W. Whitehead and H. Hodgetts (Oxhey), A. H. Pulling and W. R. Melville (Guildford), R. Hayes (Haslemere), C. J. Dobbie (Kingston), T. Groombridge (Crayford), I. Emery (Bromley), A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth), etc. At the conclusion of the repast the loyal toast was honoured.

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said there was in these days a great deal of criticism of the work of the Church, but it was better for them, as ringers, to remain unmoved one way or the other. They, as church bellringers, were acknowledged to be a useful and sincere body of churchworkers, and all they needed to do was just to carry on their work thoroughly, sincerely and in simple faith, leaving out all personal feelings. They would then be doing their duty in the best possible way (applause).

A REJECTED ECONOMY AT ST. PAUL'S.

Canon Alexander, who responded, said he was glad to accept the invitation to that dinner because he had for many years past taken a keen interest in the work of the Ancient Society. 'I am speaking,' he said, 'more particularly of St. Paul's Cathedral, and I hope I may have myself contributed to it in some measure. When I became treasurer of St. Paul's in the year 1911, I succeeded an old friend of mine, whom some of you may have known, Canon Scott Holland, and he told me in his characteristic way that he had been appointed treasurer of the Chapter because he got so confused over his accounts and could not add up a simple arithmetic sum (laughter), and he had repaid them by leaving them a debt of two thousand pounds on the Cathedral. I found that to be the exact truth, and, as we were approaching the Great War and critical times, it was a very serious position. Various economies were suggested to me, and one was that I should abolish the peal of bells on Sunday mornings and Sunday afternoons at St. Paul's. I was determined I would do no such thing (applause). A little later on, when the finances were found to be on a favourable basis, that question never occurred, and never has arisen again' (hear, hear).

Turning to the toast, Canon Alexander said it was true, as the Master had said, that there were criticisms made of the Church, both from within and from without. He did not think there was any cause for pessimism about the Church of England (hear, hear). One of the newspapers said not long ago, when he happened to make some rather serious remark, that there seemed to be something peculiar about the atmosphere of St. Paul's, because there was danger of it producing a gloomy Canon as well as a 'Gloomy Dean' (laughter), but he could assure them he was an ardent optimist. He did not see any reason for pessimism or extreme criticism with regard to the Church and its future. The great troubles of life were those which never happened, and so he said about the Church, 'Don't worry, it may never happen' (applause). Canon Alexander went on to refer to the recent celebration in St. Paul's Cathedral of the tercentenary of the birth of Sir Christopher Wren, when three thousand people, including some of the most distinguished men in the country, attended a remarkable service, which ended by placing on Wren's tomb wreaths which had been sent from every part of the world, and just afterwards the great peal of bells was rung in his honour (hear, hear). He could not help feeling, if Wren had been present, he would not only have been glad to see that great multitude drawn together under the dome which he built for the express purpose of gathering great multitudes together, but his heart would have rejoiced at the sound of those bells going forth over London and expressing the very feeling which he himself must have felt when he built the great Cathedral in which they were met (applause).

GRIEVOUS LOSSES

Canon Coleridge submitted 'The Ancient Society of College Youths, and he gave the toast on that occasion, he said, with certain sorrowful thoughts in his mind when they considered what very grievous losses ringing generally had recently sustained. There had been the loss of their dear and good friend, his own greatest friend, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies; then Canon Baker, and, last of all, the Rev. H. Law James. To each of those distinguished men memorials were being inaugurated—at Tewkesbury, at Dunstable and at Surfleet. He thought it would be a very good thing if those responsible for those memorials would keep ringers more informed as to how much money they were getting in. They did not read as much about it as they ought to do, and he, and probably other people, would like to know. In addition to these memorials, continued Canon Coleridge, once a year at least there were commemorative dinners to other departed great ringers, to Henry Johnson at Birmingham, and the dinner in Yorkshire to the memory of Jasper Snowdon, who did so much for the ringing Exercise at large. In addition, they had the Bristol United Guilds dinner, and this year there had been the 'hot pot' repast at Liverpool, which, from what

he had read, had been a great success. After those gatherings had taken place came the great meeting of the College Youths. There was a feeling of sadness on his part again, because when they went into the Church of St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, that afternoon they missed the familiar figure of his old friend, Canon Bullock Webster, who was always ready to welcome them when they went there. They were, however, welcomed instead by one in charge, and they thanked him most warmly for what he provided for them. At that time last year, proceeded Canon Coleridge, everyone in that room and many outside it were in a great state of mind about the health of their honorary secretary. It was the first time he had been absent from that meeting, and it looked like a family bereft of its mother. They all felt it intensely; it did not seem the same thing to him at all. This year, happily, they saw Mr. Cockerill in his accustomed place, looking as well as ever he did (applause). Mr. Cockerill was the personification, the embodiment of the whole society (hear, hear), and they looked to him as a father to keep them in the right way. They sincerely hoped that as the society had flourished in the past so it would flourish in the future, and that for many years to come they would see Mr. Cockerill acting as secretary (applause).

The toast was enthusiastically received, and Mr. Cockerill's health was drunk with musical honours.

At this point a brilliantly struck touch of two courses of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. B. Peck, H. R. Passmore, H. Langdon, C. W. Roberts, J. Thomas and W. T. Cockerill.

Afterwards Mr. Cockerill replied to the toast, and first thanked Canon Coleridge for his kind remarks. During the year, he continued, the society had had to mourn the passing away of sixteen members—James E. Groves, of Birmingham; Ralph H. Biggs, of Hughenden; Rev. H. Law James, Surfleet; Rev. R. H. Whitford, Bristol; Arthur J. Keeling, of Orsett, Essex; Edwin G. Buesden, of Canterbury; Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne; John Wyatt, of Ashtead; George Grimwade, of Walthamstow; Alfred Palmer, of Sittingbourne; Harry D. Hollick, of St. Albans; J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury; W. H. Porter, of Darlington; Charles Bance, of Mitcham; Frank Hopgood, of Reading; and Edward Wallage, of London. Mr. Wallage was for many years a member of St. Paul's Cathedral company, and was present at their last annual dinner. During the year the society had elected 39 new members from all parts of the country, and had held 77 meetings for practice at the various towers in the City and Southwark. Twenty-seven peals were rung by the society—not a large number, but interesting in the variety of methods. They were Grandsire Triples on tower bells 1, on handbells 1; Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich, 2; Superlative, 2; Cambridge Major, 2; Stedman Triples, 6; Caters, 3; Cinques, 4; Duffield Royal, 1; Yorkshire Surprise Royal, 2; Superlative Maximus, 1. The Hon. Secretary added that he knew all present would join with him in offering Canon Coleridge their congratulations and best wishes for many happy returns of his birthday, which fell in the succeeding week (applause), and, in conclusion, Mr. Cockerill thanked them all for their kind thoughts and messages to him at that time last year (applause).

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed 'The Visitors.' They were extremely pleased to see their visitors, he said, and hoped they had had a happy evening. The College Youths' dinner without their guests would be what the one and only Challis Winney would describe as a 'cock-eyed affair' (laughter). He would specially like to mention the names of Canon Alexander, whom they all knew for his great work in connection with St. Paul's Cathedral, the Rev. Dr. Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, who was superintendent of the belfry at the Abbey, and called for a very high standard there, and the Rev. W. P. Besley, of St. Lawrence Jewry, to whom they owed a debt of gratitude for the work he undertook in having the bells of that church put in order after a ringing silence of over 30 years (applause). Then they also had with them a good old friend of theirs in the Rector of St. Magnus, the Rev. Fynes Clinton, as well as the Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn (the Rev. E. C. Bedford), and the Rector of St. Clement Danes (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford). There was another visitor he was going to mention, although he was not strictly a visitor, because he was an hon. member of the society, but he was a visitor in the sense that that was the first time he had come to their annual dinner. He referred to Mr. C. E. Hodges, whom all of them had had the pleasure of listening to under the name of 'Uncle Peter' (applause). That toast, said Mr. Hughes, gave the society the opportunity of expressing their deep appreciation of the privilege they felt in having the towers of the city churches placed at their disposal for their practices. It was a privilege they valued, and he could assure the incumbents that they were rendering a very great help, not only to that Ancient Society, but to church bellringing in general (applause).

RINGERS BECOME LIKE THEIR BELLS.

Mr. C. E. Hodges made a breezy speech in responding to the toast. He discovered some years ago, he said, that he had a grievance against his father. His father taught him many things which had been of use to him all his life, for he was a student of many things himself, but he never mentioned church bells. He therefore got through life until he was in the 40's without knowing anything about bells. He hated church bells except on Sundays, for they somehow made him feel queer. There were, however, certain exceptions. Those that rang outside his rooms at Cambridge he loved, and so, too, he did those at St. Martin's at Leicester, near which he used to live. Then, somehow, he ran across the Ancient Society of College Youths. When he was at the B.B.C. he felt that they ought to have something about bells in the Children's Hour—he was giving the children stuff that he hoped would help to make them better men and women, and it was a wonderful chance to be able to butt in on the lives of a million children. The subject of bells opened up something quite new to him, and their society came to his help on three occasions. It was not easy to tie the speaker in the studio to the bells in the city, and yet, except once when a stay broke in the middle of the show, the performances went through successfully, because there were gallant souls in the belfry who would not let the performance be spoiled. It was from this that his interest in bells was kindled, and although he had not yet learnt to ring a bell (A Voice: 'Not too late yet')—he thought he still might learn—he had gone into the theoretical side and had discovered it was a most amazingly interesting subject. He found, too, that there was any amount of romance about bells. Perhaps they might be interested, he continued, to know how ringers struck the outsider. They talked in a language which he only understood remotely; their mathematics were entirely alien to anything he had learned. He had a sense of pitch which enabled him to recognise any note that was struck, and he could strike any note that they asked him to sing, but they had ears that were better than his, and they followed the mazy path of the bells in a manner that left him completely addled. He thought the bellringers had become rather like their bells; they were well (laughter); they were true; they were staunch; they were patient; they did their job. They had a wonderful sense of fellowship; he had found that out for himself (applause). He supposed there could be no snobbery among bells; could the big 72 cwt. bell at Exeter look down on the smaller brother or sister—he believed they were all ladies? He imagined all bells were most friendly, democratic; he thought ringers got like that. He once asked an old sexton if he liked his new Vicar, and the sexton replied, 'I don't know. He don't like bells, and I don't think much of a man who don't like bells; there is something wrong with him somewhere' (laughter and hear, hear). That sexton recognised that a man who had no music in his soul might be just a little bit peculiar. Mr. Hodges added that he was immensely interested in inscriptions, and he got hold of one recently about a bellringer that he thought was rather a good one. It ran:—

'Here lies the body of Solomon Pease,
Under the daisies and under the trees.
The Peas are not here, there is only the pod,
The Pease when shelled went home to God.
Solomon rang for seventy years;
He hopes that there's some bells up there' (laughter).

'MORE AND MORE PROVINCIAL.'

The Vice-Chairman proposed 'The Visitors,' and, while regretting the absence of the Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, specially welcomed among them Mr. R. A. Daniell (applause). He conveyed to him the best wishes of the Ancient Society, who were very pleased to see him with them that night. There were many provincial societies supporting them at that dinner, added the speaker, among them being St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, represented by the Ringing Master (Mr. Albert Walker), the Kent County Association, whose hon. secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, was Master-elect of the College Youths; the Surrey Association, the Essex, the Middlesex, the Suffolk, the Yorkshire, the Guildford, the Gloucester and Bristol, the Bath and Wells, the Salisbury, the Winchester and Portsmouth, the Midland Counties, the Hertfordshire, the Oxford, and the Sussex, while the Central Council was represented by the President and the hon. secretary. To one and all he extended a hearty welcome. It had been said, and he thought truthfully, that that gathering became more provincial year after year. The London men considered it was a great honour to receive the support of such numbers of provincial members every year, and especially in times such as these was it gratifying to see such a large gathering. Further, in welcoming the provincial members to London it gave them in a slight measure the opportunity of returning the many kindnesses and courtesies which the London members received when they visited various places in the provinces. In comparing the growth of the gathering, Mr. Clark quoted from the report of a dinner of 95 years ago, when it was held at the Stag Tavern, Fulham, and there were 39 members present. That evening there were 200 present, and it was an indication not only of how the numbers had grown but of the increased interest taken in the society by the provincial members (applause).

Mr. Edgar Guise, who first responded, referred to the good work which the provincial societies were doing, not only in regard to encouraging the art of ringing but in pressing for the restoration and upkeep of bells. He paid a tribute to the valuable work which was being done all over the country by branch and divisional secretaries, and also thanked the London ringers for the welcome they always extended to visiting brethren. Twelve years ago, he said, an old Bristolian filled the office of Master of the College Youths, and it was due to a suggestion then made by him that the Bristol United Guilds established the annual dinner at Bristol. The Bristol United Guilds tried to make themselves useful and non-controversial, and to do all they could to further good fellowship among ringers (applause).

THE FIRST LADY MEMBER.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert also replied, remarking that they were very pleased to come there to meet the members of other societies. They had present that night members of the Oxford Society, which would celebrate its two hundredth anniversary shortly, of the Sheffield Society, which was very old, the Saffron Walden Society, and the St. Stephen's Society, Bristol, which was older than anything that could be remembered. He thought Adam started it (laughter), and he believed Eve was the first lady member, but she let them down (laughter). After that—generations after that—came the diocesan guilds and the county associations, which had done a very great deal for change ringing, but wherever they went among these diocesan and county associations they would find members of the College Youths—occasionally they would find a Cumberland, but he could not help that (laughter), and they all came home to roost, like chickens and curses (laughter), as near the 5th of November as they could (applause). They welcomed them all, and as long as the College Youths' business was conducted as it had been for nearly 300 years, and they had Masters who would do their work like Mr. Hawkins, and past-Masters like Newton and Peck and Clark and a lot of others, and as long as they had a secretary like Mr. Cockerill, the College Youths would live and would continue to welcome kindred societies (applause).

Mr. F. M. Mitchell submitted 'The Press,' and spoke of the importance of 'The Ringing World' to the Exercise. From his own knowledge of the trade he was quite convinced that the support given to 'The Ringing World' was not sufficient to give the Editor a proper return for his labours. Officials of associations were very largely dependent upon 'The Ringing World,' and without it he did not know where they would be. He spoke feelingly, as the secretary of a big association, and in wishing prosperity to 'The Ringing World' he urged all ringers to give the paper their support, for it was up to them to make it more successful than it was (applause).

The toast was acknowledged by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who said that the Press generally were to-day taking a more intelligent and sympathetic interest in the art of ringing than was once the case. It was important that the Exercise should do all it could to encourage that sympathy, for the Press of to-day wielded such a great influence on public opinion that a hostile Press might very easily do much to curtail or even to stop peal ringing in towns and cities. With regard to 'The Ringing World,' he thanked Mr. Mitchell for what he had said, and added that it was quite true that without a paper devoted to its interests ringing might easily get into a sorry plight. It was possible, however, there would be compensating advantages. It might result in fewer ringers attending that annual dinner, which would be regrettable, but that would make room for ladies, many of whom were dying for the chance to come and see for themselves what happened at that gathering, and would be thrilled at the prospect of the opportunity (laughter).

Before the proceedings concluded, the vice-chairman took the opportunity of saying how very heartily they of the College Youths congratulated those members of the Devonshire Guild who rang the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter Cathedral (applause). The society was very pleased to know that some of their own active members took part in the peal (applause).

During the evening Mrs. A. A. Hughes again delighted the company with handbell solos, performed in her inimitable style. She first of all played 'Garden of Roses' (Wood) and 'Break o' Day' (Sanderson), and as an encore 'Solveig's Song' (Grieg) and the ever popular 'Land of Hope and Glory.' Mr. Arthur Trayburn was the vocalist, and was encored for both his songs, 'Come, let's be merry' (Wilson) and 'Old Barty' (Grant). Mr. H. N. Pitstow was the accompanist. The enjoyable proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem.

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

BECCLES.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, November 6th, with the bells half-muffled for the Remembrance Day service, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal: R. J. Goate 1, E. R. Goate (conductor) 2, Miss K. Lewis 3, Miss V. Beckett 4, Miss D. Constance 5, G. Walpole 6, S. Copling 8, J. Spalding 9, C. F. Saver 10.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, November 6th, at the Parish Church, for the Armistice Day services, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. Oakley 1, A. Dix 2, S. Hoare (conductor) 3, C. Leman 4, H. Long 5, G. Howchin 6, F. Crook 7, R. Bell 8.

BROOKFIELD, GORTON, MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, November 6th, with muffled bells, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Rushton 1, C. Ollier 2, P. Rushton 3, A. S. Fearnhead 4, J. Fearnhead 5, E. Seddon 6, E. F. Mawby (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Reed 8.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, November 6th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Thatcher 1, F. Fisher 2, F. Gosling 3, E. Standen 4, R. Fisher 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, G. Jones 8.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, November 6th, at the Church of the Holy Cross, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, for Remembrance Day: C. J. Hart 1, F. S. Hart 2, B. Saunders 3, A. J. Peirpoint 4, R. Playford 5, J. A. Hart (conductor) 6, F. Weller 7, J. Baldock 8.

A NOTTS CHURCH TOWER RESTORATION.

OLD RING OF THREE AUGMENTED TO SIX AT STAPLEFORD.

After a silence of three years the bells of Stapleford Parish Church, Notts, have now been restored and augmented to a fine little peal of six bells. It was to dedicate the bells, also the new choir vestry and two new windows and the restoration of the tower, that a thanksgiving service was held on Friday evening, October 21st, when the act of dedication was carried out by the Lord Bishop of Southwell (Dr. Mosley).

Some few years ago it was noticed that the tower had developed huge cracks, and although tie rods had been inserted to hold the walls together there was much apprehension as to the safety of the structure. The tie rods have now been removed, and the whole of the tower and spire thoroughly restored by Messrs. Thompson and Sons, Ltd., the well-known church contractors, of Peterborough. Good concrete floors have taken the place of the old wooden ones which were walked on with trepidation, whilst the old framework has been replaced by one in metal, made to accommodate a ring of eight bells so that two additional trebles may be installed at any time in the future with the minimum of expense.

To the three old bells have been added three new smaller ones, and the peal equipped with the most modern type of fittings, including cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, etc. Of the original three bells, the two largest are reputed to date from about the middle or the end of the 16th century, whilst the smallest is dated 1843. These bells were carefully tuned at the Loughborough Foundry, and the three bells which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have added have made a wonderful splice. The neighbouring band from Sandiacre rang the opening touch on the bells, their striking being perfect, and on the following day, as already recorded, there was rung a peal of Minor. All who have rung on these bells are delighted with their tone and 'go' and are of the opinion that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have carried out the work in their usual thorough manner.

Great credit is also due to the Vicar of Stapleford, the Rev. C. J. A. Burden, who shouldered the immense task of tackling the rehanging and augmentation of the bells in conjunction with the restoration of the tower and spire. Although he knew he would have a debt to wipe off of several thousand pounds, he did not hesitate to order the three new bells to make up the ring of six.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Market Lavington, on Saturday. This excellent ring of six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) was set going to changes at 3 p.m., and ringing continued in various methods until 4.40, when the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Sturton) conducted the Guild office, Mr. C. D. Heginbothom (branch chairman) reading the lesson. Tea followed at 5 p.m. in the Institute, where 30 sat down and enjoyed the good fare provided.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbothom presiding. He expressed the regret of the Vicar at not being able to attend the tea.

On the proposition of the secretary, seconded by Mr. S. Hillier, the Rev. B. Aston, M.A., D.S.O., Vicar of Melksham, and Mr. E. D. Aust, also of Melksham, were elected honorary members of the Guild, and W. Page as a ringing member.

A discussion took place with regard to West Lavington bells, general regret being felt that they were unavailable for this meeting.

A message was received from the Rector of Hilperton, asking that a ringer's service be arranged at Hilperton on a Sunday evening in the near future. This was thought impracticable, as members would have to be absent from their own towers to attend such a service. It was decided, however, that a meeting be arranged in February, and the secretary was asked to write the Rev. Proby to that effect.

The usual thanks being passed, the meeting closed, some members remaining in the Institute for handbell ringing, whilst others returned to the church.

The undermentioned towers were represented: Devizes, St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James', Southbroom, Bratton, Bishops Cannings, Bradford-on-Avon, Rowde, Warminster, Melksham and Market Lavington, and visitors from outside the branch area, Messrs. Field and Chant, Buckland Newton. The following methods were rung: London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, with rounds, the bells being lowered in peal about 8 p.m.

RIFLEMAN RINGER'S SHOOTING SUCCESS.

Mr. Cyril Bunch, of the Yateley band of ringers, has added further to his long list of shooting successes by winning the championship of the British Hundred Roll at Bisley. In this competition Mr. Bunch was competing against the hundred best shots in the British Isles, and his remarkable total of 617 out of a possible 630 marks him as a consistently fine shot. The competition is fired under King's Prize first style conditions at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

Mr. Bunch also competed in the South London Rifle Club prize meeting, and carried home to Yateley four prizes—the Carter Jubilee Cup, the Lewis Cup, the Mortlake Competition and the Scratch Competition.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I never have insisted that Mr. James' peal consists of separate 720's. What I do say is that if 123456 is taken as the first change in the first 720 we produce a true 720, but not in the orthodox way. In the second 720 rounds come up at the 126th change, in the third at the 433rd change, and at the end. Thus we have four rows of rounds, in three 720's. I am prepared to admit that all peals (including the one at Killamarsh) rung on this plan cannot strictly be called a true peal.

Mr. Coles says he cannot follow what he terms my so-called 720's because, as shown, they appear to be false. Let me say they are true, and produced in the orthodox way, but as it has come to knowledge that several ringers have tried to make them out and failed, I will, for their benefit as well as Mr. Coles', give the 720 again by the bob intervals. Here they are: 3.1.3.2.1.3.2.2.1.2.1.5.1.2.1. Now may I say they are simply brought in to prove that Mr. Turner's peal would not test the ability of present-day conductors (or bob callers) any more than seven 720's produced in an orthodox way, as Mr. Coles asserts it would. As I do not profess to be an expert, I will leave Mr. Coles' P.S. query for experts to answer.

C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

FORWARD?—NO, BACKWARD!

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Well, well! It is Messrs. Blatter and Blatter (Unlimited) now. Mr. William Severn takes up Mr. Charles Willson's quarrels, and vice versa.

Mr. Severn advises me to leave the answer to a question to '. . . those best qualified. . . .' This from the gentlemen who also refers me to page 95 of the Minor Collection (he might just as well have said that the extent is included there) when I ask Mr. Willson to condemn a recognised 720! And who, in 1929, proffered me advice as to how to call an extent, when I criticised the recognised method of setting out the figures. Oh, dear!

I think that Mr. Willson makes himself clear to any intelligence—5,040's of Doubles and Minor have 'courtesy' titles only, because (mark you) some bewhiskered individuals used to call them 'performances.' They used, I believe, also to call ten thousand Bob Major a 'quarter-peal.' The fact (that Doubles and Minor are 'courtesy' titles only) remains, says he. Doubles and Minor only, mind! Barnacled balderdash! All 'peals' are courtesy titles for that matter; five thousand is the conventional length applied to the term 'peal.' It is a 'peal' for this reason, and only for this reason; yes, even Triples!

'Backstroke change.' Huh! A band could start the Bankes James Cambridge at backstroke, and make all of the bobs at hand. What matters handstroke, backstroke, or (for that matter) sidestroke? And what about that London question? I repeat it, in a different way, and perhaps Mr. Severn will refrain from obscure references to works which many of your readers do not possess. Second's-place (or plain) courses, each complete in itself, can be joined together by fourth's places (i.e., bobs); fourth's-place 'courses' can legitimately be joined together by second's places (i.e., 'plains'). Again, each 'course' is complete within itself. I can join seven complete 720's into one whole 'peal' by using second's places, in the bewhiskered orthodox way. (Oh, yes; they are joined so.) What matters if fourth's places join extents, each of which has 720 different rows, into one 'peal.' Again I would ask the master-equivocator—Is that London an 'abortion'?

The puzzle: (I want no equivocation, says Mr. Willson; equivocate is 'to quibble, to evade.' This from one who persistently dodges that London!) 'If rounds is the first row, to what peal does the last row belong?' Crushing, very. But why is it propounded? Blatter—with an element of eye-dusting! I could ask the opposite: If rounds is the last row, etc., etc. More blatter, and we are back again!

Yes, many ringers have written that you cannot have rounds both at beginning and end. Mr. Coles has said it: Mr. Willson has said it! You 'cannot'—but you do! Buggins knows it: Juggins knows it; Mr. Willson knows it!

In April, 1929, I suggested, in your columns, a six-bell ringer's humble opinion as to how peals should be defined, '. . . to commence and end with rounds . . . in Major 4,999 different rows and two rows of rounds . . . in Minor, seven blocks each of 720 different rows, and one row . . . i.e., 5,040 true changes . . . rounds first and last in the peal. . . .' Curiously enough, this letter was endorsed, for the talented Lamberhurst Minor band, by Mr. A. H. Smith a fortnight after it appeared. But, bless you, six-bell ringers are nobody. They read the poppycock, which, coupled with a little bluster, defines the term 'blatter'—sheer blatter!

GEO. L. JOYCE.

Leytonstone.

WHERE DO YOU START?

Dear Sir,—There have been some very interesting letters on the above subject and some otherwise. Those of last week were very good and to the point, especially that of Mr. Warrington. Will Mr.

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TWO TREBLES FOR NEWBURY.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

The present eight bells at Newbury, Berks, are to be augmented to ten. The ringers have undertaken the raising of the funds, and a sum of £190 is required. Of this amount the Newbury men are giving £102, and they appeal to ringers and friends outside the town to contribute the remaining £88. Help from the parishioners is not to be expected, as they are already engaged in raising £4,000 to put a new roof on the church.

When the augmentation is completed, Newbury will have a fine peal of ten, with tenor 21¼ cwt. in D. The work is to be done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Donations should be sent to Mr. H. W. Curtis (captain and secretary), Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at Merstham on Saturday, October 29th, when members were present from Burstow, Buckland, Horley, Limpsfield Chart, Redhill, Reigate and Croydon. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by tea, to which the members were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. D. K. C. Birt at the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. Birt (Master of the association).—The election of Mr. Herbert P. Cliff, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Co. Durham, and Mr. E. J. Oliver, of Hartfield, Sussex, previous to peals was ratified.

It was announced that the next meeting of the district is to be held at Godstone on December 10th. Mr. G. F. Hoad was selected as the conductor of the quarterly peal, the method to be Double Norwich.

Mr. L. A. Tidy and his band were congratulated on ringing the first local peal of London Surprise Minor for the association.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Merstham for the use of the bells, to Mr. and Mrs. Birt for their hospitality, and to all those who helped with the tea, also to Mr. J. Batters, the local secretary.

After the meeting a service was held in the church, at which the Rector of Merstham officiated, and gave the association a warm welcome.

The company afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing in methods from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor, the bells being lowered at nine o'clock.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Stubbs 1, W. Cooperwheat 2, F. Stubbs 3, F. Kirk 4, E. E. Whitmore 5, C. M. Whitney 6, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 7, S. G. Robinson 8. Longest length of Stedman by all except ringers of 3rd and 4th. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): N. Stedman 1, G. W. Stokes 2, A. K. Gower 3, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 4, F. Dallaway 5, E. Gower 6, B. Hobbs 7, D. Thorpe 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and tenor, who are members of a newly-formed local band.

FRINDSBURY.—On Sunday, November 6th, in honour of All Saints (the dedication of the Parish Church), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Jack Jones 1, Mrs. E. A. G. Allen 2, R. Humphrey (first quarter on an 'inside' bell) 3, E. A. G. Allen 4, T. Beaumont 5, L. Crouch 6, G. Philpott (conductor) 7, J. Aitken 8. First quarter as conductor and first attempt.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—For harvest festival, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, at the morning service, 224 Bob Major.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Wm. Biggin 1, Wm. Bates 2, Joe Berridge 3, F. Millington 4, N. Harrison 5, G. Smith 6, C. Bates (conductor) 7, S. Linley 8. The above was also rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Frank Millington, and as a farewell to George Smith, who was leaving to take up residence at Louth.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On October 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Hedges 1, J. Gould 2, H. F. Windsor 3, W. Clarke 4, J. Evered 5, H. Windsor 6, H. Knight (conductor) 7, A. Gould 8.

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Smith tell us how a 720 can be true if it does not end with rounds? I should much prefer that he enlightened me, as his next sentence bluntly contradicts his previous one; in other words, where would he start from? Knowledge, like wealth, is useless when stored up, but when circulated does good. Mr. Severn's letter speaks for itself. Mr. Willson is right. Some methods do not have the bob made at backstroke. I think Mr. Joyce has been caught napping. I, like Mr. Willson, should very much like to know to what the last rounds belong? Now, here is another puzzle: If, after counting rounds at the beginning, I called the bells to set up at the handstroke (that would make the required number of changes without the last rounds), should I have rung a peal or not? I think not.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.
Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.
E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

THE LATE CANON W. W. C. BAKER.

VICAR OF SOUTHILL, FORMERLY RECTOR OF DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,
6, Tavistock Crescent,
Luton, Beds,
Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. Subscriptions are invited from all who desire to be associated with the memorial, and contributions should be sent either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James,' or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Farnborough tomorrow (Saturday), Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room 5.15. Nominations for district officers must be handed in at this meeting.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 17th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th (elections), Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *The Coffee Pot on the 29th (8 p.m.); the others 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 of the Guild will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. —G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. each. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Bocking bells (8) also available after the meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stapleford, Notts, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and try this little lot, which consist of three new trebles and the three old ones all rehung in an iron frame for eight. Plenty of buses. — E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 12th. 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, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory (by kind invitation of Canon Sawyer) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All members and friends cordially invited. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. The bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available. Service in All Saints'. Tea and business after. All ringing friends are cordially invited, and any non-members will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. Humphriss, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Anchor Inn at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 12th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Church Hall, Warwick Road, at 5.30. Further ringing afterwards. All ringers welcome. I should be glad if outstanding subscriptions could be paid now.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Meeting at Wickwar on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kindly advise me by Nov. 9th.—O. E. Hill, 5, Elm Terrace, Lightpill, Stroud, Glos.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Wednesday, November 16th. Bells available 3.30 till 9. Service at 5.15 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify Mr. A. J. House, 10, Fairley, Cheshunt, Herts.—W. H. Lawrence, Herts Dis. Sec., Little Munden; G. Dent, Essex Dis. Sec., Harlow Common.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey, November 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Visitors please notify by Wednesday, November 16th.—H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Next meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, Wandsworth. Holy Trinity 3.30 prompt. Tea, Church Hall (both West Hill) 5.15. Meeting 6. All Saints' 6.30. Everyone welcome. Names for tea before 17th. Buses 85 and 93. Near L.C.C. trams, ½ mile.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (Guildford District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District). — JOINT MEETING at West Clandon and Merrow on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service (4.30) and tea at West Clandon. Please send me numbers for tea by Nov. 15th. Nominations for district officers 1933 must be made for Guildford District at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Epsom Road, East Clandon, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD. — Loughborough, Saturday, Nov. 19th, joint meeting of Lincoln and Northern Districts. Foundry open to visitors during the afternoon. The Foundry Campanile and bells of the Parish Church available afternoon and evening. Service 4.45. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, by Nov. 17th. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, I. B. Thompson, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Will all who require same kindly advise me? Further ringing after tea, also at Willesden, from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed, with a special invitation to S. and W. District members. Nearest stations, Kilburn Park (Und.) and Kilburn High Road (L.M.S.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hothfield on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Fillongley on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

CHANGE OF SCENERY, change of tower, xchange of opinions, changes, musical and otherwise, may be had at Bushey, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Institute at 6. Cheap tickets from all parts by train or coach.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Dodford (5) on Saturday, Nov. 19th; also a quarterly at Daventry (8) Saturday, Dec. 17th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, to all who notify Mr. W. Wallwork, 99, Swinton Hall Road, near Swinton, Manchester, not later than Wednesday, 16th inst. Attendance at service will be greatly appreciated.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Next meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Church of St. Peter (6 bells) available afternoon and evening. Tea (1s. 3d. each) and meeting 5 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions for 1932 are urgently needed. A good attendance is specially desired. All visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by Wednesday, the 16th. Buses leave Belgrave Gate bus station at 1.15, 2.50 and 5.45 p.m. Fare 1s. 7d. return. Please turn up and make it a good meeting, as it is the first meeting to be held there.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale) 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will those expecting to be present please let me know by 22nd? — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Ringers' festival at Stagsden will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service conducted by the new Vicar (Rev. W. A. Limbrick) at 4.30. Tea at 5. If you intend to be present please send

me a postcard in order that proper arrangements can be made for tea. Don't fail, please! Buses pass church. Sunday, Nov. 27th, special thanksgiving services for the restoration of the bells.—Percy C. Bonnett, Tagsden, Feds.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at St. Nicholas, Worcester. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and meeting afterwards. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 23rd.—F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, near Tewkesbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting following. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. W. Chapman, 9, Freeman House, New Park Road, S.W.2, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. All ringers welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock, at Mr. Hicks', High Street. Will those expecting to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, L. J. Clark, 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford? I appeal to all ringers of this division to attend this meeting.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, the Sheffield and District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Please note alteration of date from Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, by Thursday, the 24th, for tea.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — The next meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carm., on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Nov. 29th certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 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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ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, November 6th, for special Armistice service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), with the bells half-muffled: J. T. Stevens 1, C. E. Udell 2, F. J. Cullum (conductor) 3, H. A. Holden 4, J. S. Morton 5, E. C. Patten 6, A. G. Hill 7, L. J. Cullum 8.

OVERTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, October 30th, on the occasion of the first visit of the Bishop of Winchester, 720 Bob Minor by the local band: H. Garrett 1, R. Hayter (first 720) 2, J. Winterbourne 3, W. Lance 4, A. Taylor 5, B. Garrett (first 720 as conductor) 6.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 23rd, for divine service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Cull 1, S. Cull 2, D. Ellingham 3, A. Shepherd 4, H. Nobbs 5, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 6, J. Dunham 7, L. Cull 8. Also rung in honour of the Marquis of Salisbury's birthday.

RINGSTEAD, KETTERING.—On Sunday, October 23rd, before the first mass of harvest, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Copperwheat 1, T. Jervis 2, B. J. Stubbs 3, G. H. Roberts 4, E. E. Whitmore 5, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 6.

MARGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples after evensong on Sunday, October 16th, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Stevens, churchwarden of the above church: Mrs. F. Skidmore (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Palmer 2, G. S. Wiltshire 3, S. Phillips 4, T. James 5, F. Skidmore 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, J. Jefferies, jun. 8.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: E. Peake 1, B. Fernyhoughe 2, D. R. Whalley 3, J. Timmis 4, G. Whalley 5, F. Corfield 6, J. Brassington (conductor) 7, R. Morsley 8.

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rung more often? The answer is generally assumed to be the objection to three bells on the front lying still for two consecutive blows twice in each lead. It is a great blemish and one to which, we think, ringers have shown their objection by declining to ring the method except on rare occasions. New Cambridge has its advantages in the greater scope which it gives for composition and the possibility of avoiding that *bête noir* of all who have a musical ear, the second behind with the tenor, but apparently Surprise ringers generally do not look upon this as sufficient compensation for the other very undesirable feature.

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SYDNEY TAYLOR...	5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... ...	11
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A. BARNES...	2	†J. A. GORDON	7
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THOMAS BALDWYN	2	TRAVERS PRICHARD	7
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	THOMAS PRICE	8
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JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	WILLIAM RANFORD	8
JOHN ADSTIN	4	FRED HAWKES	9
CYRIL TANSELL	5	CHARLES CAMM	...Tenor

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HENRY PRING	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS E. SONE	...Treble	HARRY BAKER	5
MRS. H. BAKER	2	TOM SAUNDERS	6
*CHARLES H. SONE	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	7
†SAMUEL SMITH VINCE	4	BENJAMIN J. BAKER	...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 200th peal. † First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Sone, who attained the age of 65 on the previous Tuesday.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE	...Treble	GEORGE WIFFEN	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	6
WALTER ARNOLD	3	WALTER HAMMOND	7
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	...Tenor

Composed by W. MOORE. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*RICHARD BUSBY	...Treble	THOMAS CLARK	5
*ROBERT JEFF	2	JAMES T. TITT	6
GEORGE W. PARK	3	ROLAND PARK	7
WILLIAM BROADLEY	4	W. NORMAN PARK	...Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 23¾ cwt.

WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN	...Treble	*JAMES W. KNIGHT	5
LEONARD A. TIDY	2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	6
RICHARD D. DIVALL	3	ERNEST H. EVERESt	7
GEORGE LAMBERT	4	JOHN O. WELLER	...Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES	...Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER	5
JOHN ANDERSON	2	JOSEPH E. KEEN	6
KENNETH A. NICHOLSON	3	ADAM DEAS	7
WILLIAM H. BARBER	4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	...Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This composition is the late Henry Cooper's peal, given on page 120 of 'Stedman,' corrected and rearranged by Joseph W. Parker. The first peal of Stedman ever rung in two exactly equal parts with ordinary bobs and singles. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the conductor, which occurred on the previous day.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	...Treble	ARTHUR N. DAVIS	5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL	2	WALTER J. SCOTT, JUN.	6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	3	CYRIL F. TURNER	7
GEORGE PRESTON	4	WILLIAM UPTON	...Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Southampton to open the new Town Hall. The band represents four districts of the Guild.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

F. MORRIS	...Treble	P. NUTTALL	5
E. WEBSTER	2	J. TYSON	6
H. GREENHALGH	3	J. NUTTALL	7
J. YATES	4	J. LEATHER	...Tenor

Conducted by J. NUTTALL.

Rung in honour of Mr. P. Nuttall, who attained his 70th birthday on November 6th, and who has completed 50 years as a ringer in this tower and is still an active member of the band. The peal was conducted by his son.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 5. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

RICHARD HAYES	*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5
WILLIAM M. STONE	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	6
HENRY HUTTON	3	ALFRED H. PULLING	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	SIDNEY ELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Rung to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the signing of Armistice.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Wednesday, November 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

WILLIAM BLAKE	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. COLLETT ...	5
HARRY MILES	2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	3	RICHARD A. POST...	7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ...	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE
Arranged and rung as a compliment to Alderman C. H. Brown on his election to the Mayoralty of Oxford. Alderman Brown is a ringer and a member of the above society.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ROBERT THOMAS	*Treble*	EDWARD J. REDFEARN ...	5
G. WILFRED SLACK	2	*LEONARD DRAKE	6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ...	7
GEORGE ROBINSON	4	JOHN MARSHALL...	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HERBERT. Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. R. Thomas commencing ringing, and also of his 63rd birthday.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, November 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*GEORGE MEATH...	*Treble*	DAVID HINGLEY...	5
*GEORGE BUTLER	2	WILLIAM FISHER	6
ARTHUR HINGLEY	3	BERT HORTON	7
†JACK GIBBONS	4	*ALFRED G. BUTLER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERT HORTON.
* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. All are Sunday service ringers with the exception of Mr. W. Fisher, who took a rope at short notice, and to whom the band offer their sincere thanks.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR MARTIN	*Treble*	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ...	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	WILLIAM WALKER	6
MISS STELLA DAVIS	3	†ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ...	7
*WILLIAM E. TAYLOR... ...	4	JESSE ELDRIDGE... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
* First in the method away from treble. † First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers 'in remembrance.'

LUTON, BEDS.—On November 5th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 changes of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, E. Shaine 3, A. Day 4, F. Hunt 5, A. Smith 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, H. Wood 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Green, aged 85, one of the oldest members and benefactors of the church, who passed away on November 1st.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	JAMES HAYWOOD	5
MISS LUCY M. KELLY ...	2	FREDERICK CARDWELL ...	6
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
MISS MILDRED HIGGINS ...	4	FRED WATKINSON...	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.
Rung with clappers half-muffled to the memory of the fallen in the Great War, 1914-1918.

OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK LAWTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH OGDEN	5
FRANK BEAUMONT	2	HERBERT BARLOW	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	GEORGE BARLOW...	7
JOSEPH MOWBRAY	4	VERNON SYKES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOPWOOD. Conducted by V. SYKES.
Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to those of the district who fell in the Great War.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
MRS. G. H. CROSS	4	JOHN WREADON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.
First peal in the method as conductor.

GORTON, MANCHESTER, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE BROOKFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD F. MAWBY	*Treble*	HARRY NORGROVE	5
ROBERT DAVIES	2	CHARLES OLLIER...	6
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	3	TOM WILDE	7
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ...	4	ALLEN F. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by TOM WILDE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th and to Mr. Harry Chapman, of Keystone, Hunts, on the occasion of their sixty-ninth birthdays.

KINVER, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH F. SIMPSON	*Treble*	JOHN BASS	5
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	†FRANCIS BROCKERTON ...	6
*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ...	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
WILLIAM A. COOPER... ...	4	*THOMAS FIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Stedman. † 60th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a memorial to those who fell in the Great War. At the conclusion of the peal the band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Simpson.

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DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, GRANTHAM

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FREDERICK S. PRICE...	...*Treble*	SAMUEL PINDER	5
FREDERICK HOOPER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER... ...	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	PERCIVAL PRICE	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	EDWARD FOSTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.
* 100th peal on tower bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ...	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ...	7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	4	THOMAS WILLIAM LAST	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY
Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of Armistice Day.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. SMITH	5
*WILLIAM C. BUNN	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3	LEONARD P. BAILEY	7
ALFRED KEBBLE...	4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
* First 'touch' of Cambridge. Rung to commemorate the 14th anniversary of ringing the Armistice.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK E. PARSONS ...	5
WILLIAM T. PALMER	2	FREDERICK A. ADAMS	6
WILLIAM J. THYNG	3	THOMAS E. LEE	7
NORMAN C. LEWIS	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS	...*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
KEITH HART...	2	ROBERT SWIFT	6
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... ...	3	JOHN DEARLOVE	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	...*Tenor*

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

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM M. STONE ..	...*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
*FREDERICK G. WOODISE ...	2	WILLIAM T. BERESON	6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW... ...	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... ...	7
*ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ...	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method and first attempt, also the first peal in the method on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, called differently. Tenor 22 cwt.

*ALBERT L. CADWELL	...*Treble*	*FRANK C. BROWNSELL ...	4
*AUBREY R. ATKINS	2	ALBERT W. GIBBONS... ...	5
†HERBERT GARRATT	3	†ERNEST BATES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT W. GIBBONS.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by an entire band of Sunday service ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Garratt.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDERICK WATTS ...	...*Treble*	*GEORGE ROBINS... ...	4
EDWARD H. JOHNSON	2	JOHN TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM T. COX...	3	FRANK E. PERVIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.
* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the local Armistice services.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Armistice Day, November 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENY.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS BUTTON ...	...*Treble*	†HERBERT TITT	4
*NORMAN KNEE	2	EDWARD F. MARLOW... ...	5
ERNEST F. WHITE	3	†A. R. MOGG...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. This is believed to be the first peal of Doubles rung in this tower. All the ringers belong to the local band of service ringers.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN E. WOODCOCK ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK WOOLWAY ...	4
JOHN P. COX	2	*PERCY SINDEN	5
ARTHUR WENBAN	3	ROBERT COLLINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are local ringers except the 4th and tenor. Rung with half-muffled clappers for Armistice.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(STROUD BRANCH.)
On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR STOPFORD ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	4
LESLIE BARRY	2	THOMAS BAILEY	5
*LEONARD DAWSON	3	ROBERT ROGERS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal. Rung to commemorate Armistice Day.

DUBLIN.—On Saturday, October 8th, at St. George's Parish Church, in 55 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung: G. Lindoff (conductor) 1, T. McMorran 2, W. Lynch 3, H. Richardson 4, G. G. Lindoff 5, F. Stephens 6, F. Dukes 7, W. McGregor (first quarter-peal) 8. This was rung after meeting late for a peal of Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes).

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*STANLEY BLUNT ...	...*Treble*	†ERIC CHAPMAN	4
KITTY WILLERS...	2	JACK HARPER	5
ARTHUR WILSON	3	EDWARD HAYNES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KITTY WILLERS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung with fully muffled clappers on the Day of Remembrance.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Armistice Day, November 11, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

F. CANTER	...*Treble*	F. SIMMONDS	4
P. PONTING	2	H. PHELPS	5
E. JEFFERIES	3	F. PONTING	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. PONTING.

First peal in the method by all and the first attempt. This all-local company have now rung three peals of Surprise Minor, each constituting the first in the method for the above association.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

PERCY AMOS...	...*Treble*	JOHN R. NICHOLS	4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ...	5
HENRY PAYNE	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

Rung with half-muffled clappers to commemorate the Armistice. The best thanks of the band are due to Mr. Smith, the local tower-keeper, for kindly entertaining the ringers to tea afterwards.

IRNHAM, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 120's, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CYRIL PICKERING ...	...*Treble*	HARRY GIBBARD	3
STEPHEN LAXTON	2	GEORGE R. COLEMAN... ...	4
ROBERT C. CHALLAND ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the Armistice.

CARTMEL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

*ALAN FORSHAW	...*Treble*	THOMAS METCALF	4
GORDON WHITTAM	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	5
NICHOLAS NEWBY	3	†GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal on these bells, which were augmented to six recently by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the 'go' being all that is desired.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ...*Treble*		ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ...	4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ...	5
MRS. LAURA EAST	3	LEONARD PIERREPONT...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Midwinter, on the 20th anniversary of their wedding.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

TWO-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

AN ANCIENT COMPOSITION REARRANGED.

Modern peals of Stedman Triples so completely hold the field among conductors, and have so many obvious advantages, that the very early compositions are unknown except to students of historical peals. Jasper Snowdon did a great service to the Exercise when he preserved in his work on 'Stedman' the work of some of the earliest composers in the method.

One of the celebrated early peals was that by Henry Cooper, which was first rung on June 5th, 1819, at Shifnal, conducted by its composer from the manuscript. It contained 582 bobs and singles, two of the latter being special ones, called "turning singles,' at the part ends. Unfortunately, as reprinted by Snowdon, the composition is false, probably through an error in copying from an indistinct manuscript, but, as Mr. J. W. Parker pointed out in our issue of November 4th, the course-ends give a true peal in two equal parts with ordinary bobs and singles which, he remarks, it may be safely said, no other course-ends will give. Further, the seventh is undisturbed throughout the peal.

Mr. Parker has rearranged Cooper's peal, retaining the same course-ends, and this perfect two-part was rung for the first time on November 5th at Gateshead—the first peal of Stedman ever rung in two exactly equal parts with ordinary bobs and singles. Here is the composition as rung at Gateshead:—

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

ARRANGED BY JOSEPH W. PARKER.

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624315	S	—	—	S	—	—	—	S	—	S
346125	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
163245	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
231465	S	S	—	S	—	—	S	S	—	S
412536		—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
524613		S	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	S
645123	S	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S
156243	S	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—
261453	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
412563	S	—	—	S	—	—	—	S	—	S
524316		—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
345621		—	—	S	—	—	—	S	—	S
653241	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
236451	S	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	S
462531	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
524361	S	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S
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416532	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
564312	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
345162	S	—	—	—	—	S	—	S	—	S
153246		—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
231654		—	—	—	—	S	—	S	—	S
612534	S	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S
526314	S	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S
365124	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
143265	S	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	S
231546		—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S

The whole repeated.

First rung at the Church of St. Mary, Gateshead, on Saturday, November 5th, 1932, conducted by William H. Barber. The first peal of Stedman ever rung in two exactly equal parts with ordinary bobs and singles.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Sheffield and District Society held a very successful and well-attended meeting at Killamarsh Church, on Saturday, November 5th, over 40 members turning up to enjoy the delights of Minor ringing. The bells were available early for the visiting members, and good use was made of them from rounds up to Surprise methods. Killamarsh Church has a splendid band of ringers, captained by Mr. C. Severn, who with his colleagues was present to welcome the visitors.

The Rev. J. Milner (Rector) very kindly entertained the members to tea, at which he joined them.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector, during which the hon. secretary drew attention to the alteration of the date of the next meeting to be held at Rawmarsh on November 26th instead of December 3rd, so that a joint meeting can be held with the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. C. Haynes (president of the society) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind hospitality and for the use of the bells, also to the local company for having all ready for their comfort.—Mr. Geo. Lewis seconded the proposal, which was acknowledged by the Rector.

Ringing was continued in the evening, everyone having had an enjoyable time.

HELMINGHAM SURPRISE

5,088 by G. LINDOFF.

The first peal in this method was rung at Helmingham on November 4th.

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24816375	56234			—	
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48267153	26354	—			—
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86427153	65324			—	—
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64875231	53624				—
46782513	25634			—	
47685231	25346	—			—
74862531	32546				—
78465213	53246				—
87642531	42635		—	—	
86745213	62534		—		
68754123	43526		—	—	—
67851432	54326				—
76584123	35426				—
75681432	42356			—	—
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Bob 13578264

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: *N. Foakes 1, A. Honeywood 2, *A. Osborne 3, S. E. Moss 4, C. Honeywood 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6. * First 720.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

A very successful meeting of the Southampton District was held at Bishopstoke on November 12th, when 38 members and friends were present from Bishopstoke, Eling, Fareham, Dibden, North Stoneham, Owslebury, Portsmouth, Swanmore, Southampton, Titchfield and Twyford. Welcome visitors were Mr. H. Barton (Ventnor) and Mr. Troke (St. Giles-in-the-Fields).

At the business meeting, which followed the tea, the district secretary (Mr. W. T. Tucker) tendered his resignation, and explained that he had been transferred by his employers (the Southern Railway) from Eastleigh to Selhurst, Croydon. This was accepted with regret, as Mr. Tucker has been a very popular district secretary for the past twelve years.

Mr. G. Pullinger was appointed secretary pro tem. to act until the annual district meeting in January, when a successor to Mr. Tucker will be appointed.

It was reported that the bells of Romsey Abbey had been removed to the Whitechapel Foundry for overhaul, and it was expected that the work would be completed before the end of the year. It was therefore decided to hold a special meeting at Romsey as soon as possible after the bells had been put in order.

The Rector of Bishopstoke and Mrs. H. White were elected hon. members.

The bells were made good use of from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., touches in the following methods being rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Major.

THE YOUNGEST PEAL RINGER IN WALES

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue of October 21st it was stated that Arthur E. Pegler, jun., of Bangor, rang his first peal at the age of 14, and the question was asked if he is the youngest ringer to ring a peal in Wales.

A peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part) was rung in Llangollen Parish Church on June 12th, 1889. This was the first peal on the bells, and the first peal by local ringers. Our Vicar's son, Arthur Rhys James, 12 years of age, was one of the band, and we have the record on a peal board in the belfry.

Mr. James is now a Vicar in some part of Yorkshire, and, of the ringers who took part in that peal, two are still ringing in the same church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Alderman C. H. Brown, a member of the Oxford Society, has been elected Mayor of Oxford.

The peal of Little Bob Major rung at Deane and reported in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' was not the first in the method by the association, as was claimed. The first for the association was rung at St. Nicholas', Halewood, on May 2nd, 1914, conducted by G. R. Newton, and two others were rung in the Preston Branch in 1923—one at Samlesbury and the other at Whittle-le-Woods.

The peal of Double Norwich Major on November 5th for the Norwich Diocesan Association, printed as rung at Marshland, was rung at Marsham.

Will Mr. Harold G. Cashmore and Mr. Harold E. Symonds please communicate with Harold Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles', Lincoln.

A Royal Charter was granted to the Antient Guild of St. Stephen's ringers, Bristol, on November 17th, 1620. The Guild is still in existence, although its present connection with ringing is remote.

Two hundred years ago next Wednesday the Society of City Scholars rang a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters at St. Giles', Cripplegate, London. Three men were required for the tenor.

Mr. C. Gudgeon has written to say that the claim made in respect of the peal was entirely his own mistake.

Mr. Walter E. Bryant, an old member of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, has passed away at the age of 76 years. He was buried on Friday at Smethwick.

MR. WILLIAM STORY, J.P.

HONOUR FOR NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE RINGER.

Mr. William Story, a past-president of the Durham and Newcastle Division Association, and a member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, has just been made a Justice of the Peace for the city. Mr. Story has retired from the coal trade, and has now time to devote to such duties as these without stint.

This is the second honour of the same kind bestowed on members of this Guild within twelve months, Councillor Arthur Payne having been created a J.P. for the borough of Gateshead in the autumn of last year.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I be allowed to give a reply to my friends, Mr. Lindoff and the 'Mad Hatter' on the above subject. My letter to the Press merely stated that the method had been published before, and under Mr. Craven's name. Now, how could any composition whatever be published under one name and be rung under another without drawing someone's attention to it? In the case of the method 'Warwickshire,' if what the 'Mad Hatter' says is true, then the method belongs to Mr. John Carter and not to me, and I wish to relinquish all claim to it. Perhaps the 'Mad Hatter' would like to send to me the remaining 24 methods to add to my collection, as that is about all the interest I have in regard to the above. I might say that I have no intention of handing out lustre or favours to any individual. To me all ringers are the same—good friends. E. W. TIPLER.

47, Baker Street, Lutterworth.

PEALS OR PERFORMANCES ?

To the Editor.

Sir,—There appear to be certain of your readers who rather resent the title 'peal' being given to a 5,040 of Minor or Doubles, and who would, if they dared to speak the truth openly, very much like to see the old terms 'Seven 720's' and 'Forty-two 120's' used again. This constant quibbling on the subject is, to my mind, nothing more than an attempt to try to influence the Central Council and ringers in general to bring back the old term which classed these as 'performances.' What are the associations going to do about it? Ringers who are interested in five and six-bell ringing would be well advised to nip the 'bud' in time and prevent this attempt from going any further by showing their disapproval of it when at association meetings the item 'any other business' comes up on the agenda.

According to some an extent and a peal are both the same. Mr. Willson does not say so in actual words, but from the trend of his letters this is the only conclusion one can come to! How many he will get to agree with him that a ringer who has rung 5,040 of Minor has rung **seven peals**, or 5,040 of Doubles, **42 peals**, remains to be found out, but my opinion is **very few**. How would this argument apply to the band who have rung 5,040 on a number of bells above seven, where the extent runs into many thousands and even millions? I suppose these 5,040's are only fractions of a peal?

This subject becomes all the more interesting when one comes to find out that the men who are doing all the talking are the 10 and 12-bell men, who never ring a peal on five or six bells, and, if asked to do so, would think they were being insulted. What right then, have they to interfere with what five and six-bell ringers do? These men have held the reins over a lot of subjects and have driven the Exercise into thinking their way, but let there be no mistake about this Minor and Doubles question. Ringers who are against the old term being brought into use again will be well advised to get up and say so and not be content to sit still and let the 10 and 12-bell men do just what they like with them.—Yours, PEAL RINGER.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGERS.

MAKERS OF NORTHANTS RINGING HISTORY.

Among the bands of ringers who have made local history, and who are still actively engaged in ringing, is the enterprising company at Irthlingborough, Northants.

Some 39 years ago, in September, 1893, the tower and bells of St. Peter's Church, Irthlingborough, were reopened after being thoroughly restored. At that time a company of ringers was formed under the tuition of the late Mr. Henry Stubbs, of Raunds, one of the pioneers of change ringing in that neighbourhood. Progress was soon made, and the first peal on the bells was rung in December of that year. Other peals in various methods soon followed, and in 1896 the first peal of Superlative in the county was rung by J. Houghton, sen., J. Houghton, jun. (both of whom are deceased), A. Perkins, W. Pettitt, J. Garratt, J. Martin (deceased), A. Martin and A. Y. Tyler.

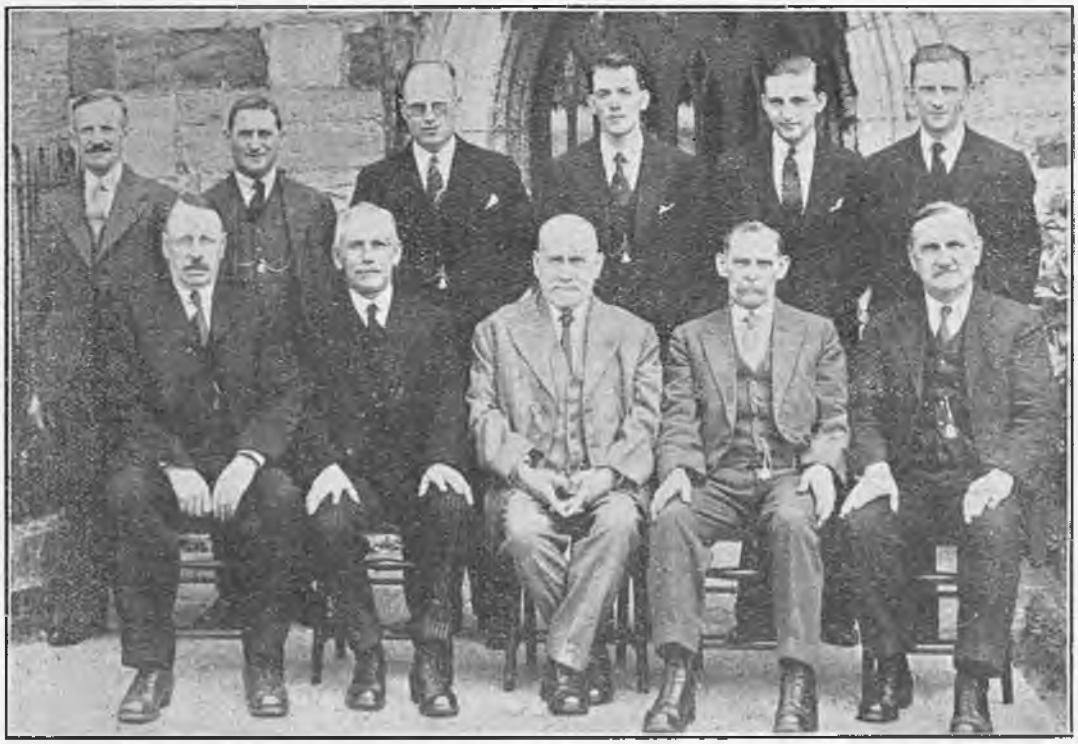
In 1897 Mr. J. J. Mawby rang his first peal, the method being Kent Treble Bob Major, and he has since rung many peals in various Surprise methods and Stedman Triples.

Y. Tyler, while on June 11th of this year another new method was successfully rung, and the name of Irthlingborough Surprise Major given to it in honour of the many excellent performances at this tower. Both these compositions were by Mr. E. W. Tipler. Those taking part in the latter peal were: Messrs. C. Newman 1, F. Palmer 2, J. Ward 3, J. J. Mawby 4, A. Bigley 5, H. Chambers 6, A. Y. Tyler 7, W. Perkins (conductor) 8.

It is interesting to note that Messrs. A. Perkins, A. Y. Tyler and C. Newman have been members of the belfry during the whole of the 39 years since the restoration, and that Messrs. A. Y. Tyler and W. Perkins have rung 150 peals together. Of these 136 and 133 respectively have been rung on Irthlingborough bells. Mr. W. Perkins has recently rung his 350th peal.

Unfortunately Mr. A. Perkins is unable to take any active part in ringing at the present time owing to a recent severe operation in Northampton General Hospital, but it is hoped he may be able to do so in the near future.

We who live in this present age can hardly imagine this England of ours without its bells and their music, but perhaps the general public does not realise the amount of practice, patience and perseverance necessary to attain such a high state of efficiency. There



THE IRTHLINGBOROUGH COMPANY.
Standing: G. Hewitt, J. Ward, H. Chambers, A. Bigley, F. Palmer and E. L. Shelton.
Seated: J. J. Mawby, C. Newman, A. Perkins, A. Y. Tyler and W. Perkins.

At Christmas, 1902, Mr. W. Perkins removed from the neighbouring township of Finedon to live at Irthlingborough, and on January 10th, 1905, this enthusiastic band scored the first peal of London Surprise Major ever rung in the county of Northants, conducted by Mr. A. Y. Tyler.

Newcomers being necessary to keep the company up to full strength and to replace those who had 'crossed the bourne,' Mr. J. Ward joined the band, and soon rang his first peal of London Surprise Major. Included in this peal were Mr. W. Y. Newman and Mr. F. Palmer, both of whom have since passed away.

On June 3th, 1912, the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major in this county was rung, and was conducted by Mr. W. Perkins. In 1919 Mr. G. Hewitt joined the company, and later on in 1922 Messrs. H. Chambers, A. Bigley and E. L. Shelton. Some of these have taken part in many peals, including London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major and Stedman Triples. In 1928 Mr. F. Palmer came into the band, and before the end of that year had rung the treble through a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Since then he has taken part in peals in all the above methods. He is the youngest member of the band.

On February 14th, 1931, the first peal of Irchester Surprise Major ever rung was successfully completed, and was conducted by Mr. A.

is no doubt that the members of Irthlingborough belfry are amongst the most efficient and progressive in the country. But it is not only in peal ringing that they excel. It is most gratifying to know that they are to be found doing their duty Sunday by Sunday in the beautiful Parish Church of St. Peter.

REV. H. L. JAMES MEMORIAL FUND.

The following amounts have been received by the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild towards the Rev. H. L. James Memorial, which is to consist of the addition of two trebles to make a ring of twelve at Surfleet. Contributions may be sent either to Mr. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, or to the fund at the National Provincial Bank, Spalding. Those desiring to subscribe should do so as soon as possible, as it is hoped to dedicate the new bells on February 4th next, the Saturday nearest to the anniversary of Mr. James' death.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, £1 1s.; Mr. G. R. Pye, £1; Mr. W. H. J. Hooton 10s. 6d.; Mr. C. T. Coles, 10s.; Mr. W. Pye, 5s.; Mr. J. Bennett, 5s.; Mr. A. W. Coles, 2s. 6d.; Mr. T. Fitzjohn, 2s 6d.; total, £3 16s. 6d.

Collecting cards have been issued to all the Lincoln Diocesan Guild towers.

A BEDFORDSHIRE BELL RESTORATION.

PERFECT BLENDING OF OLD AND NEW BELLS AT STAGSDEN.

A new Vicar, the Rev. Walter Alexander Limbrick, F.R.Hist.S., was instituted and inducted to the benefice of St. Leonard's Church, Stagsden, Beds, on November 4th, and at the same service the Bishop of St. Albans dedicated a new treble bell which has been placed in the tower as part of an extensive restoration scheme. The impressive service was attended by a crowded congregation, and the bells were first rung in rounds by six of the Stagsden company: S. Clark, P. L. Bazley, H. Welch, T. Welch, A. Welch and L. Cook.

At the end of the service, while the congregation was dispersing, a representative band of the Bedfordshire Association rang the opening touch on the bells, this being 288 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and in this the bells were heard to full advantage. The ringers were: H. L. Harlow (Bedford) 1, F. C. Tysoe (Bromham) 2, E. Frossell (Biddenham) 3, H. Stapleton (Turvey) 4, W. West (Biddenham) 5, P. Inskip (Kempston) (conductor) 6. After this the other visiting ringers took part in touches.

The restoration of the bells, the consummation of the efforts of the parishioners during the past two and a half years, has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and has included the complete reconstruction of the lower portion of the oak bell frame and the providing of a completely new upper frame, the recasting of the second and fifth bells and the addition of a new treble bell. The mediæval bells, dated 1652 and 1684, have been preserved, and these have been carefully retuned, and it was the opinion of all who heard them that they blend delightfully with the new bells, the whole peal being most musical. The 'go' of the bells can only be summed up in the one word 'perfect.' They are hung with completely new modern fittings, including cast-iron headstocks and self-aligning ball bearings. A reinforced concrete corbel course carries the bell frame, and this has greatly strengthened the tower. New oak louvres have been fitted to the tower windows, and the tower has been limewashed inside from top to bottom, producing a clean finish. The whole scheme has been supervised by Professor A. E. Richardson, F.R.I.B.A., and has cost about £490.

While the needs of the modern ringer have been studied, antiquarian interest has also been given a thought by the retention of the 17th century bells in the peal and the reconstruction of the oak bell cage, and it can be said to-day Stagsden Church possesses one of the best light rings of six in the county. The tenor bell weighs 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in the key of G.

It is proposed to hold a ringers' festival on Saturday, November 26th, to be followed on Sunday, the 27th, with special thanksgiving services for the restoration of the bells, at which any ringers and others interested will be welcomed. The services will be conducted by the Rev. W. A. Limbrick.

SOMERSET RESTORATIONS.

The restoration of the bells at Cheddon Fitzpaine, near Taunton, has just been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the work dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. A new teak frame has been installed, the treble recast, and the other four bells tuned, making a nice little ring of five pleasing to the ear.

In the adjacent parish of Staplegrove, the church bells have been rehung on ball bearings. Both jobs have been admirably carried out by the Whitechapel firm.

A HALF-PEAL.

At St. Mary's Church, Swansea, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hour 30 mins.: Albert W. Edwards 1, Haydn Dobbins 2, Reggie Dobbins 3, David J. Williams 4, J. Bretteli 5, John T. Williams (conductor) 6, Wallace Dobbins 7, Gilbert Howells 8.

This is the longest touch for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and tenor. The ringer of the 2nd is only 13 years of age.

ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Armistice Day, November 11th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of the fallen, was rung a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 55 mins.: J. Withers, jun., 1, C. Webb 2, J. Withers, sen., 3, H. J. Turner 4, H. Williams 5, H. H. Fearn 6, J. E. Eaton 7, C. H. Stanley 8, A. Chambers (conductor) 9, G. E. Fearn 10.

RIPPINGALE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Friday, November 11th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pickering 1, S. Laxton 2, W. Williamson 3, H. Gibbard (conductor) 4, R. C. Challand 5.

HENFIELD SUSSEX.—For Armistice service, on Sunday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Brown 1, Eric Morey 2, C. A. Barnes 3, William Morey 4, F. Parsons 5, L. Payne 6, A. E. Baker (conductor) 7, G. Payne 8.

DOVER, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the Armistice: C. Hardiman 1, S. A. Wells 2, H. Whitehead 3, C. R. Millway (conductor) 4, R. T. Clark 5, C. Turner 6, H. C. Saunders 7, E. T. Ellender 8. The tenor ringer is from Eythorne, and this was his first quarter-peal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW DEAN OF ROCHESTER'S INTEREST.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association was held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, November 5th. Members attended from Tunstall, Sittingbourne, Queenborough, Upchurch, Rainham, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, Frindsbury, Milton-next-Gravesend, Northfleet, Gravesend, Maidstone and Croydon, and the availability of the bells from 3 p.m. enabled the earlier arrivals to ring a few 'touches' before evensong, which the bell-ringers attended. Subsequently the assembled company, numbering sixty-five, accompanied by the Dean of Rochester, adjourned to the People's Cafe, where a splendid tea had been prepared. Before tea the Vicar of Frindsbury (the Rev. H. F. Shepherd) welcomed the Dean on behalf of the ringers.

The Dean, in returning thanks, said he was afraid he did not know much about bellringing, and until he came to Rochester he had never been into a belfry, but the proudest moment of his life was at the time of his installation as Dean, when he heard the beautiful ten bells of the Cathedral pealing a welcome for him.

After tea the business meeting was held, the Dean kindly presiding, supported by the Rev. Shepherd, the Rev. Jarvis, Messrs. W. Spice and F. Belsey (district representatives), Mr. W. Haigh (a life member of the association and formerly leader of the Cathedral ringers), and Mr. S. Shellock (hon. district secretary).

The Secretary read a letter of apology from Mr. F. M. Mitchell (general secretary), which stated how sorry he was in not being able to be present, owing to a prior engagement.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary, in his report, outlined the activities of the district during the past year, which showed that great progress had been made. Dr. Talbot's resignation as Dean was keenly felt by the ringers, but he was pleased to say that their new Dean had already shown his sympathy with them in no uncertain manner, and the members would be pleased to know that Dr. Underhill had already met the Cathedral ringers in the belfry. The association had also lost a faithful friend in the death of Archdeacon Tait, and he asked the chairman to call upon the ringers to stand for a few moments in silence in respectful memory of the late Archdeacon.

Continuing, the Hon. Secretary said the number of peals rung during the last year had more than doubled those rung during the previous year, they had also been successful in scoring a handbell peal in the district recently, and great credit was due to Mr. E. J. Beer, who conducted this, and also those who had taken part. Another very fine performance had been the number of peals in which ladies had taken part, and hearty congratulations were extended to Mrs. E. J. Beer, Mrs. G. H. Cross, Mrs. H. Harper, Mrs. E. H. Spice, and Miss K. Beer. The Secretary enjoined the ladies to do their best to persuade other ladies to undertake campanological work in the churches.

The election of officers resulted in Messrs. Spice and Belsey as district representatives and Mr. S. Shellock as hon. district secretary. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Northfleet, with the permission of the Vicar, on the last Saturday in January.

At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. Underhill was unanimously elected as honorary member of the association.

The belfry was again visited, and 'touches' of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal were successfully brought round, and finally a course of Superlative Surprise Major brought to an end another very successful meeting of the Rochester district.

NEW VICAR OF COLCHESTER

For the induction of the Rev. R. B. Bestin, late Vicar of Christ Church, Stratford, to the living of St. Peter's, Colchester, by the Bishop of Chelmsford, assisted by the Bishop of Colchester, on November 10th, some Bob Minor was rung by Messrs. H. T. Pye, T. Finch, F. L. Bumpstead, G. Rashbrook, W. Chalk and E. P. Duffield. In the evening, when the new Vicar paid a visit to the belfry, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes) was rung by H. T. Pye, G. Wightman, G. Rashbrook, F. L. Bumpstead, W. J. Schofield, R. W. Stannard, W. Chalk and E. P. Duffield (conductor), all members of the local company. A touch of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were also rung. T. Finch, a member of St. Leonard's, Hythe, company, also took part.

MR. H. CHAPMAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

On Saturday last birthday congratulations fell to Mr. Harry Chapman (late of Manchester), now living at **Keyston, Hunts,** on attaining his 69th birthday. His many ringing friends will be glad to know that he enjoys fairly good health, and is still as jovial as ever.

To celebrate the event the following ringers travelled to Keyston: Messrs. L. Chapman (Harry's brother), G. Deight and O. Payne (of Rushden), F. Stubbs, W. Whitmore and E. Whitmore (of Raunds), who were joined by the local band. Several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung on the heavy but beautiful-toned peal, in some of which 'Henry VIII.' took part. Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the White Horse, where Mr. Chapman was the recipient of many good wishes.

A TIMBER TOWER.

GUILDFORD GUILD MEETING AT FARNBOROUGH.

Despite a damp and dreary November afternoon the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a successful meeting at Farnborough (Hants) on Saturday, about 30 members putting in an appearance, and enjoying some useful practice during the afternoon and evening on the light peal of six—too light for some of the ringers. The tenor is under 7 cwt., and they are a merry little peal, but very noisy in the ringing room. Another ceiling covered with a sound-resisting material would effect a vast improvement. The tower is an interesting structure; in fact it is not so much a tower as a massive timber framework built up from the ground and covered externally with weather boarding. And although it has stood for hundreds of years, it is obvious that some of the main timbers were not new when it was erected, for there are mortice holes and other indications that these members had been put to some other use before becoming part of the tower. Tradition says they came from ancient ships. Be that as it may, the structure carries the bells very successfully, and there is not as much movement in it as there is in some modern brick-built towers.

The visiting ringers received a hearty welcome from the local band and from the Rector (Rev. Canon Challacombe), who came into the tower in the afternoon, and later conducted the Guild's form of service. In the course of a brief address the Rector referred to the spirit of comradeship which was characteristic of the belfry, and said it would be a great blessing if this brotherliness and that trust which drove away suspicion and ill-will could be found to a greater extent in the world at the present time. The ringers' service, he said, was a great asset to the Church. Witness for God was never more necessary than it was to-day. Ringers in their work Sunday by Sunday were bearing witness for God, and the sound of the bells must have an influence among those who heard them and who would otherwise be untouched by the fact that they were passing through another Lord's day. If the ringers only brought that one fact home to those who heard the bells they were doing some good. They were rendering to God real men's service with all the vigour and skill of which they were capable, and by that service they were offering a sacrifice to God. It was real worship, and he was certain God accepted it as such. He thanked his own ringers for their faithful service and all the members of the Guild for their worship and sacrifice they were rendering in their towers.

Tea at the Jubilee Hall was followed by the business meeting, over which the Rector presided, supported by the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted), the district hon. secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer), the newly-appointed Guild treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett), and the general hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith). Amid applause the Rector was elected an hon. member of the Guild, and Mr. L. Hallett, of Farnborough, a ringing member.

The Ringing Master and district secretary were nominated for re-election, and the nominations for the Guild executive committee were Mr. L. A. Muddell (hon. members' representative), Mr. F. Nye (Bagshot), and in place of Lt.-Col. H. M. Gale, who is shortly leaving for Egypt, Mr. T. Upshall (Farnham).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith outlined the executive committee's proposals for a memorial to the late hon. treasurer of the Guild (Admiral T. P. Walker), to be carried out, if possible, in conjunction with the scheme for a public memorial which is being organised in Woking, and a resolution pledging the district to do its utmost to support the proposals was passed.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, the verger, Mr. Gasson and the local ringers for their co-operation in making the meeting a success.

Ringers were present from Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnham, Farnborough, Seale and Woking, and the methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE INSTRUCTION OF RINGERS

A very successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Woolton on Saturday. The bells were set going soon after 3 p.m., and at 5.30 p.m. the usual service was held. The Archdeacon of Warrington gave a very helpful address on 'Comradeship.' After the service the members adjourned to the Church Hall for tea.

The meeting followed, at which a vote of condolence was passed with the widow and family of the late Mr. H. W. Wilde, the members standing in silence.

A very useful discussion on the instruction of ringers took place, and the general feeling seemed to be that the lead in this matter should come from the top. The following resolution was passed: 'That this branch instructs the committee of the Lancashire Association to forward to the Central Council a resolution urging that more time be given to the question of instruction of ringers.'

A vote of thanks was passed to the branch secretary for his work in connection with the pilgrimage to the Cathedral and the social event at the Bear's Paw, several members expressing their great satisfaction of the manner in which the whole affair had been carried out.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rector and Archdeacon Howson and the organist.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is really necessary to ask your correspondents to be careful not to misquote other people. Mr. Wm. Willson having written that I have stated that you cannot have rounds both at the beginning and end, Mr. G. L. Joyce repeats it, and it is, of course, accepted. Now, I have never said anything of the kind. What I have said is that only one of the rounds is counted, i.e., that at the end. I have repeatedly quoted the Council's decision that 'on all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds,' and I have said nothing that is a violation of that decision. Now that is clear we can get on.

I am pleased to know that Mr. Severn is doubtful about his Killamarsh peal. Personally I am not. It was quite a legitimate one from the point of view that I am looking at these mixed peals. Now I wish that he would carefully read the first and second sentences of his last letter and see if he can reconcile them. I cannot do so. Then his statement, 'Thus we have four rows of rounds in these 720's' (e.g., three of the Bankes James'). Well, and why not? You have two rows of rounds in one 720, and must do so if you start from and end with rounds. Mr. Severn's trouble is that he has tried to justify the Bankes James Cambridge by counting the initial row 123456 as the first change. It is not a change at all, it is only a row—214365 is the first change.

Mr. Severn now finds himself in the same fix as several other ringers, who, having accepted this composition of Cambridge Minor—it has been rung something about a hundred times—find themselves either (a) forced to accept all other spliced and mixed peals of Minor and Doubles, or (b) finding a reason for justifying that peal and excluding the others. The latter cannot be done. Mr. Willson is at any rate logical enough to want to rule all of them out.

Personally I am also trying to be logical by admitting as true all the peals of Doubles that Messrs. Pitman and Morris have given the Exercise, as well as Mr. E. M. Atkins' Bob Minor with only two singles, and Mr. Turner's mixed Oxford Treble Bob. The Council must find a new definition for five and six-bell peals, and it must either adopt one that will admit these compositions, or rule them out entirely. If it does the latter, it leaves associations no option but to expunge from their records all the peals already rung under these plans—hundreds of them.

I must thank Mr. Severn for showing his 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in an intelligible way—others besides myself could make nothing at all of his first set of figures—but, as I stated in my last letter, since it does contain 5.6 dodging the wrong way, I fail to see why it is brought in in comparison with Mr. Turner's peal.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.
November 12th, 1932.

5,040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR.

23456	4	I.	O.	4	I.	W.	R.
52436		—				2	
34256		—		—	—		1
53246		—				2	
23456		—		—	—		
25346		—	—			1	
34256			—	—			1
45236						2	
23456			—			2	
42356	—	—		2	—	1	
34256	—					2	
23456	—					2	
42356	—					2	
54326		—				2	
34256		—		—	—		
35426		—	—			1	
42356			—	—			1
25346						2	
34256			—			2	
42356	—	—		2	—	1	1
23456	—	—		2	—	1	1
35426						2	
42356			—			2	
45236		—	—			1	
23456			—	—			1

Dear Sir,—Will Mr. Willson kindly let me know whether the above 5,040 of Kent Treble Bob Minor meets with his approval and is suitable for peal ringing, or whether it is a freak composition?

Mr. A. H. Smith may be interested to learn that the 720's to which he refers were obtained long before Rev. E. B. James produced his peal of Cambridge Minor. I fail to see how a 720 can be true unless rounds is the 720th change, for if it comes earlier on the touch must be false. Furthermore, the rounds at the beginning cannot possibly be the first change, for you cannot have any changes before you start to change.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

West Ealing.

FIFTY-TWO SIX-SCORES.

EXPANDING THE FIELD OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Five-bell ringers and those who seek to expand the scope of five-bell ringing are constantly lamenting the fact that there are but ten true six-scores of Grandsire Doubles to be obtained, and it is for this reason some ringers have taken to ringing the '240's' composed by Pitman and Morris. These are not true six-scores, but in the course of 240 changes each row appears only twice. It should interest the five-bell men, therefore, to know that at least 52 separate and true 120's of Grandsire are to be obtained with bobs and singles only, and the basis on which half of these are obtainable was revealed by the peal of Triples at Eccleston, Cheshire, when Holt's Ten-part was rung, one-half backward and the other forward. The peal was described as 'Spliced Grandam and Grandsire,' but actually it was the Grandsire method with the leads inverted in the first half, a method which, years ago, was rung and designated 'New Grandsire.' The late Mr. H. W. Wilde investigated this method of ringing Doubles, and it enables six-scores of Grandsire to be rung in 52 different ways. Grandsire Doubles ringers, therefore, have a much wider field opened up to them. For their benefit, let us set out the two versions side by side.

Grandsire. 12345	New Grandsire.	
21354		13542
23145	12345	15324
32415	21435	51234
34251	24153	52143
43521	42513	25413
45312	45231	24531
54132	54321	42351
51423	53412	43215
15243	35142	34125
12534	31524	31452
21543	13542	13425
	15324	14352

We have given two leads of New Grandsire to show the continuation of the work. It will be observed that the bell in the hunt is the bell in *front* of the treble (the 3rd in the plain course) instead of the bell behind the treble (the 2nd in the plain course). The 3rd's place, which in ordinary Grandsire is made when the treble strikes in 2nd's going up, is made in New Grandsire when the treble strikes its first blow at lead coming down.

BOBS AND SINGLES.

The bob is made by an extra 3rd's place, but in this case it is made by the bell coming out of the hunt, the bell going into the hunt being the bell double dodging in 4-5 up.

Now a word as to how the additional six-scores are obtained—the secret lies in the use of alternative singles, both in Grandsire and New Grandsire. These singles have the authority of the Central Council's Method Committee, and are given by them for alternative use in the 'Collection.' Here then are the ways of making the calls:—

Grandsire. Bob.	Single.	Alternative Single.
51423	51423	51423
15432	15432	15423
14523	15423	14532
41532	51432	41523
New Grandsire.		
31524	31524	31524
13542	13542	13542
15324	13524	15324
51342	31542	51324

In the New Grandsire version, it will be noted, the effective part of the call comes immediately after the treble's lead, instead of before it, as in Grandsire; consequently, when making a call in the first lead, the conductor would have to say, 'Go, bob,' or 'single,' as the case may be.

How then are the 52 six-scores to be got? First there are the well-known ten different callings of Grandsire. By using the 4th's place single, 16 more are obtainable, making 26. In the same way there are 26 with the method rung in the New Grandsire version. The original ten are too well known to need repeating, but here are the other 32 produced by using the alternative single:—

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES WITH 4th PLACE SINGLES.

2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345
2534	2534	2534	— 4523	— 4523	S 4532
— 3425	— 3425	S 3452	4352	4352	4253
3542	3542	3245	— 5243	S 5234	— 5342
— 4235	S 4253	— 4532	5324	5423	5234
4523	4325	4253	S 2435	— 2354	— 3452
S 2354	— 2543	— 5342	2543	2435	3245

2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345
S 4532	2534	2534	— 4523	— 4523	— 4523
— 3245	— 3425	— 3425	S 2354	4352	4352
3524	S 2543	3542	— 5423	— 5243	— 5243
— 2435	— 4325	— 4235	5342	S 4325	5324
2543	4532	S 3524	— 4253	— 2543	— 2453
— 4325	— 3245	— 2435	4325	2354	S 5342

Each to be repeated.

2345	2345	2345	2345
2534	S 4532	— 4523	S 4532
S 3452	— 3245	S 2354	4253
— 5234	S 4523	2435	S 5324
S 3425	4352	S 3542	— 2453

Each to be twice repeated.

NEW GRANDSIRE DOUBLES WITH 4th PLACE SINGLES.

2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345
5324	5324	5324	— 4523	— 4523	S 5423
— 2453	— 2453	S 4253	3542	3542	3452
3425	3425	3245	— 4235	S 2435	— 5234
— 2534	S 5234	— 4532	5243	5423	4253
4523	4253	2543	S 3452	— 2354	— 5342
S 3245	— 5342	— 4325	2435	4325	2354

2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345
S 5423	5324	5324	— 4523	— 4523	— 4523
— 2354	— 2453	— 2453	S 3245	3542	3542
4325	S 5524	3425	— 4532	— 4235	— 4235
— 2543	— 2435	— 2534	2543	S 5342	5243
3524	5423	S 4325	— 4325	— 4253	— 4352
— 2435	— 2354	— 2543	5342	3245	S 2543

Each to be repeated.

2345	2345	2345	2345
5324	S 5423	— 4523	S 5423
S 4253	— 2354	S 3245	3452
— 5342	S 4523	5234	S 2534
S 2453	3542	S 4352	— 3425

Each to be twice repeated.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT CHISHILL, CAMBS.—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for mission service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Reed 1, R. Heward (conductor) 2, C. Plumb, sen., 3, T. Smith 4, S. Mancer 5.

KINGSTON, SURREY.—At All Saints' Church on October 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Howes (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss K. Bradford 2, W. Naish 3, W. Massey 4, John Howes (conductor) 5, G. Nash 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, W. Maxwell 8.

ILKESTON.—On Sunday, October 23rd, 'Wakes' Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: F. Tarlton 1, H. Harrison 2, S. Hufton 3, E. C. Gobey 4, S. Burgoyne 5, J. Murrell 6, W. P. Stirland 7, T. Wragg (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Michael's Church for evening service on Sunday, October 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Herbert 1, A. Ballard 2, L. Towers 3, C. E. Carr 4, C. H. Briggs 5, W. A. Wood 6, C. H. Webb (conductor) 7, W. Briggs 8. Rung for harvest festival, the feast of the dedication, also on the 61st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Briggs, of Stoney Stanton. Mr. Briggs is the father of change ringing in the Hinckley district, his son, C. H., and grandson, Wm. Briggs, also rang in the quarter-peal.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—At St. Editha's Church, on October 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Chapman 1, G. Peers 2, J. Pratt 3, A. Marks 4, H. Dakin 5, R. P. Brindley 6, G. Chaplin (conductor) 7, S. Elton 8. Rung for harvest festival evensong.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, for the harvest thanksgiving morning service, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, J. Beagley 2, J. Read 3, C. Wells 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, G. Upshall 7, T. Upshall (conductor) 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: C. Wells 1, J. Read 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Husted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.
PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.
Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.
E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

THE LATE CANON W. W. C. BAKER.
VICAR OF SOUTHILL, FORMERLY RECTOR OF DUNSTABLE, BEDS.
PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,
6, Tavistock Crescent,
Luton, Beds,
Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. Subscriptions are invited from all who desire to be associated with the memorial, and contributions should be sent either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James,' or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 24th (7.30 p.m.). *The Coffee Pot on the 29th (8 p.m.) *Business meeting afterwards.— William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgelev Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Next meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, Wandsworth. Holy Trinity 3.30 prompt. Tea, Church Hall (both West Hill) 5.15. Meeting 6. All Saints' 6.30. Everyone welcome. Buses 85 and 93. Near L.C.C. trams, ½ mile. —J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey, November 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. —H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (Guildford District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District). — JOINT MEETING at West Clandon and Merrow on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service (4.30) and tea at West Clandon. Nominations for district officers 1933 must be made for Guildford District at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Epsom Road, East Clandon, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD. — Loughborough, Saturday, Nov. 19th, joint meeting of Lincoln and Northern Districts. Foundry open to visitors during the afternoon. The Foundry Campanile and bells of the Parish Church available afternoon and evening. Service 4.45. Gentlemen invited. — Mrs. R. Richardson, I. B. Thompson, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Will all who require same kindly advise me? Further ringing after tea, also at Willesden, from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed, with a special invitation to S. and W. District members. Nearest stations, Kilburn Park (Und.) and Kilburn High Road (L.M.S.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Fillongley on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BUSHEY.—Saturday, November 19th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea 6, at the Institute. Ringing after till 8.30. Cheap tickets by coach and train from all parts.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Buses leave Belgrave Gate bus station at 1.15, 2.50 and 5.45 p.m. Fare 1s. 7d. return. Please turn up and make it a good meeting, as it is the first meeting to be held there.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Next meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Church of St. Peter (6 bells) available afternoon and evening. Tea (1s. 3d. each) and meeting 5 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions for 1932 are urgently needed. A good attendance is specially desired. All visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Tea, 1s. 3d. each. Attendance at service will be greatly appreciated.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

ROCESTER, STAFFS.—The ring of 6 bells restored and augmented to eight by John Taylor & Co, Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Thursday evening, 24th inst., at 7 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale) 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will those expecting to be present please let me know by 22nd? — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Ringers' festival at Stagsden will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service conducted by the new Vicar (Rev. W. A. Limbrick) at 4.30. Tea at 5. If you intend to be present please send me a postcard in order that proper arrangements can be made for tea. Don't fail, please! Buses pass church. Sunday, Nov. 27th, special thanksgiving services for the restoration of the bells.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at St. Nicholas, Worcester. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and meeting afterwards. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 23rd.—F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, near Tewkesbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting following. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. W. Chapman, 9, Freeman House, New Park Road, S.W.2, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. All ringers welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock, at Mr. Hicks', High Street. Will those expecting to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, L. J. Clark, 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford? I appeal to all ringers of this division to attend this meeting.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 4.45 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than Nov. 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, the Sheffield and District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Please note alteration of date from Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, by Thursday, the 24th, for tea.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. — J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1/- per head) at 5. Business meeting immediately following tea. It will greatly assist the caterers if all members requiring tea will let me have their names by Wednesday, November 23rd. —H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Address by Vicar (Rev. Canon Keith, R.D.). Tea, Church House, 5.15. Usual business. A practice is to be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, and St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at St. John's 3 to 5. Tea, Voysey's, 107, Poole Road. Ringing at Poole 7 to 9.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 p.m. — H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. W. Clover, Wymondham, not later than Nov. 25th.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please inform Mr. H. Bardsley, 176, Hyde Road, Denton, near Manchester, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 22nd. — T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. The bells will be available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at Messrs. Street's Restaurant, Brunswick Road, at 1s. 3d. per head. Local secretaries kindly let me know early how many to expect from their respective towers.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Kindly advise me by the 24th how many requiring tea. Bells ready at 2.30.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and short meeting to follow at Crown Hotel. A game of skittles (with prizes) has been arranged for, after the meeting. Please let me know how many for tea not later than Wednesday, the 23rd inst. All are welcome. Please make a special effort to be present, and have a good time.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Duston (6) on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.15. Usual arrangements. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 22nd? —F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting 6. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Whimple (6 bells) on Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4 o'clock. Tea (free) at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, by Monday, November 28th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me by Thursday, December 1st. —E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Rd., Chadwell Heath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30., tea and business meeting (including nominations of District Officers) to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 29th.—H. Hancock, Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Rd., Ottershaw, Chertsey.

LADIES' GUILD.— Central District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Meat tea provided at 1/6 per head, to all who notify me not later than November 29th. Gentlemen cordially invited. Cheap fares available.—M. L. Cross, Dis. Sec., 9, Beverley Rd., Barnehurst, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, December 3rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1/3 per head), business meeting to follow. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know before Wednesday, November 30th.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — The next meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carm., on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Nov. 29th certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.— The next by-meeting will be held at St. Nicholas-at-Wade on Saturday, December 3rd. The Vicar of St. Nicholas has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea at the Village Hall after the service. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr W. Laws, Forge House, St. Nicholas, Birchington, not later than Thursday, December 1st.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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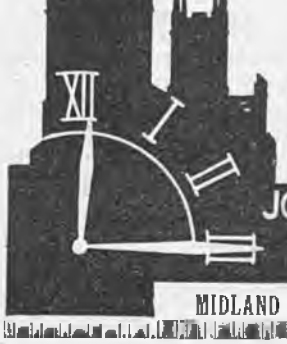

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FACE THE ISSUE.

In any controversy where many take part there is always the risk of becoming involved in side issues, irrelevancies and even personalities. The principal issues often become obscured, and it is well that the discussion on peals of Minor and Doubles should be kept in its proper perspective and the real questions in dispute restated at the present moment. This is what Mr. Stephen H. Wood aims at doing in the article which appears elsewhere, and our readers, whether they feel specially interested in the outcome of the controversy or not, may with advantage peruse this restatement of the issues which, not unlikely, may influence the standard of what will be recognised in the future as a peal of Doubles or Minor. There are many who cannot see whither this discussion is leading, and in consequence find little use in it. The side issues introduced are inclined to cloud the main line of the controversy, but actually the real issue has an important bearing upon the manner in which peals on five and six bells may be rung.

'The Ringing World' makes no apology for having raised and re-raised the subject, the object being twofold; first, that nothing shall be done which shall reduce the standard of what is to be recognised as a peal, and, secondly, that the Central Council, if it is to retain its position as the authority in these matters, should keep pace with any forward movement, and, at the same time, use its influence definitely to discourage any tendency to open the door to a lower and cheaper level of peal ringing. At present the Council have certain definitions of what shall constitute a peal; if these definitions do not meet to-day's requirements they should be overhauled and brought into line with present practice as far as that practice represents actual advance and not retrogression. On this matter we would emphasise Mr. Stephen Wood's view that the Council ought not to shirk the onus that is on them to come to grips with the question. The position has got to be faced, or else the Council must abandon its claim to being even an advisory authority on the subject of peals. To have its decisions flouted and then officially to recognise the performances which have abrogated the rules does not add to its prestige. It should take its stand and either alter its rules to include these disputed types of composition, or definitely refuse to recognise them. There is only one other course open to the Council consistent with dignity, and that is to expunge altogether the rules relating to peals of Minor and Doubles, admit that it is incapable of forming a judgment upon the subject and let everyone go their own way. We cannot believe the Council is so devoid of ability that it would be reduced to this latter alternative, and we look to the central body to face the issue at the next meeting.

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Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES	*Treble*	†REV. F. LL. EDWARDS	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON	8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	*WILLIAM RANFORD	9
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON	4	CHARLES CAMM	10
JOHN HALL	5	JAMES GEORGE	11
*FRED HAWKES	6	*ARTHUR J. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES	*Treble*	ALFRED PRIOR	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	GEORGE HAYDEN	7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	3	GEORGE DAWSON	8
JAMES G. A PRIOR	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	9
*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	5	ROBERT MOLTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

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WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	*Treble*	*J. WILLIAM CLARKE	6
*ALBERT E. RICHARDS	2	JAMES MORGAN	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	WILLIAM CATHERALL	8
WILLIAM JONES	4	JAMES SWINDLEY	9
*FREDERICK R EVANS	5	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	*Treble*	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	HERBERT LANGDON	7
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL	3	CHARLES S. BURDEN	8
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

RICHARD WHITE	*Treble*	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.	6
RICHARD A. POST	2	JAMES NAPPER	7
HUGH J. BALCOMBE	3	F. DONALD BOREHAM	8
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	9
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5	CUTHBERT G. WHITE	*Tenor*

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On Thursday, October 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

ERNEST WILSON	...Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
DENIS SAYERS	2	*WILLIAM LAWRENCE	6
GORDON CHECKETTS	3	REGINALD ELY	7
RALPH SAYERS	4	FREDERICK YATES	...Tenor

Conducted by D. SAYERS.

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GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK TARGETT	...Treble	RONALD G. BECK	5
*W. G. W. WARREN	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
JOHN METCALF	3	HARRY J. SANGER	7
REV. E. S. C. LOCK	4	REV. W. M. K. WARREN	Tenor

Conducted by H. J. SANGER.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Triples as conductor.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

LOUIS A. WILSON	...Treble	VINCENT SWIFT	5
ERNEST TRUMAN	2	HERBERT MARSH	6
THOMAS DAVISON	3	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE	7
WILLIAM SWIFT	4	FRED LAMBETH	...Tenor

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 17½ cwt.

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On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD	...Treble	WILLIAM J. LEE	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	6
GEORGE HOWCHIN	3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	7
GEORGE MAYERS	4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER	...? tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
F. COTTON'S TRANSPOSITION OF E. B. JAMES' TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CLOUGH	...Treble	CYRIL ISON	5
GEORGE DUDLEY	2	ERNEST W. TIPLER	6
EDWARD CLOUGH	3	FRED COTTON	7
PERCIVAL A. OLDHAM	4	GEORGE THOMPSON	...Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. John E. Pilgrim, a former churchwarden of this church.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JESSE J. MOSS	...Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	†EDWARD ROBBINS	6
THOMAS BETTISON	3	†WILLIAM H. TURTON	7
*CHARLES MASON	4	JOHN FLINT	...Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. FLINT.

* 100th peal. † First peal in method. Rung on the 39th anniversary of the first peal of Surprise Minor by T. Bettison and William H. Turton.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 24 cwt.

MISS BERTHA M. MILLS	...Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	5
ERNEST J. KING	2	FRANK WARRINGTON	6
CHARLES O. MOORE	3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON	7
HARRY GIBSON	4	JACK WAUGH	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

Rung on the anniversary of the birth of the conductor.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, November 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE	...Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH	5
MISS E. DORICE TURNER	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
JOSEPH MARES	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	...Tenor

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

BADGEWORTH, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Wednesday evening, November 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings): E. Parsons 1, W. Hawkins 2, W. Oakey 3, C. Lawrence 4, G. Kilminster (conductor) 5, C. Parsons 6. First quarter-peal for E. Parsons and for W. Hawkins, a member of St. Mark's, Cheltenham.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ...	...*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
ERNEST W. FUREBANK	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
JOSEPH MARKS	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, November 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT ALLSOP	...*Treble*	JOHN H. PAULSON	5
BERNARD ALLSOP...	2	JOHN R. TAYLOR	6
WILLIAM E. BLAGSHAW ...	3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	7
GEORGE H. PAULSON	4	ERIC DERBYSHIRE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.
First peal as conductor.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, November 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*ROWLAND ELDRIDGE...	...*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
†CHARLES DENYER	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	6
†HERBERT ALEXANDER ...	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
‡WILLIAM VIGGERS	4	ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 16. Tenor 15½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER...	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ...	6
J. CHARLES DICKEN	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	J. ALFRED BARRATT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
This composition is now rung for the first time.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

*ALFRED J. CLAYTON ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT... ...	5
†TONY PRICE...	2	*FRANK E. DARBY	6
EDWARD G. TALBOT... ...	3	DANIEL COOPER...	7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD	...*Treble*	WILLIAM CHALK	5
GEORGE W. MOSS	2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ...	6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ...	3	WILLIAM DENT	7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.
First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 9½ cwt.

°GEORGE KENWARD ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT RELFE	5
STANLEY B. DOBBIE	2	CHARLES W. PLAYER	6
*EDWARD H. SPICE	3	WILLIAM SPICE	7
KENNETH PATTENDEN ...	4	THOMAS E. SONE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. W. Spice's 300th peal, and rung on the forty-ninth anniversary of his wedding. Also a birthday peal for his second daughter, Mabel. The ringers extend their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. Spice for their hospitality after the peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOSEPH LAWRENCE ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ...	5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	6
†THOMAS W. LEWIS	3	SIDNEY T. HOLT	7
DENIS R. MORRIS	4	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.

REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	...*Treble*	HAROLD F. MARTIN	5
H. JAMES TURNER	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
C. HOWARD STANLEY... ...	3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.
First peal on the bells since they were restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Quarterly peal for the branch.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK WATTS ...	...*Treble*	HENRY WARN	5
THOMAS LINCOLN...	2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ...	6
HERBERT DEVONISH	3	GEORGE GREEN	7
WILLIAM LINCOLN	4	ARTHUR HEAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by HARRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, the Master of the Essex Association.

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL...	...*Treble*	*WILFRED EDWARDS	5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ...	2	GEORGE MARTIN	6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
ROLAND BIGGS	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
* First peal of Surprise Major away from the treble. Arranged for Howard Freeborn, of Chalfont, and Wilfred Edwards, of Amersham, Bucks.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, October 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 52 mins.: B. Holdaway 1, G. Ives 2, F. Wiffen 3, A. Butcher 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, R. Martin 6, B. Redgwell (conductor) 7, A. Wiffen 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN S. NEVIN ... ...*Treble*	PETER CROOK, JUN. 5
LAWRENCE GREEN 2	EDWARD IDDON 6
CHARLES SHARPLES 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
†JOHN H. FOSTER 4	JOSEPH SWIFT ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.
* First peal. † First of Triples.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER AYRE ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS J. HULL 5
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 2	FREDERICK J. SPICER... ... 6
JOHN W. MALYAN 3	†HAROLD V. FROST 7
*GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method on a working bell. First peal of Major as conductor. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN A. GREEN ... ...*Treble*	†RALPH FODDY 5
LEONARD A. SMITH 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS... ... 6
HARRY RIDGWAY 3	ALBERT J. GREEN 7
*GEORGE J. WHITEHEAD ... 4	FREDERICK C. CASE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. All are regular Sunday service ringers at this church, and this is the first peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.
AT HE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF SUPER_ATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. BREARLEY ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
WILLIAM GREEN 2	HAROLD CHANT 6
*WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3	T. COLIN RYDER 7
ARTHUR GILL 4	ALBERT NASH ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by A. NASH.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First in the method by all except ringers of 1 and 3. First Surprise peal on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

HARRY S. BARKER ... ...*Treble*	REGINALD G. HARVEY ... 4
WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY... ... 2	HARRY STEBBINGS 5
STANLEY W. BIGMORE ... 3	EDWARD J. HOWARD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.
First peal of Surprise by the local band, and their first attempt. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those from this parish who gave their lives in the Great War.

WREXHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Thursday, October 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Mitchell 1, W. Jones 2, J. Clutton 3, F. Evans (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, A. Len, jun., 5, T. Catherall 6, W. Catherall 7, A. Hodges 8.

CALNE. WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, November 9, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings (4-6-8 covering).
Tenor 26 cwt.

R. SAVE... ... ...*Treble*	R. BARRY 5
H. BURRY 2	W. HAINES 6
HERBERT MARSH... 3	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 7
E. DIXON 4	C. HAINES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.
First peal in the method by all the band at the first attempt. Rung in honour of the Mayor of Calne, and in celebration of the jubilee of the Guild.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)
On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven six-scores each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

SIDNEY G. MUNTON ... ...*Treble*	RONALD C. G. COLEMAN ... 3
GEORGE S. F. BROWN... ... 2	GEORGE MIDDLETON 4

REGINALD WILLIAMSON ...*Tenor*
Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.
The bells were rung half-muffled for the Armistice anniversary.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

FRANCIS BROMLEY ... ...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
*THOMAS HOADLEY 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
ALAN BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
* First peal 'inside.' Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of three 720's of Oxford Bob and two each of Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER RICH ... ...*Treble*	MISS G. BURCHNALL 4
HAROLD DENMAN... 2	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL 3	REGINALD ASHFORTH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for those who lost their lives in the Great War.

OXTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD E. TIDY... ... ...*Treble*	JAMES W. KNIGHT 4
WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER 5
H. F. HYLTON TIDY 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.
First Surprise peal on the bells. This peal has all the 5-8's at backstroke.

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DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Stockport & Bowden Branch.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Ernest Bennett ...	...*Treble*	Henry Haythorn ...	... 4
*Stanley Ardern ...	... 2	Sydney Hough, sen....	... 5
Adam T. Marsland ...	... 3	James A. Milner ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Bennett.

* First attempt for a peal. The band wish to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ardern for their kind hospitality after the peal.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 11 callings.

Arthur Large ...	...*Treble*	Ernest Holder ...	... 4
Walter Large ...	... 2	Horace Ll. Terry ...	... 5
William Coleman ...	... 3	Frank Edgington ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Horace Ll. Terry.

First peal on the bells since they were overhauled by Messrs. T. Bond and Son, Burford, the 'go' of the bells leaving nothing to be desired.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Abel Ewer... ...	...*Treble*	Thomas A. Blow ...	... 4
*Albert B. Halsey ...	... 2	†Harold V. Frost ...	... 5
John Malvan	... 3	Francis Kirk ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Francis Kirk.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods away from treble. First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 120's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Jeffrey Tossell ...	...*Treble*	Charles Field	... 4
*John House	... 2	Edward J. Avery ...	... 5
Ernest Tossell	3	Harold E. Blacker ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. Avery.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. E. Salisbury, who has been Rector for six years, and as a welcome to the Rev. Marshall.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*George Atkinson, jdn. ...*Treble*		Tom Hall	4
George Atkinson, sen. ...	2	*George Dobbs	5
Martin Walker	3	A. W. Hoodless ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. W. Hoodless.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Chad, the eldest son of the Vicar, who attained his 21st birthday on this date.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

On Sunday, November 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of London, two of Cambridge, and three of Norwich, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.

*Charles J. Chalwin ...*Treble*		*Percy J. Lapham	4
*Leslie R. Betts	2	William E. Redrup... ...	5
Edward C. Ayres	3	Wilfred Edwards ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William E. Redrup.

* First peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal by all the band in more than one method. First peal ever rung by a local band on the bells, all being Sunday service ringers.

LIFTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, November 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings, 4-6-8 covering.

*J. Barriball	...*Treble*	*J. Benoy	... 5
W. Brimacombe	2	*S. Marks	... 6
F. Sangwin...	... 3	W. E. Ball	... 7
*S. Box...	4	*F. Derges	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. Sangwin.

* First peal and first attempt. All members of local band except conductor, who hails from Pyworthy, North Devon. Rung to commemorate Armistice Sunday, which was observed in Lifton on that day.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.)

On Wednesday, November 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Phyllis E. Tillett...	...*Treble*	John F. Tillett ...	... 4
William J. G. Brown ...	2	Frederick J. Tillett ...	5
*Robert H. Brundle ...	3	*William Tillett ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. G. Brown.

* First peal of Minor. First peal by Phyllis E. Tillett, aged 13, daughter of John F. and granddaughter of Frederick J. Tillett.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At Trentwood.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray	1-2	Jack Bray	5-6
Frank Lord	3-4	*Ernest Brittain	

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal 'in hand.'

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes

At the Residence of Mr. G. Rashbrook,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

George Rashbrook	1-2	William Chalk	5-6
William Keeble...	3-4	William Dent	7-8

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RINGERS' SUPPER MOOTED FOR S. AND W. DISTRICT.

As usual, a meeting of the South and West District, held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 12th, proved very enjoyable. Ringing took place both before and after the tea, which was preceded by a shortened evensong in church. An interesting and original address was given by Rev. M. Knight, who dealt with the use of leisure time. So far as could be seen, he said, bellringing was an ideal method of using part of this time. It provided exercise for both brain and body, and at the same time brought men and women together in a wonderful fellowship. Mrs. Sharp, wife of the Vicar, presided at the organ.

A tasty tea, prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunnisett and family, was partaken of in the Church Hall at the conclusion of the service. Rev. M. Knight, who stayed to tea and to hear some handbell ringing, apologised for the absence of the Vicar, Rev. C. J Sharp, who was unfortunately indisposed.

The vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. C. S. Bird) both spoke of the loss sustained by the association in general, and Isleworth in particular, by the death of Mr. Henry Edgeley. The deceased gentleman had been churchwarden at Isleworth for 15 years. He was an honorary member and a keen supporter of the association. The company stood in silence as a mark of respect, and it was agreed that the hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) convey their condolences to the relatives.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Ringing Master (Mr. H. C. Chandler) and he attended the famous Harlington bellringers 'Leg of Pork' supper on the previous Saturday. This supper had been held for over three hundred years, and had an interesting history. An unknown lady made a bequest to provide a leg of pork and supper for the ringers each year. It was believed to be the first occasion on which the Middlesex Association had been officially represented. Harlington had always been a stronghold of call change ringing, but affairs had reached such a stage that the Church authorities had invited an association representative to be present at the supper and give a talk on change ringing. This the hon. secretary had done, and in consequence he had been invited to arrange for instruction to be given on the subject. He appealed for support in this worthy object. Subsequent discussion covered a wide field, some irrelevant and some very much to the point! It was eventually left to the hon. secretary ('as usual,' said he) to arrange matters.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Brentford on Saturday, December 3rd, subject to the usual permission being granted.

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A NEW TURRET CLOCK AT WORCESTER.

On Thursday evening, November 10th, a new clock, erected in the tower of St. Swithun's Church, Worcester, was blessed and formally started by the Rector (the Rev. W. B. Monahan), before a large congregation.

This clock, of the electrically wound type, showing time on two dials, and chiming the Westminster quarter, replaces a very old clock that has given service for upwards of 300 years. Mr. A. Smith, of the firm of John Smith and Sons, Derby, the makers, was present at the ceremony.

DEATH OF AN OLD CROYDON RINGER.

It is with great regret we have to announce the passing away of Mr. James Rumble, sen. (for many years a much respected member of the band at St. John's Church, Croydon), on Friday, November 11th, after a painful illness. The funeral took place on Tuesday, November 15th, both the Croydon bands being represented, and among the wreaths was one from his brother ringers at St. John's and one from the Surrey Association, of which he had been a member for a great number of years.

Mr. Rumble, during his ringing career, had been steeplekeeper at Beddington for several years, and also at Immanuel Church, Streatham. He had rung about 45 peals, his last having been at Epsom in which four fathers and four sons took part. He was a most regular Sunday service ringer, and will be greatly missed by the band at St. John's, Croydon.

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'Still fresh from one supper,' the Hon. Secretary said he had often wondered why the South and West District had not held a supper once a year. He often thought that the opportunity to gossip, etc., was to a certain degree limited at the monthly meetings (Voice: 'Not at this one!'), and it would, in his opinion, do some good if one meeting was given over entirely to the social side. He therefore proposed, if sufficient support was forthcoming, to arrange a supper and social instead of the usual January meeting. He thought Heston to be most central, and Saturday, January 14th, a suitable date.—General discussion ensued, and the idea was enthusiastically adopted. Members and friends are requested to note the date accordingly.

The Hon. Treasurer proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells, to Mrs. Sharp for assisting at the service, to Rev. M. Knight for officiating, and to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunnisett for their kindness in making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

A further visit to the tower concluded a very 'chatty' and informal meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have just completed the rehanging of the ring of eight bells at Northleach, Glos, and the peal of five at Chilton Foliat, Berks, are also rehanging the octave at Tring, Herts, and the peal of six at Haddenham, Cambs.

Withypool, Somerset, where there is at present a ring of five, is to have a treble added. The work is being done by the Whitechapel Foundry.

Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, the hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, and author of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

The peal at Stepney last Saturday was rung as a compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell on his election to the Mastership of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Half of the members of the band (and the composer) are past-Masters of the society.

Mrs. Deal is the first lady to take part in a peal on these famous bells.

Mr. E. A. Young, who served the Central Council for many years as hon. secretary, and has been a member of the College Youths for 42 years, has been elected senior steward of the society.

Miss Constance I. Clark, who rang the treble to a peal in seven methods of Minor (Treble Bob and Plain), at Gestingthorpe, Essex, is believed to be the first lady in the county to accomplish a peal of this kind, with only eight months' tuition in change ringing.

Windermere Parish Church ringers wish to tender their apologies to the ringers who visited the tower on Sunday evening, November 13th. A quarter-peal was being attempted in recognition of Armistice Sunday. The band try to make it a rule to suffer no interruptions whilst change ringing, and one of the members of the band was under the impression that the interruption came from someone who has been in the habit of interrupting while change ringing is in progress.

'Many happy returns' to Mr. James George, who on Sunday will reach the age of 79 years, and, like another famous gentleman, is 'still going strong.' He has already rung 34 peals this year, which included the 7th to a peal of Stedman Triples on Wednesday of last week, and the eleventh to a peal of Stedman Cinques the next day!

In response to several requests Bristol Surprise Major is now included among the method sheets, to be obtained (price 3d.) from the hon. librarian of the Central Council, the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. William Walmsley, of Macclesfield, is shortly to enter Manchester Royal Infirmary for a rather serious operation. They will wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. Walmsley has been a ringer for over 50 years, most of the time in Macclesfield.

The peal of Double Norwich Major rung at Headingley, Leeds, on November 9th took 3 hrs. 9 mins., not 2 hrs. 9 mins., as printed.

PEAL RECORD ATTEMPT POSTPONED.

Owing to one of the band being ill, the attempt for the Bob Major record at Bennington, Herts, had to be postponed on Saturday, November 19th.

PEALS WITH FOUR GENERATIONS.

To ring peals with four generations of one family must be a record, but Mr. Robert H. Brundle, the Ipswich veteran, who is now 81, has just achieved this remarkable distinction. In a peal of Bob Minor at Rushmere, Suffolk, on Wednesday week, the treble was rung by Phyllis E. Tillett, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. John F. Tillett, and granddaughter of Mr. Frederick J. Tillett, who, with the latter's cousin, William, also took part in the peal. Mr. Brundle rang the 3rd, and, incidentally, his first peal of Minor. Many years ago he rang a peal with Samuel Tillett, Phyllis' great-grandfather.

Great credit is due to Phyllis for the way in which she rang the treble throughout the peal, and it is believed she is the youngest girl to ring a peal on tower bells.

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Acknowledged by Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Rev. E. S. Saleby, Mr. P. C. Williams and Mr. E. Guise.

LADIES' DAY AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

MANY VISITORS TO THE FOUNDRY TOWN.

One of the greatest events in the twenty years' history of the Ladies' Guild was the gathering at Loughborough on Saturday, when a meeting, organised jointly by the Northern and Lincoln Districts, was attended by a representative party of ladies, supported by a large attendance of gentlemen. Loughborough, for well-known reasons, is always a popular resort for ringers, and this occasion provided no exception to the traditional hospitality offered to visitors. The party numbered altogether about 130, and included the president of the Ladies' Guild (Miss E. Steel, of Bedford), the hon. secretary (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, of Enfield), the hon. secretary of the Lincoln District (Mrs. A. Richardson, of Surfleet), the hon. secretary of the Northern Branch (Miss N. Cawthorne, of Handsworth, Sheffield), Mrs. D. E. Beamish, of Nuneaton (hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild), Mrs. W. M. Ryder (Rotherham), Mrs. L. Hardy (Leicester), Mrs. H. F. Jacques (Mansfield Woodhouse), Miss I. B. Thompson (Nottingham), Miss G. Burchnall and Miss K. Burchnall (Sutton-on-Trent), Miss L. E. Harrison and Miss K. G. Smith (Barton-in-Fabis), Miss O. M. Sanders (Erdington, Birmingham), Miss G. Gee and Miss A. Baker (Leicester), Mrs. P. Humphrey (Folkingham), Mrs. J. Bray (Burton-on-Stather), Miss Marshall (Gainsborough), Miss Painter (Surfleet), Miss Atkinson and Miss N. Atkinson (Spalding), Miss Varley, etc. Among the specially welcomed visitors were the three Misses Chataway, who, although they no longer ring, were among the first ladies to learn to handle church bells and to learn change ringing. Over forty years ago, when their father was Vicar of Peckleton, Leicestershire, they with other sisters and two brothers learnt ringing at their village church, under the tuition of Mr. J. H. Swinfield, who met them again at Loughborough on Saturday, and there was a happy exchange of reminiscences, one of the ladies recounting how she was saved from what might have been a tragic end when she got a rope round her neck. They were intensely interested in the proceedings.

Among the visitors also present were ringers from London, Leicester, Nottingham, Bottesford, Burton-on-Trent, Surfleet, Burton-on-Stather, Folkingham, Erdington, Nuneaton, Handsworth, Treeton, Harlow, Cotgrave, Beeston, Derby, Rotherham, Ilkeston, Peckleton, Kegsworth, Cresswell, Shepshed, Sutton-on-Trent, Mansfield Woodhouse, and everybody not only spent an enjoyable day but greatly appreciated the welcome and hospitality extended to them.

INTERESTING TOUR OF THE FOUNDRY.

During the afternoon the famous bell foundry was, by kind permission of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., open for inspection, and Mr. Colin Harrison conducted parties through the works and gave a graphic description of the whole process of bell founding, tuning and hanging, his 'talks' finding practical illustration in the examples of the various stages of work going on in the Foundry, from the construction of the core of the mould to the finished article represented by, among other bells, the tenor for the recast ring of ten at Ripon Cathedral, the glorious tone of which was much admired. Other bells of this peal were seen in the tuning shop. Modern bellhanging practice was to be observed in the massive frame which has been prepared to receive this ring, as well as in the frames now being constructed for six bells at Norwell, Notts, for a peal of five at Nash, Monmouthshire, and the frame for six, together with the five bells ready to be hung, at Barnby, Notts. Among the many other things of interest in the Foundry were a chime of 13 bells for Australia, a 20 cwt. bell for Canada, a ring of five for Barkby, Leicestershire, and a 5 cwt. bell for Blackpool. The visitors under Mr. Harrison's guidance found the tour of the extensive works both interesting and instructive, while ringing on the light bells in the Foundry campanile, where the treble of the ten is not much bigger than a good sized dinner bell, provided not only interest but, often, amusement.

The noble ring of ten (tenor 30 cwt.) at the Parish Church was, naturally, a great attraction, and the spacious and well-kept belfry was thronged during the afternoon. Touches in a variety of methods were rung, the service touch of Grandsire Caters being splendidly struck by ten ladies: Mrs. Bray 1, Miss Burchnall 2, Mrs. Ryder 3, Miss Steel 4, Mrs. Marshall 5, Mrs. Jacques 6, Mrs. Richardson 7, Miss Cawthorne 8, Mrs. Fletcher 9, Miss Thompson 10.

The Rector (Canon Briggs) conducted the Guild's service, the hymn, 'Praise ye the Lord,' being sung, and a brief silence observed 'for those comrades of the belfry who have served their generation and gone before.'

THE RECTOR'S WELCOME.

The Rector, in a brief address from the chancel steps, said he had never before had the pleasure of welcoming to that church the Guild of Lady Ringers. It was not a new thing for them to have ringers there—it was one of his greatest privileges to welcome them every year, when they commemorated the dedication of their belfry memorial. There were on those occasions lady ringers present as well as men, but that was the first time they had ever welcomed there lady ringers, as such. He was proud to do so, and he had also been very proud to hear their ringing of the bells just before the service. It was a surprise and pleasure to him to hear the bells rung so well by a band of ladies. Another thing which gave him great pleasure was that they should have asked him to hold that service. He was very much impressed as he read the prayers which came in their service, because they seemed to him to take the right line. They asked for two things in those prayers. One was that when the people outside heard the bells and were not able, through some duty, or because of sickness, to be present in church, they should feel that the message of the Church was going out to them. He always felt that the bellringer was a minister of the sanctuary. The only difference between him and the clergyman was that the clergyman's voice was limited to inside the church, while the voice of the ringer went outside. They had a different way of presenting the message, but it was the same message. Secondly, they asked in their last prayer that they themselves should be mindful of their sacred calling; conduct themselves reverently in the church and offer up there their own worship. He felt sure that was the spirit in which they asked for and joined the service. He offered them a hearty welcome to that old Parish Church, which they always held in Loughborough to be the very centre of the bellringing world.

A party of about 130 sat down to a bountiful tea in the Fearon Hall, where they were the guests of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, and their wants were supplied by the labours of a band of willing lady helpers—wives, mothers and friends of the Loughborough ringers.

After tea a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by five ladies—Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Ryder, Mrs. Fletcher, Miss Cawthorne and Mrs. Richardson. The Rector then extended a hearty welcome to all the ringers, and especially to the lady ringers. One of the things which impressed him, he said, was the extraordinary number of friends which Mr. Taylor had up and down the country (applause). It was perfectly amazing how many Christmas parties he had in a year (laughter). He thought they all realised how much Loughborough was the centre of the bellringing world, and ever since they had had the beautiful monument in their Parish Church the gatherings seemed to have been larger and jollier than ever. He had always looked upon bellringing as essentially a man's job; he thought the kind of ringing that women did began with a 'w' (laughter), but these were rapidly changing days, and he thought there was real hope for the men (laughter). He could see the time coming when the women would go out and do the work (laughter) and the men would stop at home and look after the house, although he had been told by a woman that the men would be very sorry when they had to do that (laughter). But be that as it may, ladies were taking a prominent part everywhere, and those who had heard the ladies ringing the bells that day must be proud of their ability. They in Loughborough would not easily forget that visit. He did not know if it was to become an annual event; if it did, they would be very pleased to welcome them (applause).

Miss E. Steel (president) thanked Canon Briggs for holding the service, for his welcome and for permitting them to use the bells. Wherever they went they had been kindly received by the clergy, but she did not think they had ever had any reception so great as that day (applause).

Mrs. R. Richardson seconded, and said the day was one of the most successful the Ladies' Guild had had, and she felt sure they would like to come again on some future day (applause).

THE FIRST LADY RINGERS.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor said they were very pleased to see so many lady ringers in Loughborough. Loughborough regarded it as a great honour that the Ladies' Guild should want to hold a meeting there. It was the first time they had been so favoured, and he extended to them a hearty welcome. He trusted the endeavours to make the visit an enjoyable one would meet with success in the hope, as the Canon had said, that it would not be very long before Loughborough was again chosen as the rendezvous of the Guild. They mere menfolk wished to express their thanks for being invited to be present at that gathering, a gathering that possessed many charms. In his young days, Mr. Taylor continued, a lady ringer in a belfry was almost unheard of. He remembered his brother telling him that at the reopening of, he believed, Lewisham bells after rehanging, a lady had taken part in a touch of Grandsire. That must have been about 40 years ago. He considered it such a remarkable occurrence that it made a great impression upon him. It was not long after this, however, before a lady took a rope in a peal, for in 1896 Miss White, of Basingstoke, rang in a 5,040 Grandsire Triples. He believed Miss White was the first president of the Ladies' Guild. After this the intricacy and charm of the bellringing science fascinated the fair sex more and more, and was widely taken up by ladies. When the manhood of the country was called away to the war and thousands of ringers left their homes, the ladies came in still greater numbers to keep the church bells ringing. The first peal rung entirely by ladies was, however, rung before the war. Mr. Morris, in his wonderful book on the History and Art of Change Ringing recorded it as having been achieved at Cubitt Town on July 20th, 1912, a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples. They were proud to welcome that day three members of that peal band (applause)—three ladies who had done so much for the Exercise: their excellent president of today, Miss Steel; the distinguished conductor, Mrs. Fletcher, who, in addition to her activities on behalf of the Guild, had done such splendid work for the Central Council (applause); and Mrs. Hardy, the gifted daughter of a talented father. After this peal, interest in the science extended so widely among the ladies that they formed

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their own Guild in October of the same year. He was, therefore, happy to be able to congratulate them on the completion of twenty years of active and useful life (applause). He was sure they would go on from strength to strength, and that they might possibly look forward to seeing recorded in their valued paper, 'The Ringing World,' not only compositions in various methods, but also new methods by lady composers. Further, he hoped to see peals of Cinques and Maximus rung by their Guild (hear, hear). There would be a good opportunity for this when they had, as they shortly would have, a light ring of twelve in the home town of one of their members, whom their Guild and the whole Exercise held in the highest esteem (applause). They were delighted to see her with them, and also her stalwart husband—he need not say he referred to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, of Surfleet (applause). They were told that Socrates once said that woman, once made equal to man, becometh his superior. He did not quite know what that meant (laughter), but mayhap the great philosopher had in mind the lady ringers of to-day, who were bidding fair to become the equal of men, and possibly in the future to outrival them. Continuing, Mr. Taylor said they were pleased to see with them that day the enthusiastic secretary of the Northern District of the Guild, Miss Noel Cawthorne, and also the first secretary of that district, Mrs. Jacques. He was sure they would also feel it an honour that the editor of 'The Ringing World' and Mrs. Goldsmith had found time to be present, and they welcomed them very heartily (applause). They must not forget either the assiduous Miss Thompson, of Nottingham, another good friend of the Guild, and they thanked her for all the trouble she had taken in making the arrangements for that meeting and ensuring its success (applause).

Mrs. Fletcher said Mr. Taylor began his speech by saying that Loughborough felt honoured by the visit of the Ladies' Guild; she could assure him that the ladies felt honoured that they had been allowed to visit Loughborough. They could not have wished for a better meeting than they had had that day, and they were very pleased to see so many gentlemen present (laughter and applause). They were always pleased to see the gentlemen, because if they met at a place where the bells did not go very well, they could put them on the back end, while if they did go well they suffered them on the front end (laughter). That was her first visit to Loughborough, and she would take away very pleasant memories. The Guild had had a life of twenty years, and during that time they had met with a welcome in every place they had visited, but they had never received a warmer welcome than they had had that day. It was her pleasant duty to thank Mr. Taylor for his kind hospitality, and also to thank the ladies who had prepared the tea for them (applause).

Miss Cawthorne seconded, and Mr. Taylor, in replying, said he hoped it would not be long before they saw the Guild at Loughborough again.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, on behalf of the 'mere men,' expressed their thanks to the Rector, Mr. Taylor and to the Ladies' Guild for permitting them to be present and sharing in the pleasures of the day.

Miss Thompson thanked Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. D. Collins for all the work they had done to make the meeting the success it had been.

After this the ladies retired to another room, and each of the districts represented held a business meeting, in the course of which Miss Baker, of Leicester, was elected an honorary member and Miss C. Gee, of Leicester, an ordinary member.

A meeting is to be held at Basford, Nottingham, in February.

Later, there was further ringing at both the Parish Church and at the Bell Foundry campanile.

THE LATE MR. WALTER EDWARD BRYANT.

A LINK WITH OLD BIRMINGHAM WORTHIES.

As briefly reported in our last issue, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, lost another old member in the passing of Mr. Walter E. Bryant, who died at his home on Monday, November 7th, aged 76 years.

'Walter,' as he was known to all his friends, lived as a boy under the shadow of Bishop Ryder's church, and with his old friend, Mr. Tom Russam, attended the Sunday School attached to the church. When the first peal of eight bells was put in 63 years ago both these boys came under the late John Bannister, who had been appointed towerkeeper and instructor, and so commenced ringing.

Walter was a fairly good ringer of the standard methods on tower and handbells, and was also a very good 'four in hand' tune player. He did not keep a list of his peals, but he rang quite a fair number on 8, 10 and 12 bells. Many years ago he obtained the post as towerkeeper of Edgbaston Parish Church, which office he held for 30 years, when he retired. He had done no ringing for some years.

He was laid to rest at The Uplands Cemetery, Smethwick, on Friday, November 11th. His widow, five sons and daughter were the chief mourners, while the St. Martin's Guild was represented by Messrs. S. Fremantle, H. Withers, John Jaggar, A. Walker and J. Neal, the four last-named ringing a course of Triples over the grave.

Thus another link has been severed between the St. Martin's ringers of to-day and those who were contemporaries of the late William Chattell, of St. Philip's, and the late Henry Johnson, of St. Martin's.

A. W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SPECIAL PRACTICES FOR HIGHER METHODS.

The November quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Pendlebury on Saturday, November 19th. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and was carried on until 4.30, when a short service, conducted by the Vicar, Canon Cooper, was held. During the service, which was attended by 23 members and friends, including the president of the association, Canon Elsee, the Vicar, gave a very interesting address on 'Belfries, the uses of church bells,' and what he referred to as the 'ancient and honourable office of bellringer.'

Tea was partaken of in a nearby cafe, after which the assembly adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

The meeting was held with the branch president (Mr. C. Ollier) in the chair. At the outset the members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. A. W. Whitnall, Flixton, and Mr. H. W. Wilde, Pulford, Cheshire.

Six new members were elected, all belonging to the Pendlebury tower.

A proposition was put forward that the secretary should send reports of branch meetings to 'The Ringing World,' thereby making known the activities of the branch.

Suggestions were made that the branch should try to arrange an annual social, and also a special practice night, to be devoted solely to the practice of higher methods. The former suggestion will be further discussed at the next meeting, and the latter will be tried during the coming quarter.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, Miss Jackson, and to Mr. Wallwork and the other local ringers for their services in making the meeting a success.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION RECOMMENDS CHANGE OF NAME.

Despite the dreary November weather there was an excellent gathering of ringers at Braintree on Saturday, November 12th, on the occasion of the annual district meeting, at which 25 towers were represented. Ringing commenced at 2.30 with a well-struck touch of Cambridge Surprise Major. At the service Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson, and the Vicar, the Rev. R. S. Eddlestone, gave the ringers a very warm welcome, and said, although he was not a ringer, he appreciated the bells and ringing as much as anyone in Braintree.

A collection in aid of the association's bell restoration fund amounted to £1 1s. 10d.

Seventy sat down to an excellent tea in the Vestry Hall, provided by Mr. Howard, the Vicar being in the chair, supported by the curate, the Rev. G. R. Woodhams, the Rev. Stroud (Greenstead Green), and the churchwardens.

The Vicar apologised for having to leave early, but before he went Mr. Howard thanked him for the arrangements made for such a large gathering, also the curate for his valuable assistance.

At the business meeting Mr. Howard presided, and the district secretary read a report of the work in the division during the past year. Five meetings had been held, he said, with an average attendance of 42. A ringer's festival was also held at Dunmow, when 50 ringers were present, and at a dedication service at Witham on September 17th, ringers and friends present numbered 104. Thirty-two peals had been rung on tower and handbells, while one hon. and 21 ringing members had been elected.

Mr. A. A. Saunders was re-elected District Master, and thanked all those present for the honours again conferred upon him.

The district secretary, Mr. F. Ridgwell, was also unanimously re-elected. Mr. Ridgwell said how gratifying it was to have their confidence. He thanked the correspondent of each company for the valuable help that had been given to him, and said as long as that good feeling existed he would do all he could for the association (applause).

Ten new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Halstead on January 21st.

The following resolution was then put forward: 'That this meeting of the Northern Division recommends to the annual general meeting that the name of the Essex Association be changed to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.'

The resolution was carried without a dissentient.

A proposition was put forward by Mr. W. Keeble that a peal be rung at each eight-bell tower in the division during the year, one in each month to commence in January next, the local company to arrange the peal and have what outside assistnce they required.—This was agreed to.

Mr. Howard thanked all present for attending the meeting, also all those who took part in peals the previous Saturday for his birthday. He hoped he would be spared a good many more years to help on the good work of the association.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Howard for his generosity in providing the tea.—Mr. Howard, in reply, said the excellent attendance fully compensated him for what he had done.

Booking bells, in addition to Braintree, were available during the evening, and touches in various methods up to London Surprise Major were rung.

THE MINOR CONTROVERSY.

POINTS AT ISSUE.

BY STEPHEN H. WOOD.

When a few weeks ago I opened my 'Ringing World' one Friday morning and read the report of a 'one-part peal' of Oxford Treble Bob Minor which had been rung on handbells at Ealing, I realised that the inevitable sequel would be a renewal of the periodical discussion about peals of Minor and the meaning of the Central Council's definition of what shall constitute one; and as I looked back on the years 1928-29, which covered the last and, perhaps, the fiercest bout of what has come to be known as 'The Minor Controversy,' and thought again of those dozens of letters on the subject which appeared in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' and the long hours of discussion at the Central Council meetings at Hereford and Chelmsford, I could not help being struck by the singularly small amount of progress which was achieved towards bringing the matter in any way nearer to a satisfactory conclusion. The plain truth is that after the Chelmsford meeting in 1929 the whole thing was left in a worse state of chaos than it was before. And the reason is not far to seek. If anyone will take the trouble to turn up his old 'Ringing Worlds' and read through once more the letters and discussions of those hectic days, he will realise at once that with so much arguing at cross purposes, so many red herrings being drawn consciously or unconsciously across the track, so much of a personal and often totally irrelevant nature being allowed to creep in, any attempt to reach a satisfactory decision was bound from the first to end exactly as it did—in dismal failure. And unless we make up our minds this time to come down to 'brass tacks,' to find out what is the real crux of the argument and stick to it, this discussion which has just started will assuredly end in just the same way.

Now it has been urged in some quarters that as the whole thing is still so much in the melting-pot, and as the Exercise as a whole has so far found itself unable to come to a unanimous agreement on the subject, the Central Council would be wise to leave things as they are, in the pious hope, I suppose, that sooner or later they will sort themselves out of their own accord. This is an opinion to which I cannot possibly subscribe. Times change and opinions change with them, but if things move fast the Central Council can at least make an attempt to keep pace with them. It is surely much less undignified for the Central Council to make frequent (if necessary) alterations in its rules and definitions than to put up any longer with having its existing ones regularly and flagrantly broken—and this by associations which have recently been asked, and many of them agreed, to add to their rules a clause saying that they will 'loyally abide by the Council's rules and decisions.'

I want, therefore, in this article to explain as clearly as I am able just what are the main points which the controversy centres around, and on which such conflicting views are held, because I know quite definitely that there are a great many ringers who really want to take an intelligent interest in this discussion, but who are so puzzled at the moment by the many conflicting statements and suggestions that have been made, not to mention the numerous different interpretations that they are asked to give to what was originally a perfectly simple and straightforward rule, that they are feeling a bit 'fed up' with the whole thing. The first thing to get clearly into one's head is that there are two entirely different questions under discussion. They are:—

(1) What does the Central Council's definition of a peal of Minor mean, and do certain compositions come within its scope?

(2) Is it desirable that the rule should be altered so as to embrace certain compositions which at present do not conform to it?

It is quite essential to realise that these are two absolutely separate problems; it is the failure to differentiate between them that has been responsible for a great deal of the muddled thinking and waste of time in the past.

With regard to the first problem, the meaning of the Central Council's definition of a peal of Minor. Up till 1928 the main portion of this definition was 'at least seven true and complete 720's, the bells striking round only once at the end of each and immediately going into the next.' Now great ingenuity has been used by certain of the cleverest men in the Exercise in giving this a meaning which suits their own views, but surely the obvious straightforward meaning is simply seven separate 'extents,' true (i.e., containing no repetitions) and complete (i.e., containing the whole 720 rows, starting from some point **and coming back at the end to the same point**). This is what an 'extent' has always been taken to mean, and there can be no doubt at all that this is what the definition was originally intended to convey. Before we can hope to get any further, it is essential that we should all agree to accept this as the straightforward and logical meaning of 'seven true and complete 720's.' I am not saying that the rule is a wise one, or that it is adequate for the needs of the Exercise at the present time; I am saying that that is what it means, and that if it is not adequate we must alter it.

Now in 1928 the rule was altered to read 'seven true and complete 720's, rung without "rounds" or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720.' That to my mind was a blunder of the first order, and it turned what was already confusion enough into real chaos. It was stated recently that this alteration was an attempt to include Mr. Bankes James composition of Cambridge Minor and similar compositions. I do not know if that was actually the case, but, if so, I cannot see that it has succeeded in its object. The Bankes James composition consists of blocks of 720 rows, beginning with 123456 at backstroke and finishing with 143265 at handstroke. The 720 rows are all there, and they are true (i.e., all different), but they do not come back to the point they started from, and they cannot therefore be classed as 'true and complete 720's.'

It is clear, therefore, that the Bankes James composition does not conform to the Central Council's present definition of a peal of Minor, nor to any previous one.

We now pass to the second and much more difficult question of whether the rule should be altered, and, if so, how and how far? It is on this point that opinion is so divided. Those members of the Exercise who are seriously interested in this discussion may, I think, be divided up into four groups. There are:—

(1) Those who hold the view that a peal of Minor should continue to consist—as it does officially at the moment—of seven separate 'extents.' What they say is, do as much splicing as you like within each extent (provided that you keep them true, of course), but keep the extents themselves separate; i.e., start from 123456 and ring the 720 changes, coming back to 123456 at the end. This is the first extent, then immediately go off into the second, and so on.

(2) The second group feel the same as the first as regards the general principle of the thing, but they feel also that the Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor is not only an extremely ingenious composition in itself, but that it does meet a very definite need in that it enables them to ring a 5040 with all the 5-6's at backstroke and without having to ring the same 720 (or variations of it) several times. On these grounds they would like to see the rule amended in such a way as to include the Bankes James arrangement (without any doubt or ambiguity), provided that in so doing they did not also let in certain other compositions which have been advocated in some quarters, but for which they feel there is not the same justification or need.

(3) The third group want to go a little further than this and let in certain compositions which have been produced and which, like the Bankes James' arrangement, contain each row seven times, but which, **unlike** the Bankes James' arrangement, do not consist of seven successive blocks of 720 true rows.

(4) Lastly, there is group four, which consists of those people who want a peal of Minor to consist of any composition which contains each row seven times. I do not believe that there can really be many people in this group—that is, if they fully understand what it entails. If this is to be the criterion of a peal of Minor it means that we should have to accept not only the various compositions that have already been rung and published as 'peals,' but also such atrocities as the following:—

(a) The old 720 commonly known as 'the Grandfather,' and rung in this way: Call the first course (W, H), then ring six plain courses, then call the next course (W), then ring six more plain courses, etc.

(b) Any true 720 with each row rung seven times before going on to the next.

These, of course, are exceptional examples—(b) would not be **change** ringing at all—but they just show what could be done; they both quite definitely contain each row seven times.

I have tried to show as clearly as possible, and without expressing any personal opinions, just what this controversy is all about and what are the crucial points. I think it would help in future discussions if everyone who writes to 'The Ringing World' on this subject would first state what his views are and in which of the above four groups he finds himself, and then proceed to give any constructive arguments he can in support of those views.

'5,040 TREBLE BOB MINOR.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner asks my opinion of his figures labelled 'Kent'—although why Kent any more than Oxford?—either in sarcasm or sincerity. I give him credit for the latter. Inter alia he says, 'I fail to see how a 720 can be true unless rounds is the 720th change,' and asks, 'Is this a freak peal?' Well, seeing that 'Rounds' does not come up at all in the first 720, while four leads, 35264, 56342, 45623, and 64523, all repeat, also the handstroke of the 5th lead repeats with the backstroke of the 23rd, all in the first 720, is there anything to say? Is it a 'freak'? Echo supplies the answer. In my opinion it is a waste of good printer's ink to admit any false composition while true ones can be got.

Your other correspondent, 'Peal Ringer,' should not assume that I or anyone else wishes to detract any prestige from the five and six-bell men. Far from it. My assertion that 'a peal of 5,040 Minor or Doubles' did not exist was made for a special reason. I could say also with truth that 'a peal of 5,040 Triples does not exist,' but that is not the point. If we are to admit any hash-up of figures, because they make up 5,040, then there is an end of any dignity and honour in ringing. We are making change ringing too cheap. I would raise, not lower, the standard. Only by that can we conserve our heritage and hand it on to posterity unimpaired. W. WILLSON.

DEATH OF MR. ERNEST E. FERRY.

EX-PRESIDENT OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Ernest E. Ferry, ex-president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. He was taken ill with pneumonia about three months ago when visiting his brother at Barkwith Rectory, Lincoln, and died there, after several relapses, on Friday last. He resigned the presidency of the association only last September. He joined the association in 1896, and was a member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild. He had something like 200 peals to his credit.

DEATH OF MR. F. J. DAVEY.

FORTY YEARS A RINGER AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

On Thursday, November 17th, Mr. Frank James Davey, an active and popular member of the Devonshire Guild, passed to his rest at the age of 65 years after a long illness brought on by overstrain on the heart. Mr. Davey had been a member of the Guild since April, 1887, being attached to St. Sidwell's, Exeter, subsequently captain of the St. Edmund's band, and from 1898 to 1931 Ringing Master at St. David's, Exeter. He had been a ringer at Exeter Cathedral for 40 years, and held the position of captain of the Cathedral band for 16 years, from 1915 to 1931. He was chiefly instrumental in the formation of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club, which, by visiting outlying towers in the diocese, did much missionary work during its existence from 1903 to 1911. He was always ready to help learners, and spent considerable time instructing young bands. He was a useful ringer on the heavy end, and ambitious as a conductor. His peal performances comprised Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Cinques 2, Grandsire Caters 6 (conducted 1), Plain Bob Major 6, Kent Major 1, Grandsire Triples 74 (conducted 20, and one peal non-conducted), Stedman Triples 13, Bob Minor 3, Treble Bob Minor 2, and Grandsire Doubles 10 (conducted 8). Total 119, of which he conducted 29.

The funeral took place at the Higher Cemetery on Monday, November 21st, preceded by service in St. David's Church, conducted by the Rev. C. E. Burkett. Many of deceased's ringing friends were present, including the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, Messrs. Laver, Richardson, Gardner, Glass, Monkley, Townsend and Quick. Wreaths were sent from the Cathedral band, St. David's Society, and the president and general secretary of the Guild. A course of Grandsire Doubles was rung on handbells at the graveside. A knell was rung on St. David's bells in the evening and on the Cathedral bells on Tuesday, in honour of a highly respected comrade whose death all deplore.

A JOINT MID-WEEK GATHERING.

Another successful mid-week meeting was held at Cheshunt on Wednesday, November 16th, under the auspices of the Herts and Essex Associations. Grandsire, Stedman, Superlative and Cambridge were rung before service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Creed Meredith, M.A., who, after giving the association a warm welcome, delivered a helpful address.

The Vicar presided at tea, at which a vote of thanks was passed to him for his hearty welcome, for his address and for the use of the bells.

The meeting also expressed its earnest wishes to Mr. W. H. Lawrence for a speedy and complete recovery from his recent accident, and best wishes for his and his wife's happiness and prosperity. Thanks were also accorded to the local band for foregoing their usual practice to enable the meeting to be held.

After tea Kent, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise were among the methods rung. Ringers were present from Walthamstow, Waltham Abbey, Streatham, St. Albans, Romford, Lewisham, Ilford, Harlow Common, Edmonton, Enfield, Dunmow, Bishop's Stortford, Broxbourne, Brockley and the local band.

MEETING AT HERTFORD.

A very enjoyable time was spent at Hertford on Saturday week, when a meeting of the Eastern District of the Hertford County Association was held. The beautiful peal of ten at All Saints' Church were open, and were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The Vicar (Rev. Llandulph Smith) gave a splendid address, and the organist kindly gave his assistance, making a very bright and hearty service. Forty members and friends attended.

YOUNG STEVENAGE RINGER'S DEATH.

The Stevenage ringers have lost a valued colleague by the death, after a short illness, at the age of 28 years, of Mr. George P. Johnson. He began his ringing career seven years ago, and will be greatly missed in Stevenage belfry. He had rung two peals of Minor and one of Doubles.

The funeral took place on Thursday of last week, when a plain course of Doubles was rung on handbells over the grave, followed by a fully muffled touch on tower bells, while in the evening a muffled peal of Doubles was rung.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A JOINT MEETING WITH THE LADIES' GUILD.

Saturday, November 19th, in the locality of Guildford was one of those days which puts joy into the hearts of the sprat fisherman and despair into the souls of bus drivers. However, in spite of the fog and the possibility of having some difficulty in getting home, over thirty ringers attended the joint meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild and the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at West Clandon. Visitors (including the usual array of youth and beauty from the western extremity of the diocese) and members attended from Pirbright, Haslemere, the Guildford towers, Aldershot, Farnborough, Godalming, Chiddingfold, Seale, Worplesdon, Shere and the local band.

The Guildford Guild's form of service was conducted and the address given by the priest-in-charge, the Rev. Wilson. In the course of the address he rather created the impression that none of his ringers goes to church. As, however, the majority of the local band do attend fairly regularly, the error must have arisen because the preacher, who has been priest-in-charge for several months, has not yet found time to meet his ringers and know them.

A local churchwarden, Major C. W. G. Ince, occupied the chair at the Guildford District's business meeting held in the Rectory Hut after tea.

Mr. W. Melville (Ringing Master), Mr. G. Grover (secretary) and Mr. C. Hazelden (auditor), were renominated as district officers for 1933. Messrs. C. N. Burdock, R. Whittington, S. Petter and W. Thorne were nominated as ringing member representatives, and Mr. S. Marshall as honorary member on the executive committee.

The Secretary explained the position with regard to the proposed memorial to the late Admiral T. P. Walker and the executive committee's proposals in relation thereto, and a resolution was passed pledging the district to support the scheme as approved by the executive committee and outlined by the secretary.

In the ordinary course the service at the annual meeting of the district, to be held in January, 1933, should have been at the Cathedral Church, but as the Holy Trinity Parish Hall would not be available it was decided to arrange for the service at S. Nicolas' Church and the tea and meeting at S. Nicolas' Hall.

The bells at West Clandon (recently augmented from six to eight) and which, on the authority of the evening paper 'with the largest circulation,' are the best peal of eight in Surrey (no correspondence is invited or will be answered on this subject), were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

The ring of six at the neighbouring tower of Merrow was also rung in the afternoon.

Mrs. Whittington presided at the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild, at which two new members were elected, viz., Miss J. Angwin and Miss Willoughby, both of Truro.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ottershaw, if possible, in February.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, November 20th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major in 45 mins. by the following: J. Preston 1, Miss O. M. Sanders 2, G. F. Swann (conductor) 3, W. J. Meers 4, R. C. Ingram 5, F. W. Rishworth 6, W. Davies 7, F. Price 8.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, November 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,270 changes): F. Ward 1, G. Ward 2, A. Ward (conductor) 3, C. Hart 4, E. H. Clarke 5, G. Freebrey 6, P. Tate 7, H. Incle 8, A. Braines 9, T. Ward 10. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Louisa Clarke, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

DEATH OF A LIVERPOOL RINGER.

OVER FIFTY YEARS OF SUNDAY SERVICE.

A link with the past has been severed by the death of Mr. George Fisher, of Liverpool. Mr. Fisher was, until the last year or so, a member of St. Nicholas' tower, and rang regularly for Sunday service for a period of 50 years. His health had not been good of recent years, but almost up to the last he took part in the ringing of the bells at the Municipal Offices on the occasion of public rejoicings, such as the Lord Mayoral elections and royal birthdays. He had taken part in this particular ringing for 42 years, having latterly been in charge of the bells, of which there are five.

Deceased had rung in 17 peals in the standard methods, his last peal being one of Oxford Treble Bob at St. Luke's in 1898.

His death occurred on November 15th, and he was laid to rest in Anfield Cemetery on Saturday, November 19th. He was carried to his last resting place by four of his fellow-ringers. Among the ringers at the graveside were his son, Mr. Walter Fisher, Messrs. T. Hammond, E. Jones, T. W. Gilmour and J. Martin, and Mr. Claude I. Davies, Liverpool Branch secretary, representing the Lancashire Association. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from St. Nicholas' ringers.

Much sympathy is extended to the widow and family in their sad bereavement. Deceased's son, Walter, is the present towerkeeper at St. Nicholas' Church. The passing of Mr. Fisher is deeply regretted by the ringers of Liverpool and district, by whom he was held in high esteem.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,
6, Tavistock Crescent,
Luton, Beds,
Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. Subscriptions are invited from all who desire to be associated with the memorial, and contributions should be sent either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James,' or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale) 5.30. Business meeting to follow. — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock, at Mr. Hicks', High Street. I appeal to all ringers of this division to attend this meeting.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, the Sheffield and District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Please note alteration of date from Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting following. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 4.45 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. —A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. — J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1/- per head) at 5. Business meeting immediately following tea. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Address by Vicar (Rev. Canon Keith, R.D.). Tea, Church House, 5.15. Usual business.—C. A. Phillips Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 p.m. — H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. —W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. The bells will be available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at Messrs. Street's Restaurant, Brunswick Road, at 1s. 3d. per head. Local secretaries kindly let me know early how many to expect from their respective towers.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells ready at 2.30.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey to-morrow (Saturday), Nov. 26th. 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.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met 20 times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at the *Coffee Pot on the 29th (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on Dec. 1st, 15th and 29th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 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. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting 6. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Whimple (6 bells) on Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4 o'clock. Tea (free) at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, by Monday, November 28th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me by Thursday, December 1st.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Rd., Chadwell Heath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30., tea and business meeting (including nominations of District Officers) to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 29th.—H. Hancock, Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Rd., Ottershaw, Chertsey.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Meat tea provided at 1/6 per head, to all who notify me not later than November 29th. Gentlemen cordially invited. Cheap fares available.—M. L. Cross, Dis. Sec., 9, Beverley Rd., Barnehurst, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, December 3rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1/3 per head), business meeting to follow. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know before Wednesday, November 30th.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — The next meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carm., on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Nov. 29th certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SUTCOMBE, near Holsworthy, Devon.—The ring of three bells restored and augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 11.30 a.m. by the Bishop of Crediton; service in the afternoon at 3 p.m.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3.30. Tea at 5, free to those who let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 30th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at St. Nicholas-at-Wade on Saturday, December 3rd. The Vicar of St. Nicholas has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea at the Village Hall after the service. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr W. Laws, Forge House, St. Nicholas, Birchington, not later than Thursday, December 1st.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thornby on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (5) available 2.45. Usual arrangements. Tea in the Reading Room, 1s. each., for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 29th. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. St. Benedict's bells available at 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by business. Further ringing until 5 o'clock. Bells at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs 5 to 6, St. Mary the Great 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Doyle, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Brentford, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (opposite the church) at 5.30 at 9d. each. Please pay outstanding subscriptions as soon as possible.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, address by the Vicar (Rev. Lindsay Bartlett). Meat tea, Greyhound Hotel, at 5.15. Meeting to follow. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock (6), Symondsbury (6) and Loders (6). Loders only from 2.30 till 3.30. Notification for tea to the secretary not later than Wednesday, Nov. 30th.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. and Treas., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Coppul on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. The finest ring of 6 in Lancashire. Roll up and enjoy them.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells from 3. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided, for which a small charge will be made. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A., at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, Dec. 1st?—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance desired. All ringing visitors welcome. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert St., Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea in Schoolroom at 5. The bells of Holy Trinity (8) will be available for ringing during the evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe Parish Church on Dec. 3rd. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to all who notify E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, before Dec. 2nd. Ringing after tea.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. To assist in the arrangements for tea it is important that you kindly advise me not later than Dec. 6th how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Darke Street, Minehead.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Dec. 10th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Dec. 5th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow at the Cadena Café, Wine Street. The bells of St. Michael's will be rung half-muffled during the evening in memory of the late vice-president.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at 5.30. All those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Dec. 7th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Colchester St. Peter's on Dec. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me on or before Dec. 8th?—James R. Sparling, Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Third annual dinner Saturday, Jan. 14th, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. Tickets 5s. 6d. each.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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BOW BELLS AND AN OPPORTUNITY.

The restoration of the famous bells of Bow Church in the city of London, which it is hoped will shortly be completed, leads to the hope that when once more they are ready for ringing something may be done to ensure their regular use in connection with the Sunday services. We have no doubt they will be in great demand for peals, but it will be a great opportunity lost if a serious effort is not made to establish a band responsible for service ringing. There are far too many silent peals of bells in London, and it would be a happy day if once more the bells of Bow were heard among the comparatively few peals that are regularly rung. London has its special difficulties in maintaining service ringing, especially in the city itself, which in these days is almost deserted on Sundays. A band of 'resident' ringers for any of these city bells is nearly, if not quite, an impossibility. When any of the bells are rung it means that ringers have to come in from the suburbs for the purpose, and this fact, together with the lack of any parochial interest in the bells and in some degree even in the churches themselves, accounts in large measure for the numerous neglected rings.

And yet it has been proved to demonstration that the difficulties may be overcome and the church bells regularly rung when the task is tackled in the proper spirit. Right under the shadow of the Guildhall, in the very heart of the city, the bells of St. Lawrence Jewry—once silent for over 30 years—are rung regularly for the Sunday services. When the bells had been put in order, a band was enlisted from among the men of the choir and others interested in the church, and Sunday by Sunday the bells are used for their primary purpose. What has been done at one church ought to be possible at another, especially at one so famous as St. Mary-le-Bow. The periodical visits which are paid to some of the other churches, where, perhaps, for one service a month the bells are rung, by ringers collected from other belfries, ought not to be sufficient for Bow; nothing short of a regular band ought to satisfy the authorities or the ringers of London. The difficulties may be great, but so is the opportunity.

Fortnightly peal attempts, monthly practices and state occasions should not be the limit of the ringing done at this tower, whose bells have been the most famous in all the world. There should be a company attached to the church, just as there is at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Lawrence Jewry, and St. Andrew's, Holborn. Moreover, regular service ringing at such a celebrated church would probably have a considerable effect on the future of ringing in the metropolis, and eventually lead to some of the

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peals, at present derelict, being put in order. We can quite well understand that church authorities will not entertain the idea of expensive bell restoration when there is no prospect of getting the bells rung on Sundays if they are repaired, but if there were an inducement, if it were possible to refer to such a church as Bow as an example of what could be done to restore ringing to its proper place, not only might many of the city's silent bells be heard again, but the art of change ringing would be furthered in its earliest home. At Bow, the opportunity will be there for the ringers who practise in the metropolis. If they do not seize it when the time comes they will not only fail to render a service to the church in exchange for the personal pleasures which they will hope to gain from the privilege of peals and suchlike occasions, but they will be neglecting an example which might well bring about a revival of interest in many other peals of bells in and around the City of London.

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JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	3	ADAM DEAS	9
JOSEPH ROWELL	4	ROBERT S. ANDERSON	10
WILLIAM H. BARBER	5	RICHARD THOMPSON	11
R. ALDER GORTON	6	*JACK AMOS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

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Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD	...*Treble*	JOHN CURREY	6
HORACE M. DAY...	2	FREDERICK LEGGOTT... ...	7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON... ...	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE... ...	8
FRANK DEWEY	4	*ROGER W. DANIELS	9
JOHN G. AMES	5	RUPERT RICHARDSON...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

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On Wednesday, November 23, 1932, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ...	6
J. CHARLES DICKEN	2	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ...	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	E. HARRY STONELY	8
CHARLES DRAPER	4	JAMES GEORGE	9
MAURICE SWINFIELD	5	JOHN CURTIS	..*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by MAURICE SWINFIELD

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On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*PERCY GRINDEY ...	...*Treble*	JAMES T. SMITH...	6
*HARRY GRACE ... — ...	2	*THOMAS ROGERS	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	3	LESTER L. GRAY...	8
†THOMAS W. HAMMOND ...	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... ...	9
G. RONALD EDWARDS ...	5	EDWARD CAUNCE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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†P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER...	2	EX-P.S. WM. C. DOWDING	7
†P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON ...	3	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE... ...	8
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Composed by J. COX. Conducted by P.S. PETER CROOK.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 5th are from Liverpool, 7th from Birmingham, 9th from Bolton, the remainder belong to Manchester. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Dean for allowing the peal to be rung and the Cathedral ringers for having made all arrangements.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*DONALD ROWE	...*Treble*	†WILLIAM A. BOLTON... ...	5
ALBERT MARTIN...	2	*ERNEST MEASURES	6
FRED STANIFORTH	3	*NIGEL W. BOLTON	7
*RICHARD W. HENSON ...	4	E. ARNOLD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED STANIFORTH.

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HARRY GOODMAN...	3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	7
ALBERT E. GARBETT	4	HARRY BOSWELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
STANLEY COPLING	2	CHARLES LOOME	6
GEORGE CORSON	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
WILLIAM FLATT	4	ERNEST WHITING... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Cecil Walter Barrett, a member of the Redenhall company.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. BUTLER	5
FRANK G. RINGE	2	WILLIAM LINCOLN	6
GEORGE R. PYE...	3	ERNEST W. FORBANK... ...	7
*HERBERT DEVENISH... ...	4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

ALBERT COPPOCK... ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK A. SALTER... ...	5
DR. E. LEONARD TAYLOR ...	2	STEPHEN H. WOOD	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER... ...	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

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CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
KEITH HART...	2	ALFRED J. BOLL	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
GEORGE OLLIVER...	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS BALDWYN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE CONDICK...	5
WILLIAM H. HARRIS	2	JOHN AUSTIN...	6
SIDNEY E. ROMANS	3	ERNEST E. DAVIS...	7
JESSE GILLETT	4	HENRY NEWMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK LAWTON	...*Treble*	THOMAS COCKING...	5
STEPHEN L. PARRY	2	HARRY MELLOR	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	HARRY PLATT	7
JOSEPH OGDEN	4	IVAN KAY	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by H. PLATT.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	5
JAMES POWELL	2	THOMAS HOAD	6
CHARLES LOVELOCK	3	GEORGE KING	7
WILLIAM GORRINGE	4	WILLIAM H. HOAD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HOAD.

First peal as conductor in the method.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST COX	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. POULTON	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	2	JOHN J. WEBB	6
GLYN SHAW	3	EDWIN H. FOSTER	7
ROBERT E. SOMMERS	4	WILLIAM POSTON... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDGAR PEAKE	...*Treble*	ERIC B. ALLMAN	5
REGINALD HARPER	2	†JOHN BRASSINGTON	6
DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY ...	3	†ARTHUR ALLMAN	7
BYRAN FERNYHOUGH... ...	4	‡ROBERT MOSELEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

* First peal. † 70th peal together. ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings by John Taylor and Co.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES WM. BAXENDALE	...*Treble*	*GEORGE WM. STEEL... ...	5
SAMUEL WARD	2	JOHN AMBLER	6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	3	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	7
WILLIAM BARTON...	4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

* First 'touch' in the method 'inside.' Rung with the bells fully muffled on the day of the interment of the late Mrs. M. Myers, mother of Messrs. R. and S. Myers, and sister of Mr. J. E. Procter, who are all members of the local company.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON... ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
JOHN S. MORTON	2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN... ...	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
*ALFRED G. HILL	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the installation of the Rev. W. M. Browne, M.A. (Vicar of Erith) as Archdeacon of Rochester.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD G. HERBERT	...*Treble*	CHARLES CLARKE	
*ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ...	2	†LEONARD JOHNSON	6
*THOMAS BIRD	3	THOMAS CHINERY	7
SIDNEY GRIDLEY	4	DAVID H. ELLIOTT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVE. Conducted by DAVID H. ELLIOTT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE ...	...*Treble*	HECTOR G. BIRD	5
WILLIAM SHORT	2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ...	6
JOHN BASS	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
JOHN SMITH	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

C. H. Woodberry's 50th peal.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*STANLEY J. CHARLES...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. CARTER	5
WILLIAM SHORT	2	†REGINALD CHANCE	6
*ERNEST CALCUTT	3	*NORMAN G. LEECH	7
JOHN BASS	4	HECTOR G. BIRD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Barber, W. J. Carter, W. Potter and C. Skidmore.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent, on Thursday, November 24th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,932 changes) in 1 hour 13 mins.: W. J. Prebble 1, W. Bidnell 2, W. Frisher 3, W. J. Bidnell (conductor) 4, W. Fright 5, R. J. Birch 6, A. Amos 7, P. W. Jones 8.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDONDERRY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	*Treble*	CECIL NICE	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	ALFRED J. BULL	6
NELSON ELLIOTT	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

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

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD MAWBY	*Treble*	EVEREST FORD	5
*MISS ELSIE LAKIN	2	THOMAS JONES	6
WILFRED HALLIWELL	3	NORMAN HEAPS	7
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	4	WILFRED J. MOSS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BERRY. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

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

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH FARMER	*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
EDMUND H. LINDUP	2	KEITH HART	6
ALFRED W. GROVES	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
WILLIAM HILLMAN	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

HERBERT DEVENISH	*Treble*	HARRY JOYCE	5
ALFRED TARBUN, JUN.	2	†ALFRED G. G. THURLOW	6
HENRY W. KIRTON	3	SYDNEY TAYLOR	7
*HERBERT EDWARDS	4	ALEXANDER H. BEWERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY TAYLOR.

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

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1932, 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 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	*Treble*	WILLIAM GORRINGE	5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON	2	WILLIAM P. TICKNER	6
CHARLES TRIBE	3	*JAMES G. POWELL	7
HARRY BAKER	4	†GEORGE SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

* 25th peal and first in the method as conductor. † First peal.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5
JOHN T. DAVIES	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	6
†WILLIAM T. EDGE	3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
†JOSEPH P. POOLEY	4	REUBEN SIDEBOTHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. T. Davies and W. T. Edge.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, BRISTOL AND RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY	*Treble*	ALBERT W. COLES	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	HARRY KILBY	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This peal contains 1,792 London, 1,536 Cambridge, 1,216 Bristol, and 576 Rutland. The figures of this peal were published in 'The Ringing World' of November 4th, and it is now rung for the first time. It is the first time these four methods have been rung as one peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HUBERT JONES	*Treble*	CHARLES TIPTON	4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS	2	WILLIAM MAPP, SEN.	5
FORREST T. MASSEY	3	ARTHUR C. NASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Geo. Randle and Miss L. Jones, which took place at Bromfield on October 26th, 1932.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDERICK TARGETT	*Treble*	*HARRY J. SANGER	4
JOHN E. METCALFE	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
*FRANK LOOKER	3	RONALD G. BECK	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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 12¼ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	4
DENIS R. MORRIS	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*MISS CONSTANCE I. CLARK	*Treble*	†ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE	4
OLAVE E. BROYD	2	†THOMAS BIRD	5
BERNARD W. PETITT	3	ALBERT CATTERWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt in seven methods. Rung to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the induction of the Rector (Rev. H. M. Greening).

STEVENAGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,760 Plain Bob (12 callings) and 2,280 Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*CYRIL SAUNDERS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM LAWRENCE	4
†ERIC CRESSWELL	2	FRANK TURNER	5
WALTER BROWN...	3	WILLIAM BRADFORD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers. The bells were rung fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. George P. Johnson, one of the local band, who was laid to rest that day in the churchyard.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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.

REGINALD BROCKETT ...	...*Treble*	LEWIS BYWATERS...	4
HERBERT L. HARLOW... ...	2	PEARL INSKIP	5
REGINALD WEST	3	EDWARD FROSSELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect for H. Mortimer, who died suddenly on May 17th. The ringer of the tenor has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

TAXEL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wragby, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Willesden, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Kingston. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN....	...*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON... ...	4
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.... ...	2	WILLIAM FERNLEY	5
JAMES A. MILNER	3	JOHN WORTH...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This peal contains seven true and complete extents, starting from and ending with rounds. It also contains bobs before and behind, viz., when the treble is in 5-6, there being also 144 calls.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY JOHNSON... ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WILKINSON ...	4
FRANK P. HARWOOD... ...	2	*HAROLD HARPER	5
FRANK DEWEY	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ..	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

RICHARD RAINFORD ...	...*Treble*	†THOMAS W. VAREY	4
*ERNEST SWAIN	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	5
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	3	NICHOLAS NEWBY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal away from treble. † First peal. Fiftieth peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. T. Willis, for many years a lay reader connected with the above church, who was buried the previous day.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Wednesday, November 23rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. D. Buckingham 1, B. C. Mann 2, E. J. Shynn 3, F. W. Shynn 4, G. H. Neville (conductor) 5, C. J. Mann 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 3 and 4.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN PERKINS	...*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
MANSFIELD GINN...	2	ARTHUR J. GINN	5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	GEORGE L. PERKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

H. PURCHASE	...*Treble*	G. ADAMS	4
A. TURNER	2	J. TOUT	5
MISS L. HAWKINS	3	W. J. SMITH...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. TOUT.

First peal by 3rd and 4th ringers. First as conductor. Miss Hawkins is the first lady in the deanery to ring a peal.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in C.

SMITH WOOD	...*Treble*	MRS. G. R. EDWARDS... ...	4
*FRANK TICKLE	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS... ...	5
†FREDERICK W. DAVIES ...	3	JAMES F. SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. F. SMITH.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal as conductor, to whom it was rung as a birthday compliment.

EAST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

GEORGE H. BISHOP ...	...*Treble*	TOM SAUNDERS	4
CHARLES SAUNDERS	2	HARRY BISHOP	5
THOMAS WARNER	3	LUTHER J. HONESS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B.

JAMES CLIFF...	*Treble*	HERBERT P. CLIFF	4
STEPHEN THOMPSON	2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ...	5
RAYMOND THOMPSON	3	*KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by K. W. CHEESEMAN.

* First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. E. E. Ferry, past-president of the above association for a number of years.

HANDBELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH BELFRY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HOBART E. SMITH	1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	5-6
WILLIAM P. GARRATT... ...	3-4	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	7-8

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Witness—STANLEY G. MOSS.

* First peal of Bob Major on handbells.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

A CORNISH RESTORATION.

VILLAGE SPENDS £800 ON TOWER AND BELLS.

The Cornish village of Menheniot has recently completed the restoration of its church tower and bells at a cost of nearly £800. The work on the building entailed the repointing of the tower and the rebuilding of the 12 feet of the top of the steeple with Doulton stone, toned down to harmonise with the colouring of the local stone at the base. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, carried out the rehanging of the bells. The treble was recast and the rest cleaned and retuned. The old oak frame was removed, and the bells rehung in a modern frame with ball bearings. The arrangement of the bells in the tower has also been altered to relieve the strain on the fabric. Previously the fourth was carried above the rest and five of the bells swung in one direction. Now the treble and third have been placed above the other four, and 1, 3 and 6 swing east to west, and 2, 4 and 5 from north to south. The tenor is approximately 12 cwt. The bells and the clock have been lowered about 9ft. in the tower, and this has necessitated the construction of a new floor to the bell chamber. The 2nd, 5th and tenor were cast in 1739 by John Pennington. The fourth was recast in 1884 and the third in 1842.

The dedication of the work was performed by the Bishop of Truro (Dr. Frere), and the bells were rung by the local ringers, who expressed themselves delighted with the improved tone and easy manipulation.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Shoreham on Saturday, when members were present from Brighton, Crawley, Beeding, Heene, Lindfield, Lancing, West Hove, West Grinstead, Uckfield, Southwick and Shoreham. A short service was held, at which the address was given by the Vicar of Shoreham, the Rev. J. F. C. Glossop. Tea was partaken of at St. Mary's Parish Rooms, 34 being present, including the Vicar, who presided at the subsequent business meeting. No new members were forthcoming. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells and presiding, the organist, and Mr. J. Cripps for making the local arrangements were accorded.

After this several members rang courses of Stedman Triples and Bob Major on handbells, and another visit was then made to the belfry, where the bells were kept busy to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich, Yorkshire, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major. A well-struck touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods was also rung.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION AND OTHER SOCIETIES FRATERNISE.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society and the Doncaster and District Society at Rawmarsh on Saturday, and the policy of holding joint meetings was fully justified by an attendance of nearly 40, members being present from Rotherham, Eastwood, Treeton, Handsworth, Sheffield Cathedral, Ranmoor, Doncaster, Arksey, Conisborough and the local company.

A short, bright and homely service was held in the church conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon F. Scovell), who has always something new to talk about. Tea was provided in the schoolroom by the local company in the manner one always associates with Rawmarsh—good and plenty. As an example for other meetings, 38 sent in names for tea and 44 sat down, which was highly pleasing to the local secretary (Mr. F. C. Wilson).

The Rector presided at the business meeting which followed tea. Four new members were elected, viz., J. Tyas, L. Field and A. Fielding, of Hoylandswaine, and H. Chaddock, of Eastwood.

Doncaster was chosen for the annual meeting on March 18th.

The Secretary of the Southern District, in welcoming the kindred societies, thanked them for their co-operation, and hoped that the good feeling and friendship which existed would continue and, if possible, grow stronger.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens, the ladies and to the local company were heartily carried and replied to by Mr. Mitchell for the local company and the Rector.

The tower was again visited for further ringing—after the Rector's supply of cigarettes had given out.

ST. CECELIA'S DAY AND MUSICIANS.

It is well known, even outside musical circles, that St. Cecelia is the patron saint of music, and she is, therefore, doubtless dear to many ringers. Yearly, on her day, November 22nd, a service is held at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and it is attended by the Master, Court and Livery of the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

The service is fully musical and, in addition, an orchestra is provided. By further arrangement of late years the noble ring of 12 bells peal forth, both before and after service, in honour of the saint. In reference to the ringing, the Master, Mr. J. H. Iles, expressed the pleasure with which he and those with him had listened to the bells—'a lovely background of musical tone.'

Two well-known ringers are members of the Musicians' Company, viz., Messrs. C. F. Johnston and E. Alexr. Young, the latter being present on the occasion.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. E. W. Elwell, of Capenhurst, Cheshire, is leaving England at the end of the year to take up an appointment in New York. As a result the Central Council will lose a valued hon. member and the Chester Diocesan Guild its treasurer.

We understand that Bow tenor is to be recast in connection with the scheme for the restoration of these famous London bells, and that others of the ring not included in the original proposals are to pass through the furnace.

'The Ringing World' would like to have the names and addresses of young ringers, under fifteen years of age, who are capable at least of ringing Grandsire Triples or Bob Major on church bells.

The London County Association's peal of Stedman Triples on Nov. 12th was rung at the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, City.

It is desired to associate with the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Southwark Cathedral, on Saturday, the name of Miss Parsons, a great worker in the parish of St. James, Bermondsey, who was celebrating her 70th birthday on the same day. The ringers wish her 'many happy returns of the day.'

What we believe is the first spliced peal of 'Alliance' and 'Little' Minor has been rung at Lamberhurst. Alliance methods have a combination of Plain and Treble Bob hunting by the treble, and the Little methods fill in the missing changes to complete the extent.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles by a band of local service ringers, including a lady, who are all members of the choir, was rung at Lutton, Leicestershire, last week.

The river Misbourne flows past the church at Chalfont St. Peter, and it is understood that, after numerous inquiries at a recent ringers' meeting as to whether it contained tonic properties, the level was appreciably lower.

We have received a number of letters on different phases of the Minor controversy which limitations of space compel us to hold over.

CLOCK HAMMERS.

HOW RINGERS CAN PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

Minor mishaps frequently occur in towers through visiting ringers failing to realise that there are clock hammers to be removed before ringing. A warning notice conspicuously displayed is a safeguard against accidents of this kind, and the well-known clockmakers, Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of the Midland Clock Works, Derby, will be pleased to supply, free of charge, a neat suitable card for the purpose to any ringers who may like to take advantage of the offer.

Messrs. Smith and Sons have recently executed a number of important clock contracts. In the past few months they have obtained orders for clocks to be erected at Redditch Parish Church, Adlington Parish Church, Lancs (four 5ft. dials), Bierton Church, Aylesbury, and Warsop Town Hall, as well as the following, which have been fitted with the firm's automatic electric apparatus: St. Andrew's Church, Derby (three 8ft. dials), Alloa Parish Church, Scotland (four 7ft. dials), Seacombe Ferry clock tower (four 8ft. dials), St. Swithin's Church, Worcester, Barrow-on-Soar School, Messrs. Crossley's, Ltd., Sheffield, and Walsall clock tower. It is interesting to learn that an hour-striking clock fitted with Messrs. John Smith and Sons' automatic electric apparatus consumes only about three units of current per annum.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NEW GROUND BROKEN.

Another well-attended meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at East Ardsley on Saturday, when new ground was broken and over 40 members were present from Almondbury, Armley, Barnsley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Holbeck, Hunslet, Northowram, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Sandal and the local company. There were also visitors from Wakefield.

The bells were rung up soon after 3 p.m., and the first touch was led by the Rector (Canon J. Young, M.A.), who rang the treble. Ringers were given the opportunity to ring in a variety of methods from Plain Bob to Surprise.

Tea was served in the Church Schools, when, at the double sitting, 34 members replenished the voids which ringing on the heavy but beautiful ring of bells had caused.

The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, the president being in the chair.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local company for the other arrangements, and to the ladies who prepared the tea.

The Rector of East Ardsley replied to the vote of thanks, and suggested that the next visit of the society to East Ardsley should be in the summer, when the village and countryside were worth seeing.

FIRST SINCE THE FIRE.

At Howden, East Yorks, on Wednesday, November 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung in 50 mins. by the Thorne Parish Church ringers. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells since the tower was destroyed by fire: E. Thorley 1, A. Woods 2, W. Sleight 3, T. H. Hepworth 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, J. Thorley 7, C. Thorley (conductor), 8.

THE LATE MR. E. E. FERRY.

FORMER ASSOCIATION SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT.

As announced in our last issue, Mr. Ernest E. Ferry, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, died at his brother's house, Barkwith Rectory, Lincoln, on November 16th. He went there to recuperate, after an attack of pneumonia in September, but his health was completely broken down, and after five weeks of serious illness, most patiently borne, he passed away. He was laid to rest in East Barkwith Churchyard on November 19th, the service being conducted by the Rev. C. Stanford, Vicar of Elkington South. The bearers were all members of the choir of East Barkwith Church. There were many beautiful floral tributes from his friends in the North and from friends and relations in Lincolnshire.



THE LATE MR. E. E. FERRY.

The officers of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association did not get the news till after the funeral, but a floral cross was immediately dispatched on behalf of the president and members.

Mr. Ferry was hon. secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for eight years, when he was made president four years ago, retiring only in September last. He was a tremendous churchworker, and had helped to teach a large number of ringers in the two dioceses, his last great effort starting nearly three years ago when he took in hand the belfry of Durham Cathedral. Where naught but call changes ever were rung before, now change ringing is constantly rung for services and practice.

Mr. Ferry started ringing as a youth at his father's church in Essex, but only took up the art seriously when he came to work at Armstrong, Whitworth's in Newcastle, as an engineer. He left them after a short while and started his own engineering works. His brother, Mr. S. O. Ferry, who was also a ringer, and at Armstrong's works, was the originator of the Sunday service ringing scheme for the above association, under which certificates are awarded at the end of each year for the best band on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, points being awarded for each touch rung for services only.

Mr. Ernest Ferry had taken part in 186 peals for the association, and had conducted 42. These peals ranged from Minor to Maximus in all the standard and in several Surprise methods.

He was of a most kindly and cheerful disposition and ever willing to help on the youngsters. A master, too, of heavy bell ringing, his place will be hard to fill, not only in this respect but in many other walks of life. He was a chorister at St. George's Church, Newcastle, for many years, and a member of many of the choral societies in Newcastle. In the loss of so kindly and sweet a personality the association is deprived of a keen supporter and loyal friend.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Newcastle Cathedral to the memory of Mr. Ferry, and is recorded in its proper column. Mr. Wm. Story, J.P., was present but was unable to take part in the peal. Mr. Jack Amos, of St. Leonard's, Streatham, Surrey, who rang the tenor, was elected a member of the association before starting.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Cecil J. Wood, Vicar of St. George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in an appreciation of the services of Mr. Ferry, says: 'By the passing away of Ernest Ferry the church has lost the help of a most valued ringer. In ringing he never failed, was always reliable, always ready. Latterly he would ring at St. George's Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on a Sunday morning, then sing in the choir, then cycle or drive to Durham Cathedral to ring for the afternoon service, then return for his evening duties at St. George's. He had a ready wit and keen sense of humour, and was most acceptable at a speaker at annual meetings. To those who knew him he gave a happy friendship, and amid all the anxieties of daily life he retained a happy outlook.'

FORTY YEARS ON.

At Darlington, on Sunday, November 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, for matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. T. Simpson 1, Roland Park (conductor) 2, R. Busby 3, G. W. Park 4, W. N. Park 5, W. H. Thomas (Bristol) 6. For evensong, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Busby 1, R. T. Simpson 2, R. Jeff 3, W. N. Park 4, Roland Park (conductor) 5, W. H. Thomas 6. Rung to commemorate the first 720 on these bells, by a local band, which was rung on Advent Sunday, November 27th, 1892.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held their annual meeting at Charlton Kings on Saturday. This fine old church, with a history of over seven centuries, was the rendezvous of quite a good gathering, and the bells were soon answering to the skill of those present. Short touches in various methods were rung, which left no doubt that the high standard of Cheltenham ringing is still being maintained.

The Rev. Edgar Neale conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. Smith, of Charlton Kings. In his address, Mr. Neale emphasised the great work that lay in the hands of church bellringers, and said how deeply grateful the clergy were for the splendid way in which they carried out their duties.

Tea was partaken of in the Village Hall, at the invitation of the Rev. Edgar Neale, and visitors greatly appreciated the hospitality extended to them.

To the delight of all, Archdeacon Sears was able to spare a few moments of his very valuable time to take the chair at the business meeting, at which six new members were elected.

The officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, Archdeacon Sears and Mr. Walter Yeend being especially thanked for their past services.

In reply, Archdeacon Sears said what pleasure it gave him to be associated with the ringers, and promised to do all in his power to help forward the interests of the association.

Mr. J. K. Armstrong expressed the gratitude of the company to Rev. Edgar Neale for his magnificent welcome, and to all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

Mr. Neale, in his witty and amusing reply, said of all things near his heart, the ringers and their work was nearest, and he hoped it would be his pleasure to receive them on future occasions.

More ringing was then indulged in, and nine o'clock brought a very enjoyable meeting to an end.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LANTERN LECTURE ON BELLS.

The president of the Midland Counties Association (Mr. E. Denison Taylor) was the chairman at a most interesting and instructive lantern lecture given in the Cathedral Schools, Derby, on Tuesday, November 22nd, by Mr. Ernest Morris, R.F.Hist.S., general hon. secretary, the subject being 'The Founder's Art—Famous Bells of the World,' etc. About a hundred people were present, including ladies and gentlemen from the various parishes and a number of ringers and friends from the surrounding districts, including the district officers, Messrs. H. Fletcher, C. Draper, E. H. Clarke, and G. Freebrey.

The Chairman, introducing Mr. Morris, said that not only as a lecturer but in many other ways he was a gentleman of outstanding ability. He had rung more peals for the M.C.A. than anyone else, had written a most remarkable book, entitled 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' and as a further honour he had lately been made a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He also mentioned that this is the jubilee year of the association, in which an extra special annual meeting and dinner took place at Derby on Easter Monday, and a special peal had been rung at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, where the association was formed. He also referred to the large number of hon. members who had become interested in the activities of the M.C.A., and he hoped that everyone present would enjoy the lecture.

During the lecture, to demonstrate change ringing, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the association handbells by Messrs. J. Pagett, A. H. Ward, E. Morris, W. Wallace, A. Baines, and to complete the programme an exhibition of tune ringing was given, which was much enjoyed.

Mr. Wallace, on behalf of the company, thanked Mr. Morris for his kindness in giving the lecture, and Mr. Draper thanked the chairman for presiding. The arrangements were made by Mr. Geo. Freebrey, the district secretary.

ST. ANDREW'S HOLBORN, GUILD.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild, took place on Saturday, November 12th, when the members were entertained to a sumptuous meat tea kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Bedford.

At the meeting which followed, the Rector, who presided, again welcomed the members, and thanked them for their services during the past year. The Ringing Master (Mr. W. Norton) gave a glowing report of the work done by the Guild, and thanked the members for their support.

The election of officers for 1933 resulted as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. C. H. Vitler; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Norton; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Hawkins.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and Mrs. Bedford for their hospitality and their many kindnesses during the year.

Music and song followed, also handbell ringing, and this brought another successful meeting to a close.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A USEFUL MEETING AT CHALFONT.

The East Berks and South Bucks gathering at Chalfont St. Peter was quite as cheery at its predecessors, a dozen different towers being represented. 'Go London' was the first item, followed by Cambridge and numerous other methods. The popular branch Ringing Master and his son were late in arriving, having got 'out of course,' and it has not yet been decided who was the culprit. The ambulance man waited ten minutes, too. Surely the secretary should have included this in the discussion on 'rows and changes.'

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Hobart (in the absence of the Vicar), a large number of voices harmonising in three hymns.

A tasty tea was well served in a cosy room adjoining the church, votes of thanks being passed afterwards to all concerned with making arrangements for such a successful meeting.

Regrets were expressed when it was learned that the Vicar, Rev. C. S. A. Whittington, is resigning through ill-health. An interesting fact discovered was that the Rev. Hobart had learned to rise and fall a bell as a boy, but had gone no further. It is hoped that the genial foreman, Mr. A. Swan, will not lose sight of this ready-made ringer.

The bells were then set going again, mention being made of special touches. One local man rang the treble to Grandsire Doubles with the 'non-stop all-talking' instructress behind him, and when asked if he would like another said, 'Yes, that one was a bit better than usual.' Another rang his first course of London at the first attempt. The 'diver' also had a course of London. Several spliced bits were rung, including some 'hot pot' or 'pot pourri,' not by Joseph Muscant. Quite a number of eligible bachelors turned up, but most of the ladies were missing—some dancing, some hiking.

A speedy recovery is the wish for 'Henry the Eighth,' his shoulder being still rather the worse for wear.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 12th, when over 60 members were present, including visitors from Reading, Abingdon, Englefield, Aldermaston and Newport, Mon. Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. L. Cooper), the address being given by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn).

Tea was served in the Parish Room, where 54 sat down. The business meeting followed, over which the chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) presided, supported by the Master, general secretary and general treasurer.

The Secretary reported good progress during the year. Six peals had been rung in the branch. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £18 1s. 6d. A grant of eight guineas was voted from the branch to the Newbury Ten-Bell Fund.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford was re-elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. H. W. Curtis hon. secretary and treasurer.

Favourable reports were given from nearly every tower in the branch. Five new members were elected.

Th next meeting was fixed for Thatcham in February, and the spring meeting is to be held at Peasemore in April, the dates being left for the secretary to arrange.

The Master, general secretary and general treasurer congratulated the Newbury Branch on its progress and balance. Mr. Hibbert appealed to those present to help the Newbury ringers in their effort to get the new trebles. £40 is now needed to complete this work.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector (the Rev. W. L. Cooper), to the Master for his address, and to the ladies for providing the tea.

The tower was again visited and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. During the afternoon eight ladies rang Newbury bells in rounds.

WYCOMBE RINGER'S LOSS.

THE PASSING OF MRS. R. COLES.

The sympathy of our readers will be extended to Mr. Ralph Coles (foreman of the High Wycombe belfry) on the death of his wife. Mrs. Coles had been in failing health for some time, and recently had undergone hospital treatment in the hope of recovery. Despite careful nursing and skilled medical attention, however, this hope was not realised, and after much suffering, patiently borne, she passed away in the hospital on the morning of her birthday, November 26th.

Mrs. Coles was an active churchworker, and rendered valuable assistance to the various organisations with which she was connected. She was also an hon. ringing member of the belfry.

The bells were rung half-muffled for matins and evensong on the following day.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Wednesday in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. In the early evening Stedman was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

'The Ringing World' of October 21st contained a description of the Church of St. Augustine, Kilburn, and its bells, consequently it was expected that an association meeting at that church would be well attended. However, a cold, damp afternoon did not help much, but in spite of the cheerlessness of the weather some 40 members put in an appearance. As an example to the rank and file, most of the association officers attended, and it was a pleasure to see Mr. W. H. Hollier, almost fully recovered from his accident in July, as well as his successor in office, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow.

At the service, the Vicar (Rev. Father Atkinson), after welcoming the members, preached a very helpful sermon, taking his text from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. He likened the difficult times of to-day to—those of the days of St. Paul, and just as the apostle urged the Philippians to look to God for a solution of their many difficulties, so it was with us to-day. The service concluded with Lyte's beautiful hymn, 'Abide with me,' appropriately enough on the eve of the anniversary of the composer's death.

After tea, the usual business meeting was held, Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) being in the chair. Four members of the St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Society were admitted to membership of the association, and the tower affiliated to the Guild. The Hon. Secretary congratulated three members of the local band on recently ringing their first peal, and said that he hoped the St. Augustine's band would prosper, and long remain loyal members of the association. He congratulated Mr. E. M. Atkins on the success attending his efforts to form a band at Kilburn, and strongly urged members of the association to support the practices on Thursdays at 8 p.m.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on January 28th, this to be the annual meeting of the district.

It was announced that a special practice for Double Norwich and Surprise methods had been arranged at Willesden, on December 13th at 7.30 p.m.

The Vice-President of the South and West District (Mr. J. A. Trollope) asked permission to 'say something,' and, after being warned not to introduce the subject of Spliced Minor and Doubles, he stated that a dinner would be held on Saturday, January 14th, in the South and West District, further particulars of which would be available later. In the meantime he asked all members to note the date and make up their minds to attend.

The Chairman proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicars of Kilburn and Willesden for the use of their bells, to the organist, and to the ladies who had prepared tea. This was carried unanimously.

The new Ringers' Handbook, by the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, was introduced by the hon. secretary, who stated that he would be pleased to accept any orders given by members. Ringing took place at St. Augustine's Church in the afternoon and evening, also at Willesden after the meeting, and many methods, including Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise, were rung.

BOBS BEFORE AND BEHIND IN MINOR.

The following compositions by Mr. J. W. Parker were rung in the seven method peal at Taxet, which is recorded in another column, there being bobs both when the treble is in front and behind:—

Wragby. 23456	Duke of Norfolk and Norbury. 23456	Willesden. 23456
54326 B	64523	54263 — B
63542 —	23564 —	32546 —
25463	45623	53624
64235 — B	36245	65432
52364	56234 B	46253
43652	46253 B	52436 — B
26435 —	53246 —	45623
34625 B	62453	64352
56234	53462 —	36245
42356	42356 — B	42356 — B
720.		720.

London Scholars' Pleasure. 23456	Sandal and Kingston. 23456
56423 —	46325 — B
63254 — B	25634
54326	34562
26354 —	62534 —
54632	54326 B
42635 B	26354 —
25634 B	54632
34562	32465
62534 —	65432 —
34256	42356 B

All twice repeated.

AN OPEN LETTER

TO DOUBLES AND MINOR RINGERS.

The following 'open letter' to Doubles and Minor ringers, of the Essex Association in particular, and other associations in general, is from Mr. G. L. Joyce, of the Leytonstone band (one of the most accomplished six-bell companies in the country), who has already proved his knowledge of the subject by his articles under the nom de plume of 'Minormania,' published five years ago in these columns.

Gentlemen,—In presuming publicly to address you regarding the 'Peal Controversy,' I am emboldened by the belief that, when electing me to the Peal Committee at the jubilee meeting of the Essex Association, those present almost unanimously voted against preferable candidates solely because my proposer spoke of the need of a six-bell representative. **There could be no other reason.** The spontaneity of the response said much for the consideration shown by this representative gathering for the needs of five and six-bell ringers of its association.

While it is perfectly true that the Central Council and associations cannot enforce compliance with decisions, it behoves 'Minor' men to have something to say in the framing of rules which, no matter how ineffectually in practice, govern matters which lie within our particular sphere, to bestir ourselves at meetings and voice, in no uncertain manner, our views and desires in this direction, to prevail upon our Central Council representatives to press for early and decisive action in the amendment of the existing (and obsolete) definitions relating to 'peals.' To this end, and without desire unduly to thrust upon you my personal views, I should like to offer comment upon certain points in the controversy, to endeavour to set forth as clearly and concisely as is practicable with understanding, and to 'split' certain of those split straws which continually are brought into arguments of this kind.

ROUNDS AND 'TRUTH.' As an order in which bells sound, it has been decided (and properly, as everyone will agree) that rounds shall be rung both at beginning and end of a 'true and complete touch or peal'; the emphasis is on 'touch or peal,' without reference to any part thereof. This decision quite apart, rounds **as a row alone** has not the slightest effect upon 'truth,' other than that it should appear once only, if at all, somewhere within the touch or peal; but because of the decision mentioned, **and only by reason of it,** rounds is rung both at beginning and end, and not elsewhere; and, apart from the existing definition '. . . to start from and end with rounds . . .' there is no logical argument possible as to which (first or last) shall be 'counted' in deciding 'truth.' Provided one is first and another last, both should be 'counted' in a true and complete touch or peal of so many changes, because:—

CHANGES AND ROWS. Broadly put, rows are (the sounds) produced by changes (the 'work'), and the number of rows is always one greater than the number of changes. 'Adsum' writes of omitting the last rounds, thus leaving the peal incomplete, but he is silent upon the question of the omission of the first rounds! Mr. Turner describes the last rounds as the '720th change,' and writes of the impossibility of the first rounds being a 'change.' Neither is a 'change'; both are rows, and both are part of one whole; without the first, the last cannot be the result of the '720th' change. No amount of argument can alter the fact that both are necessary to a completed whole.

'TRUE' CHANGES. It is wrong to contend that bells must run 'round' in order to produce a certain number of 'true' changes. Convention, and convention alone, demands this of a touch or peal; but so far as the cold 'truth of changes' is concerned it is an absurd and mischievous fallacy. Enter a red bus, change into a blue, and again into a green; two changes by using three vehicles. Convention demands that the final change be into a red, in order to complete the 'touch' of three changes. Can anyone doubt that there would have been three complete and true changes had the last bus been a spotted-pink? Commence a peal with rounds: produce 4,999 other rows, all to differ; let the 5,001st row be 87654321, and you have rung 5,000 'true and complete changes': but you have **not** completed a conventional peal.

Furthermore, if any straw is to be split at all in the matter of the compulsory repetitions in a Minor peal, it actually is possible truly to **change** via rows which are repeated; but it would serve no useful purpose to labour this fine point here.

'REVERSED' LEADS. A lead of a symmetrical Minor method (and we repeatedly are told how necessary is symmetry) is like a piece of string—a thing with two ends, one of which is the 'head' and the other the 'tail.' Both ends 'work' towards the centre in exactly the same way, i.e., by way of similar changes (not rows). Rung either way 'up' a lead has the same rows; the succession of 'natures' and the 'work' are the same from either end. In an extent some leads are rung 'one way' and some 't'other'; the Bankes James' Cambridge has whole courses rung 't'other way.' Which of them are wrong side up, and which are right side down, goodness and Mr. Severn alone know! But the bearing of this 'reversal,' in itself, upon the truth of this, or any other extent, is absolutely nil.

ROUNDS FIRST OR LAST. If there be any quibble at all as to which shall be 'counted' the logical answer will be found in the following. A Minor method shows itself to be truly symmetrical only if the lead be shown as printed in the 'Collection,' with rounds as the first row. Further, I have yet to learn that the 'Major' men prove their peals **without** using the backstroke rows of the treble's full leads as the **beginnings.** They speak of 'false course ends,' when these very 'ends' **are not the ends of the false courses**; they are the beginnings of the false courses which follow the so-called 'false course end'! Actually, of course, in matters appertaining to truth, the 'Majors' use these rows as course heads, but the 'Minors' may not!

Again, Mr. Severn insists that rounds is not the first row; he also insists that leads are reversely rung. Right! If any one lead can be rung the reverse way, the first lead also could be reversed. Now examine the first lead of Cambridge. If rounds be not the first row, then the backstroke (156342) must be the last. Reverse the lead and we now commence to ring 'from' 156342; at the first change we make second's place? No, when Mr. Severn reverses a lead he starts 'from' the handstroke row (153624), which now takes the place formerly occupied by rounds, which, in turn, has taken the place of the former handstroke! In short, Mr. Severn in practice uses the backstroke (rounds) and the handstroke (153624) rows as termini, and the lead is swung to fit. He tries to beat us with both ends of a stick at once. If the absurdity eludes you, I am sorry; it is very vivid to me!

SPLICING AND MIXING. Mr. Coles contends that, having accepted the Cambridge, all other peals which are 'spliced and mixed' must also be included, presumably **because** they are 'spliced and mixed.' Accepting his view that the Cambridge is as described, let us consider two separate (and true) 720's, one of London and another of Wells Surprise. Rung one following the other we have a 'true' touch of 1,440, in that each row appears twice therein, and twice only. Now—

(i.) Take parts of the London and truly splice them into the Wells, and vice versa. We now have a true 1,440 comprising two London-Wells extents, each of which is true within itself, and the whole fit for inclusion in a peal.

(ii.) Let parts of the London be taken, falsely to replace parts of the Wells, which, in turn, are falsely spliced into the London. Still a 'true' 1,440, each row appearing twice only, but some rows twice in one extent, and some twice in the other. Would Mr. Coles ring such in a peal? **Would you?**

So much for the acceptance of all and sundry 'splicing in' of any description. Let there be no equivocation on the question of 'methods v. compositions.' Different 'methods' are different arrangements of the same rows in an extent, as are different 'compositions'; the simile is quite good.

The question remaining: Is the Cambridge in one category, while the Law James and Turner peals are in the other?

THE PEALS IN QUESTION. Mr. Coles writes that the Bankes James' Cambridge cannot be justified without the Law James London and the Turner peals. Well, I attempt to justify!

Everyone will agree that the nearest approach possible of a Minor peal to the Major standard is thus: 720 rows all to differ; another such; another, and so on. I set out to prove the Cambridge Minor, as given on page 121 of the 'Collection,' on **exactly the same lines** as I did with the Pitman 12-Surprise Major; and, very definitely, in the Cambridge the bells will sound as follow: 720 different orders before repetition: again; again; again; again; again; and again; with a final 'repetition' of rounds. Total, 5,040 rows and one.

The London, also as given on page 121 and in the same way: 312 different orders: 24 repetitions (the 8th lead again); 240 different; 72 repetitions (leads 1, 2, 3 again); 72 different. Total, 720. The rest of this 'peal' may be 'true' in the whole; probably it is, but I have not looked so far!

The Turner Kent of November 18th: 456 true; 24 false (12th lead again); 72 true; 48 false; 48 true; 72 false. Total, 720.

But why go on? I have attempted a justification; it is for **you** to decide.

THE DEFINITION. I have shown that the Cambridge differs from the others in at least one way; it remains now to decide whether it can be made to 'fit.' I contend that this peal is perfectly true in every practical way, whether judged by the sounds given forth in practice, or by the method used in proving such as the Pitman Major masterpiece. If there is a gentleman (other than Mr. Pitman, please) who thinks that he can show me that rounds is **not** used as the first row in this connection, I shall be delighted to meet him and take lessons; it will be a 'new one' on me!

I state, coldly and deliberately, that the Cambridge is robbed of its 'truth,' on a split straw, by an obsolete and lying jade called 'definition,' which misuses a little word ('from') to despoil a perfectly good peal. Further, that the London and the Kent cannot, by the largest of imaginative stretching, be described as 'true' in the sense of the term as accepted by the vast majority of Doubles and Minor ringers; and, that the acceptance of such peals automatically would lead to 'false' peals of Doubles and Minor of every description, especially so in method splicing.

ROUND PEGS AND SQUARE HOLES. I cannot conclude without mention of Mr. Turner's contemptuous dismissal of Mr. Smith's reference to the tables compiled by 'The Mad Hatter'; it needs

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CENTRAL COUNCIL AND SIX-BELL PROBLEMS

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter of 'Peal Ringer' is most opportune, though, personally, I think it a pity that he did not sign his name to his communication. Twenty years' experience of the Central Council has convinced me that the average member is quite out of touch with the problems of the six-bell ringer. After all, this is to be expected. Men are generally elected to the Council after long experience, and the larger part of them have forgotten all they once knew about Minor and Doubles ringing. Thus, with the best will in the world, they are liable to be led astray in their efforts to interpret eight and ten-bell conditions into those that apply to five and six bells.

A striking example of the really pathetic incompetence of many councillors to understand the very simplest of six-bell problems is afforded by a letter in your current issue on page 775.

The election of members to the Council will take place at association meetings during the next few months. At these meetings six-bell ringers should demand a pledge from candidates that they will support a proposal to the effect that a peal of Minor or Doubles is to be regarded as a single entity and not a collection of separate and independent entities. In other words, a peal of Minor is one performance and not seven. This is the root of the matter, and if a resolution of the Council can be obtained in this sense it should not prove beyond human ingenuity to find a way of applying it in practice. I am sure that in nearly every case it will be found that the desire to be sympathetic is present, and it will seldom be necessary for the six-bell men to run candidates especially chosen to support their views.

I do not think that those of us on the Council who have been fighting for years for the recognition of the idea that a 5,040 on five or six bells is to be accepted as a peal in exactly the same sense as peals on higher numbers are asking too much in expecting this support from the six-bell men themselves.

It ought to be unnecessary to add that these statements of claim take into account that in any peal of Minor every row must occur not less than seven times, and in this sense the peal can be described as conventional. With that proviso the Minor peal is to be accepted as on all fours with those on higher numbers.

Personally, I deprecate at this stage the specious though superficial inquisition suggested by Mr. S. H. Wood. On examination it will be found to be more than a rehash in other terms of the wearisome controversy in which we have been engaged for the past five years. In discussing whether this or that is to be allowed in a peal of Minor or Doubles we have got no nearer agreement. Is it not time to try to settle the general principle?

E. S. POWELL.

Clyst St. George, Exeter.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MINOR RINGERS

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amplifying. While it may be true that the Cambridge (5-6's) extents were obtained long since, it also is true that the tables for all methods were available before the publication of the 'Collection' (wherein, curiously enough, one finds acknowledgment of the work of 'Ernest Seymour Turner'); and reference to these tables would certainly have saved the error or two on page 113, which deals with the subject of the 6-5's. (I believe they remain uncorrected, by the way.) I am led to remark that, had the undoubted genius of 'The Mad Hatter' (with his wholesale manufacture of methods, extents, splicing, and what not?) been used as the square peg in the very square hole of proof scrutiny, the book had been the better for the exclusion of the false methods and extents already acknowledged.

One correspondent writes that the 'Minor' folk get no consideration; perhaps this generally is so; but there is one place where he gets his 'say.' It is before your eyes! My acknowledgments to our Editor for his courtesy in finding ill-afforded space.—I am, gentlemen, yours Minor-madly,

GEO. L. JOYCE.

Leytonstone.

November 24th, 1932.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise me not later than Wednesday, December 7th.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, December 10th. The bells of the Bell Foundry Campanile will be available for ringing from 3.30 p.m. Applications for tea must reach the Hon. Sec. by Friday, December 9th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, Leics.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,
6, Tavistock Crescent,
Luton, Beds,
Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. Subscriptions are invited from all who desire to be associated with the memorial, and contributions should be sent either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James,' or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

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 15th and 29th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 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. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting 6. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples. Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Whimple (6 bells) on Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4 o'clock. Tea (free) at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thornby on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (5) available 2.45. Usual arrangements. Tea in the Reading Room, 1s. each. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30., tea and business meeting(including nominations of District Officers) to follow.—H. Hancock, Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, December 3rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1/3 per head), business meeting to follow. —A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — The next meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carm., on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SUTCOMBE, near Holsworthy, Devon.—The ring of three bells restored and augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 11.30 a.m. by the Bishop of Crediton; service in the afternoon at 3 p.m.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3.30. Tea at 5.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at St. Nicholas-at-Wade on Saturday, December 3rd. The Vicar of St. Nicholas has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea at the Village Hall after the service.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. St. Benedict's bells available at 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by business. Further ringing until 5 o'clock. Bells at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs 5 to 6, St. Mary the Great 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Brentford, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (opposite the church) at 5.30 at 9d. each. Please pay outstanding subscriptions as soon as possible.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, address by the Vicar (Rev. Lindsay Bartlett). Meat tea, Greyhound Hotel, at 5.15. Meeting to follow. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock (6), Symondsbury (6) and Loders (6). Loders only from 2.30 till 3.30.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. and Treas., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Coppul on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. The finest ring of 6 in Lancashire. Roll up and enjoy them.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A., at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance desired. All ringing visitors welcome. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert St., Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Morecambe Parish Church on Dec. 3rd. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to all who notify E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, before Dec. 2nd. Ringing after tea.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at St. Paulinus', Crayford. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Cheap fares available.—Gentlemen cordially invited. — M. L. Cross, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District. — Quarterly meeting at Burghclere, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5. Business meeting follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Cartmel Priory on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow at the Cadena Café, Wine Street. The bells of St. Michael's will be rung half-muffled during the evening in memory of the late vice-president.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Colchester St. Peter's on Dec. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me on or before Dec. 8th?—James R. Sparling, Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — The last meeting of the year will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please make this meeting a success. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. To assist in the arrangements for tea it is important that you kindly advise me not later than Dec. 6th how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Darke Street, Minehead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at 5.30. All those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Dec. 7th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., when the Rev. A. Parkinson will dedicate the Haigh Memorial and Association Library. Tea will be provided for those who notify hon. secretary. All ringers and friends of the late Herbert Haigh are invited, and a good attendance is requested.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. Tea after. All will be heartily welcomed. A good muster is hoped for. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waddesdon on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Rushmere on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (1s. each) at The Garland at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington (Norfolk) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. — Claude J. Davies, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Next meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Cordial invitation to visitors. Very good bus service from town passes the church. Numbers for tea by Wednesday before. Special methods: Double Norwich and Cambridge. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Blandford on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers cordially invited.—E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Next meeting at Banstead on Dec. 10th (both Epsom towers being unobtainable). Tower open at 3 o'clock and tea at the Victoria at 5. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, by Dec. 7th?—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Brindle Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells at 3.30. Service 4.30. Wilton bells available 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea and meeting after service at Harris' Restaurant, Corporation Street (Bath Place entrance). Those requiring tea please notify by Dec. 7th. — P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Will members intending to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Dec. 7th? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify me by Wednesday previous.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Next monthly meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. For tea (1s. each) please notify Mr. J. Fitzgerald, Mount Osborne, Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, Dec. 7th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keighley on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. R. W. Jennison, 40, Aireworth Street, Keighley, by Thursday, Dec. 15th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

JUBILEE DINNER OF THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at the North Stafford Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, at 6.30 p.m. The following towers will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Stoke (8), Hanley (10), Burslem (6), Bucknall (6). Service in Stoke Church at 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Mr. C. S. Ryles, 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before Monday, Dec. 12th. All ringers cordially invited.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Barnwood Church on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., provided by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Bryce). All ringers welcome. Will those attending kindly let me know not later than Dec. 15th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. each. Please notify Mr. R. B. Smith, Hailgate, Howden, by Thursday, Dec. 15th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

BARKBY, LEICS.—Ring of five bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough; special re-opening service on Sunday evening, Dec. 18th, at 6.30 p.m.; preacher, the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Third annual dinner Saturday, Jan. 14th, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. Tickets 5s. 6d. each.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The first district annual supper and social will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1933. Tickets, available shortly, at 3s. each. Please book the date.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

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At the conclusion of a drumhead service of thanksgiving and remembrance, organised by the Comrades' Association, 4th Batt., Essex Regt. (T.F.), at Ilford on Sunday, Nov. 13th, ex-Farrier Sergt.-Major A. Pye, late of the Royal Artillery, of 20, Merton Road, Seven Kings, was presented with the medal recently awarded to him by H.M. the King 'for long and highly meritorious service in the Army.' In making the presentation, Col. J. F. French said that Mr. Pye joined the Royal Field Artillery in 1885, and possessed the Queen's South African medal with six clasps; the King's South African medal, with two clasps; the D.C.M. medals for long service and good conduct, and had been highly recommended for an honorary commission.

By the sanction of the King, the award to Mr. Pye carries with it an annuity of £10.

Mr. Pye retired from the Army in 1911 after 25 years' service, but, not content with that, immediately war broke out in 1914 he volunteered for further service, and the authorities were naturally only too glad to avail themselves of his long experience. To his great disappointment, however, he was not permitted to go into the fighting area overseas, but was employed in organising depots in various parts where his vast knowledge of horses was put to full use.

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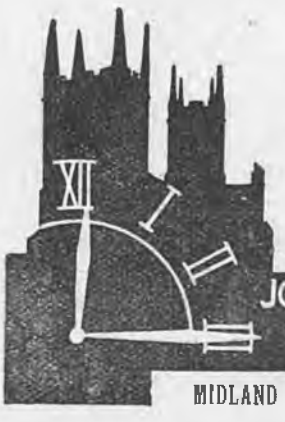

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On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS	...*Treble*	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	7
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	8
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	3	HARRY BOSWELL	9
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ROBERT PICKERING	5	THOMAS J. ELTON	11
THOMAS HILL	6	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by T. J. ELTON.

* First peal of Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Knight, who kindly entertained the band to tea afterwards, and received the good wishes and thanks of the band.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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HUGH R. THORPE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. WHITING ...	6
P.C. WALTER CLAYDON ...	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	7
FRANK JEALE	3	BERNARD H. WELLS	8
*RICHARD V. FULLER... ...	4	FRANK E. CORKE...	9
*RONALD A. TUFFIN	5	GEORGE F. HOAD... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal of Royal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. O. C. McD. Morgan.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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HARRY F. HOLDING	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE HOWCHIN	5
*ALBERT E. BRACEY	2	CHARLES H. MOORE	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	GEORGE MAYERS...	7
†CEDRIC CURSON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, November 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Six-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

Richard Collins	...Treble	Reginald Westcott	5
William Huish	2	John Evans	6
John Westcott	3	Frank Rowsell	7
Richard John	4	William Westcott	...Tenor

Conducted by F. Rowsell.
First peal by all except ringers of treble and seventh. Rung by the local band of Sunday service ringers in memory of the late Vicar, Rev. D. H. Simon. First peal by all in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Frederick Cullum	...Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
John H. Cheesman	2	Edwin A. Barnett	6
Edwin Barnett	3	Harry Hoverd	7
Mrs. G. H. Cross	4	*Walter Lemon	...Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

Thomas Newman	...Treble	George W. Sterre	5
Leonard H. Baybut	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
John H. Cheesman	3	Edward D. Smith	7
Harry Hoverd	4	Cecil J. Matthews	...Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. H. Cheesman.
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Tenor 15½ cwt.

Jonathan Preston	...Treble	Richard C. Ingram	5
Miss O. Muriel Sanders	2	Frederick W. Rishworth	6
George F. Swann	3	William Davies	7
William J. Meers	4	Fred Price	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George F. Swann.
First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Frederick Button	...Treble	George Farnish	5
Keith W. Whittell	2	Harry Hall	6
Harry D. Lister	3	Arthur Grimwood	7
William J. Groom	4	Garnham A. Blaxcell	...Tenor

Composed by W. Shipway. Conducted by W. J. Groom.
* First peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Albert E. Whiting	...Treble	George Whiting	5
*George A. Wightman	2	Ernest E. Lanham	6
Leslie G. Brett	3	T. William Last	7
George Bennett	4	Leslie C. Wightman	...Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by L. C. Wightman
* First peal in the method.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

Herbert J. Eldred	...Treble	*Thomas J. Lock	5
George R. Pye	2	John T. Kentish	6
Charles T. Coles	3	Harry Kilby	7
John G. Nash	4	William Pye	...Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by William Pye.
* First peal in the method.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

Miss Irene L. Hastie	...Treble	Alfred J. Wyatt	5
George Sibley	2	David G. Taylor	6
*S. Victor Crabb	3	S. Percy Merson	7
Arthur H. Reed	4	S. George Coles	...Tenor

Conducted by S. Percy Merson.
* First peal of Stedman.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Albert Helliwell	...Treble	Arthur Panther	5
Arthur Gill	2	Albert Nash	6
*John R. Brearley	3	*John H. Sykes	7
William A. Wooler	4	*John H. Charlesworth	...Tenor

Composed by E. C. Gobey (No. 10). Conducted by A. Nash.
* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

John G. L. Gilbert	...Treble	James Haywood	5
Miss Lucy M. Kelly	2	Reginald Payne	6
Miss L. Noel Cawthorne	3	Leslie Haywood	7
Frederick Cardwell	4	Fred Watkinson	...Tenor

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PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ...	...*Treble*	PETER CHARMAN	5
JOHN COOK	2	WILLIAM STANFORD	6
SAMUEL EELES	3	JACK BRANCH	7
WILLIAM HOOKER	4	ALBERT CHARMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HARRY BAKER	...*Treble*	JOSEPH T. PACK	5
MRS. H. BAKER	2	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ...	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	TOM SAUNDERS	7
CHARLES H. SONE	4	LUTHER J. HONESS ...	...*Tenor*

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

Credit is due to Joseph T. Pack, this being his first attempt for a peal on eight. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in six towers. The composition (No. 228) is rung for the first time.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN WORTH...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM P. DEANE	5
WILFRED STEVENSON	2	ALAN D. STEEL	6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	GILBERT H. HARDING... ...	7
JOHN E. WHEELDON	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

Mr. Harding hails from Bath. Rung as a birthday peal to Mrs. C. H. Page, wife of the conductor, also in honour of the conductor receiving the long-service medal of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

H. JIM RALPH, Secretary, North Dorset Branch...	...*Treble*
REV. F. LL. EDWARDS, General Secretary	2
WILLIAM C. SHUTE, Ringing Master, North Dorset	3
W. C. WEST, Secretary, Devizes Branch	4
F. W. ROMAINE, Secretary, Salisbury Branch	5
SIDNEY HILLIER, Ringing Master, Devizes	6
F. GREEN, Assistant Secretary...	7
C. D. HEGINBOTTOM, Chairman, Devizes Branch	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY HILLIER.

Arranged as an officers' peal to celebrate the jubilee year of the Guild.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE, Holy Nativity	...*Treble*
MISS ANNIE BROWN, St. Philip's	2
RICHARD CLARKE, St. Andrew's, Clifton	3
ALFRED PEARCE, St. James'	4
ALFRED E. REEVES, St. Stephen's	5
HENRY PRING, St. Mary Redcliffe	6
WILLIAM STOWELL, St. Luke's, Brislington	7
URIAH W. BRAVEN, St. Luke's, Bedminster...	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE

Rung with the bells muffled as an 'in memoriam' peal to the late Edward Feltham, the donor of the tower and bells, on the second anniversary of his death. First peal on the bells.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*GEORGE DIXON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM G. CREASEY ...	5
HAROLD HARPER	2	†GEORGE F. SMITHSON ...	6
†MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ...	3	HARRY MORGAN	7
GEORGE HARDWICK	4	*CECIL HOOTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by H. MORGAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*FRED WALKER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM LANGHORNE ...	5
GORDON WHITTAM	2	NICHOLAS NEWBY	6
EDWIN JENNINGS	3	*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	7
†ALAN FORSHAW	4	THOMAS METCALF ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal away from the treble.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
*WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ...	2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	6
JACK BAILEY	3	HENRY HARRISON	7
FRANCIS COXON	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

* First peal of spliced Treble Bob. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS	...*Treble*	†CHARLES H. PULLEN ...	5
*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	2	GEORGE MARTIN	6
FREDK. K. BIGGS	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal in a Surprise method. † First peal of Superlative Surprise.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ...	...*Treble*	TOM BARTLETT	5
ALFRED MONKLEY	2	ARTHUR SEARLE...	6
ARTHUR TRUMAN...	3	EDWARD BIFFEN...	7
GEORGE BETTS	4	*WILLIAM HOWE... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* 50th peal.

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DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, GRANTHAM

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*GEORGE P. ELPHICK ...	...*Treble*	BERNARD SAUNDERS ...	... 5
ALFRED J. TURNER ...	... 2	ARTHUR CAUSLEY...	... 6
†OLIVER WOOD	... 3	JAMES A. HART ...	... 7
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT ...	4	FREDERICK MILES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 27 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5
LEONARD STILWELL ...	... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ...	... 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ...	... 3	*EDWARD S. T. FARR ...	... 7
WILLIAM WELLING ...	... 4	ALAN R. PINK ...	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, November 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
† G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 17. Tenor 17 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN ...	... 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	... 2	WALTER WALLACE ...	... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY	... 3	JAMES GEORGE ...	... 7
CHARLES DRAPER... ...	... 4	ARTHUR BRAINES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
This composition is now rung for the first time. It was Mr. James George's 300th peal of Stedman Triples.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, November 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12⅞ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY	...*Treble*	THOMAS LIGHTFOOT ...	... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY... ...	... 2	BERTRAM BUTLER ...	... 6
OSWALD CLAYBROOK ...	... 3	GEORGE H. RANDLES...	... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY	... 4	FRANCIS BIBBY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the reopening of the church after restoration.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

EDMUND C. CHASTY ...	...*Treble*	†JACK BAILEY	... 5
*WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ...	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY...	... 6
FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	3	FREDERICK J. MILNER ...	7
FRANCIS COXON	... 4	*EDWARD F. GOBEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.
* First peal of Oxford Major. † 50th peal. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Baxter. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HITCHIN.—On Wednesday, November 30th, for Patronal Festival, 1,280 changes of Double Norwich Major: L. Houghton 1, Rev. R. F. R. Routh 2, A. E. Symonds 3, H. W. Else 4, T. R. Scott 5, C. V. Hare 6, L. Fidler 7, D. C. Mears (first quarter in method as conductor) 8.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7840 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS... ...	...*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	GEORGE A. NEWTON... ...	6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ...	3	STEPHEN H. WOOD	7
E. HARRY STONELEY... ...	4	†JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 19). Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS
* 650th peal. † 1,150th peal. Longest peal in the method by this association. The band desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ballard, sen., for entertainment on this and previous occasions.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LANCASTER BRANCH.)
On Sunday, November 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

*ERNEST GRAYSTON ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. VAREY ...	... 4
*GEORGE H. GRAYSTON ...	2	EDWIN JENNINGS ...	... 5
*ALAN CASSON	... 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.
* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. C. Carey Ward.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Court, and one of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

DOUGLAS E. RUST ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD HOWES	... 4
ERIC DURRANT	... 2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ...	5
WALTER C. MEDLER ...	... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.
First peal in four methods by all except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal on the bells since the 5th was rehung by Messrs. A. Bowell and Son, the 'go' now being excellent.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, November 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 5 cwt.

*CECIL R. READER ...	...*Treble*	MISS F. HUTCHINSON ...	... 3
*GEORGE L. HOLMES ...	2	JOHN F. BALL	... 4
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by G. R. G. BUTLER.
* First peal. First peal on the bells by a band of Sunday service ringers. All are members of the choir. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. G. Kelsey, who is leaving to take up duties at St. Peter's, Battersea.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, November 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	FRED HAWKES	... 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... ...	3	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.
Quarterly peal for the branch.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*G. DENNIS DEIGHTON	...*Treble*	AMOS SMART...	4
MISS EVELYN STEEL... ...	2	FRANCIS BALL	5
WALTER PERKINS	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Minor. The first Surprise peal on the bells.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR H. FOX... ...	...*Treble*	JACK BRAY	4
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	2	JOHN W. HOBSON	5
HARRY RODMELL	3	LEONARD RODMELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*HENRY J. CORRY ...	...*Treble*	*EDWIN A. TUCKER	4
MRS. POWELL	2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL	5
*JOHN ARBURY	3	REV. E. V. COX... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. EVERARD S. POWELL.

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

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true extents in the following methods: College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A♭

WILLIAM KEEBLE ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH ELLIOTT	4
CHARLES W. BURTON... ...	2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT	5
AMBROSE MASON	3	CHARLES BUTTON... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George. First peal on the bells. First peal in seven methods by all the band except the treble and fifth ringers.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HARVEY E. BORRELL	...*Treble*	*CYRIL R. BORRELL	4
ARTHUR KEY	2	STANLEY E. BENNETT ...	5
*HAROLD BARSLEY	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE... ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDERICK RIDGWELL	...*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	4
ARTHUR SAUNDERS	2	†OLAVE E. BROYD	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	WALTER ARNOLD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor on tower bells. First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ALLIANCE AND LITTLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Amersham, Calverleigh, Hever Alliance, Crayford Little Court, Little Bob, and Belvedere Little Bob, (2) Kelly Alliance and St. Lawrence Little Bob, (3) Kilndown Alliance and Belvedere Little Bob, (4) Steventon Alliance and Little Bob, (5) Cromer Alliance and Little Bob, (6) Walsingham Alliance and Crayford Little Court, (7) Lammas Alliance and Crayford Little Court.

JAMES WAGHORN... ...	...*Treble*	ANDREW MARSHALL	4
THOMAS FULLER	2	ALBERT RELFE	5
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	3	JAMES BASSETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung on the 34th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Waghorn's wedding. A birthday compliment to the conductor, and rung on the 21st anniversary of his first peal.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

*F. MORRIS	...*Treble*	R. RAWLINGS	4
S. BAKER	2	G. HANKS	5
J. RAWLINGS	3	*R. PRICE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RAWLINGS.

* First peal.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANCIS R. DRACON ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST E. PICKERING... ...	3
NORMAN STATHAM	2	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	4

THOMAS H. WRIGHT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. H. WRIGHT.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Rev. O. Philpott, Rector of Kirkby Mallory for the last eight years, who was laid to rest on Wednesday, November 23rd.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

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

JOHN AMBLER	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON	5-6
PERCY A. JOHNSON	3-4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE... ...	7-8

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by WM. BARTON

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 'GLASSLYN,' SLATER STREET.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

DANIEL T. MATKIN	1-2	*BERT HORTON	3-4
		†DAVID HINGLEY...	5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness—MISS R. HORTON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal on handbells and also first peal of Doubles.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

FEERING.—On Sunday, November 13th, for Remembrance service at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, J. Redgwell 2, W. Butler 3, S. Pye 4, E. Mingay 5, F. Fludder 6, G. Hayward 7, E. Bright 8. The ringers of 1, 3, 7 and 8 are ex-Service men.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A WELCOME AT WANDSWORTH.

The November meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, November 19th, at Wandsworth. Proceedings commenced at Holy Trinity, West Hill, where the splendid ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.) by Taylor and Co. were set going to Grandsire Triples. Although the weather was 'put,' some 20 members and friends braved the elements and the hill, and kept the bells going in various methods, a good course of Cambridge being accomplished among other things. Tea was held at the Church Hall, also on West Hill, but half-mile below Holy Trinity Church. During the course of the splendid tea, the Vicar looked in to dispense a welcome, and handshakes here and there, and, tea being over, the business meeting was held, presided over by the District Master, Mr. H. Mance.

Two new members were elected, and the general business included votes of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. G. Freeman-Irwin, for the use of the bells and Church Hall, and to Mr. Gray, of All Saints' Parish Church, especially for making all arrangements.

An appeal for help at the Parish Church was responded to by four members, and others will be welcome.

At the conclusion of the business a move was made to All Saints', the bells there being made good use of till about 9 p.m., thus bringing to a close a very successful gathering, noticeable for the warm welcome received.

DEATH OF A REDENHALL RINGER.

By the tragic death of Mr. Cecil W. Barrett, as the result of a motor-cycle accident, Redenhall and district loses a very promising young ringer. Deceased was only 23 years of age, and rang his first peal some two years ago.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, November 16th, at Alburgh, the home of deceased's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barrett. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Sneath, the coffin being borne to the grave by six of deceased's fellow-ringers: Messrs. E. Whiting, R. Riches, G. Gower, G. Curson, G. Howlett and C. Barber. Among the large congregation were Messrs. E. R. Goate (Beccles), C. Baker (Pulham Market), S. Copling (Loddon) and G. Walpole (Norton).

Touches were rung on the bells of All Saints', Alburgh, with half-muffled clappers during the afternoon, and in the evening a peal was rung at Redenhall, where deceased was a regular Sunday service ringer.

SELBY ABBEY RINGERS' LOSS.

DEATH OF THE SECRETARY.

Two members of the Selby Abbey company have passed away during November, the first being Mr. James Jackson, who died on November 6th, after a long illness following a seizure. He was 49 years of age. He had not rung for some years owing to being afflicted with blindness. He was laid to rest on November 9th, and several of the local ringers attended the service in the Abbey.

On November 17th Mr. William Arthur Hall, who held the position of secretary of the Selby company for nearly 30 years, passed to his rest after an illness lasting only ten days. He died from erysipelas, and was buried on Saturday afternoon, November 19th. The first portion of the service was held in Selby Abbey, prior to which the bells, which he loved so much, were rung fully muffled with the tenor open at backstroke. There was a large congregation, and the service was choral, Mr. F. Ellis being at the organ. In the procession to the cemetery were many members of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, of which deceased was an official (he had held the position of Provincial Grand Master), and also of his workmates from Rimmington's Printing Office. The ringers from the Abbey, a representative of the Hemingbrough band, and a large number of sympathising friends were also present.

Mr. Hall, when a boy, possessed a very sweet treble voice, and was a chorister in Selby Abbey choir, where he frequently sang solos, and on one occasion sang a solo in York Minster. He had been a Sunday School teacher, and for some few years was secretary of the Abbey Sunday Schools. He was also for a number of years a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council.

Mr. Hall was a very good organiser, and his work in connection with raising funds for the bells after the disastrous fire at Selby Abbey in 1906 is well remembered. He, with Mr. Frederick Cryer, the local captain, and the local ringers, raised a sum of considerably over £300, and had the satisfaction of seeing the present fine peal of ten bells placed in the tower.

He went about all his work in a quiet and unassuming manner. He was always happy when explaining the mysteries of change ringing to any learners, and was always ready to do anyone a good turn. The Selby Abbey ringers have lost in Mr. Hall a most conscientious secretary and a staunch friend. His death is most keenly felt by all, and his place in the belfry will be most difficult to fill.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on November 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Smith 1, A. King 2, A. Rushton 3, H. Walker 4, T. Kendall 5, E. Shane 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, H. Wood 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson set up an almost unchallengeable record in the number of peals of Stedman Triples he rang—something like a thousand—but leaving the former Master of the Oxford Guild out of account, Mr. James George must now be almost, if not quite, leading the field. Last week he rang his 300th peal of Stedman Triples.

Mr. George has 'dug himself in' as the 7th man with the Midland Counties Association's Wednesday band, which with almost unfailing regularity rings a fresh composition of Stedman Triples every week.

And now, at the age of 79, this irrepressible youth has marked his 1,150th peal by ringing the 14 cwt. tenor at Stoney Stanton to a peal of 7,840 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 4 hours 15 mins

When the bells of Boston, Lincs, which have been recast into a peal of ten, are opened on Saturday week they are to be broadcast to America. The cost of the work has been largely defrayed by contributions from the sister town in Massachusetts.

The Bishop of Guildford will preside at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild which is to be held on January 14th.

With the peal at Stoney Stanton, Mr. Ernest Morris has now called the longest peals for the M.C.A. of Doubles, Minor, Bob Major, Little Bob, Ilkeston Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. He also rang in the record Worcester Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Cracks have developed in the walls of Wimborne Minster tower, but anxiety with regard to them has decreased since they have been under observation.

REV. E. G. BENSON'S PREFERMENT.

PRESENTATION AT TEWKESBURY.

The Rev. E. Geoffrey Benson, who last week was inducted to the living of Quatford, near Bridgnorth, Shropshire, has been presented with Cecil Albiu's beautifully illustrated book, 'Cathedrals of England,' and a cheque by members of the congregation of Tewkesbury Abbey, where he was curate for four and a half years, in appreciation of his ministry.

During his stay in Tewkesbury, Mr. Benson was not only thoroughly keen in his parochial work but also took an intense interest in the great Norman Abbey, and by writing and personal description endeavoured to spread abroad the glories of its architecture.

A member of Cambridge University Guild, Mr. Benson put new life into the ringing at the Abbey, and in place of the 'stoney' ringing which he found there is now a change ringing band.

'IT IS THE ENTHUSIASM THAT MATTERS.'

AN ONLOOKER'S VIEWS.

'What I think about bellringing' was the title of an interesting article by Robert Lynd in last Saturday's 'News Chronicle.' As a boy he hated bells, and the story tells of his conversion, 'if not to the love at least to the toleration of bells.' It was all due to 'a little man with a mystical light in his eyes' who entered into conversation with him in a village inn, who induced him to visit the ringing loft, and told him in a hushed voice of the exploits of the village team. 'He told me,' says the writer, 'of great teams of bellringers of the past, and pointed to their names inscribed on brass on the walls of the loft These were to him heroes far excelling the winners of the Ashes in Test cricket or the victors in the Oxford and Cambridge Rugby match or Boat Race. . . . Never before had I seen such simple-minded devotion, such total immersion in the love of the game. Since meeting my little friend, I have never listened to a peal of bells without feeling that, whatever the effect on my own nerves may be, it is making somebody else tremendously happy. One has no more right to object to the noise than to object to the roaring of the crowd at a Cup Final. It is the enthusiasm, not the tintinnabulation, that matters, and so long as men of such selfless enthusiasm as the bellringers survive, there is hope for civilisation. If the world is going to tax enthusiasm, it is a bad lookout for the world.'

REV. H. LAW JAMES MEMORIAL FUND.

SECOND LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Amount previously acknowledged, £3 16s. 6d. Further list of subscriptions and promises: St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough, 5s.; Rev. E. S. Powell, 5s.; J. H. Brathwell, £1; R. K. Knight, 2s. 6d.; C. Glenn, 2s. 6d.; St. Peter's Society, Nottingham, £1 1s.; W. Story, 5s.; E. and W. H. Lloyd, 3s.; R. Sutterby, 5s.; Mr. G. and Miss Noice, 5s.; G. Williams, 5s.; Canon G. F. Coleridge, £1 1s.; J. W. Jones, 2s. 6d.; W. A. Cave, 10s.; W. Pickworth, 10s. 6d.; F. E. Dawe, 10s.; C. H. Howard, 10s. 6d.; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, £2 2s.; Canon H. J. Elsee, 10s. 6d.; Rev. C. J. Sturton, 5s.; Rev. H. Drake, 2s. 6d.; L. A. Holdick, £1 1s.; C. W. Woolley, 10s. 6d.; A. Hague, 5s.; W. E. White, 2s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 10s. 6d.; W. Ayre, 10s. 6d.; Surfleet ringers, £12 5s. 6d.; total, £29 5s. 6d.

Received and acknowledged by National Provincial Bank, Ltd., Spalding, and R. Richardson, Surfleet, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Further subscriptions will be thankfully received.

A REGISTER OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The idea of a register of methods is a very attractive one, and such a collection could not fail to be of great use. Indeed, it is an essential preliminary to the definite Collection of Major Surprise Methods, the publication of which by the Central Council should not be much longer delayed. Much has already been done towards it. I have what is almost a complete collection of all the Major Surprise methods which have been published or rung, together with a mass of others which as yet are generally unknown. Other men have larger or smaller collections, and Mr. Lindoff has, as he tells us, worked out all the Surprise methods with and without second's place being made when the treble is in 3-4.

That was a stupendous achievement, the magnitude of which very few people can realise. Some years ago I began to make some preliminary investigations into the simplest style of methods, and though my job was incomplete and restricted I wrote out some five thousand methods. The task of working them all out is one to daunt the strongest courage.

There is thus no lack of Major Surprise methods. The proportion of those extant that ever will be rung is small indeed. Many of them—probably most of them—are hardly worthy of being rung and are of no value except to the student of method construction, as illustrating some mathematical law or other. But from the mass, given sufficient knowledge and experience, it should be possible to extract about one hundred which would serve the needs of the Exercise for many years to come.

I doubt, however, if that is what was in the minds of those who are asking for this register. What is wanted is some means, more or less infallible, by which the regularly recurring disputes as to authorship and correct naming may be settled. Much as one understands and sympathises with this demand, I doubt very much whether it would be worth while. I fear that such questions never will satisfactorily be answered, because they never can satisfactorily be answered. It is better to face facts and say outright that there is no such thing as authorship or ownership of methods, and that the naming of them is entirely a matter of convenience, which can well be left to the Exercise at large—if you care to say so, to chance. I do not see why, because I choose to call a method by a certain name, other people should be bound to do the same, though I do see reasons for not lightly altering the name under which a method was first rung, or by which people generally call it.

In the early days of the Exercise when methods were few, when the whole field lay as virgin soil before composers, it was natural enough that the man who first wrote out a method should deem himself its author and owner. It was natural enough that John Reeves and his colleagues of 'The Clavis' should call Superlative 'our own'; that Shipway should write about 'his' system of Court; that Duffield should be looked on as Sir Arthur Heywood's method; and so on. It was natural, and it was just, for, without going into what exactly is involved in the use of the word authorship, it is clear that Reeves did give the Exercise something which, so far as it was concerned, he had created and which had not previously existed.

But these days are long since past. No one can say now, in the way that Reeves could say, that he has composed a new Surprise method. Over against any such claim is the statement of Mr. Lindoff that he has already worked them all out. If that statement be true (and there is no reason why we should doubt it), there cannot be such a thing as a new Surprise Major method.

Does it mean, then, that all these methods are Mr. Lindoff's? Well, hardly. There are, for instance, these five thousand methods that I have here before me. They are but a part of Mr. Lindoff's gross total, but since he has the lot necessarily they are a part. And who shall decide (assuming it to be worth while) whose they are—his or mine?

And then, what of the many other people who have been working at methods these many years agone? No one can know now what methods Henry Law James wrote out during the forty years and more he was investigating method construction. And since no one can know that, no one can be sure when any particular method was first composed.

That is not all. If methods were separate, independent things it might be proper to talk about composing and owning them. If a man could make methods as some men can make tables and chairs, each one separate from the other and separate from any that other men can make, and could go on making them indefinitely—then we could properly speak of them as his property. But it is not so. The number of methods, though large, is strictly limited. They are all closely related one to another; for the mathematical laws that produce them are similar and few in number. Hence, though it is an immense task to write them all out in extenso by figures, if we use formulæ the job can be simplified immensely. Not only so, but if we have the figures of one or two methods we can from them see many more without going to the trouble of actually writing them down.

But are such methods new and independent things? If, for instance, we ring Peterborough above the treble and Norfolk below, we get what is for all practical purposes a new method. Assuming it has never been published (and offhand I cannot say that it has), should I be justified in calling it mine? According to the old (and, for many

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FYLDE BRANCH SECRETARY 'HITS OUT.'

A meeting of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the R.C. Church of the Sacred Heart, Blackpool, on Saturday last. Seventeen ringers, members and non-members, were present, a special feature being the piloting of the younger men through various touches with which they were not familiar. The striking, on the whole, was good, the bad running of the tenor requiring special treatment.

At the business meeting the secretary called the attention of those present to the fact that he was entering on his twelfth year as secretary, that during the eleven years he had asked for suggestions and advice from anybody or everybody for more interest in change ringing and increased membership. Among the ringers themselves no one was able to suggest anything tangible. He received every encouragement from the clergy, but, as the old saying is, one can take a horse to the river to drink, but if the horse won't——. The secretary blamed the chief ringers for the present poor state of ringing in the Fylde. With one or two exceptions, he said, the chief ringers were the chief offenders in not attending the branch meetings. If the 'head' of the ringers showed no interest, how could one expect the other members to attend? He, the secretary, had decided to take the matter in his own hands and try forcible rather than passive measures. He had already got promise of six new members from Holy Trinity, South Shore. A long letter to the Church Council of St. Anne's had evidently taken effect, as four members from that tower were present at this meeting—a record number from St. Anne's tower during the past eleven years. A letter had been sent to Bispham Church officials, and a promise received of future improvements in ringing matters. For six weeks the secretary had been going to Kirkham, instructing the local band, and they were both keen and enthusiastic. They had all promised to become members when eligible.

At the conclusion of the meeting the secretary was asked to continue discussion of the subject at the next meeting, to be held at Poulton. The secretary promised to give a paper on 'Chief ringers, their duties and obligations.'

A most successful meeting was brought to a close by an admirable 'fall' of the bells in peal.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION FAVOURS DIOCESAN TITLE.

There was an excellent gathering at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, November 26th, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the South-Eastern District. Fifteen towers were represented. A short service was conducted by the Rev. M. M. Martin, who gave the ringers a very warm welcome. The lessons were read by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association). A collection in aid of the association's bell restoration fund amounted to £1 5s.

At the business meeting Mr. Howard presided, and the district secretary read a report of the work in the division during the past year. Five meetings had been held, he said, with an average attendance of 36. Twenty-eight peals had been rung on tower bells, while three non-resident and three ringing members had been elected.

Mr. H. W. Kirton was re-elected District Master, and thanked all those present for the honour conferred upon him.

The District Secretary, Mr. A. E. Coombes, was also unanimously re-elected.—Mr. Coombes said how gratifying it was to have their confidence. He thanked the members for the help that had been given him, and said he would continue to do all he could for the association (applause).

Seven new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Broomfield on February 18th.

The following resolution was then put forward: 'That this meeting of the South-Eastern Division recommends to the annual general meeting that the name of the Essex Association be changed to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.'—This resolution was carried without opposition.

Mr. Howard thanked all who had helped to make the meeting a success, and all those who had taken part in peals for his birthday.

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people, present) standards most certainly I should be justified. But is the standard a sound one?

The conclusion of the whole matter seems to be that we must drop all ideas of authorship and ownership and leave these methods the common property of the Exercise for anyone to use as best he can. If a man can work out a good method and get it rung, what signifies it that someone unknown to him had previously written it out? If Mr. Tipler, for instance, can produce a first-class method, it does not lessen his performance that it is already among the thousands in this bulky book before me. The trick of writing out methods is one that anyone can learn in a very few minutes. What is interesting and what is really worth doing is to learn about the laws on which these methods are founded.

One thing I will add (though it has nothing to do with my present subject), and it is this—the definition of a Surprise method, which Mr. Bankes James first drew up and which the Methods Committee (and through them the Exercise) adopted, was one of the biggest mistakes in ringing matters that has ever been made.

THE BI-CENTENARY OF A PEAL.

INTERESTING GREENWICH TABLET.

One of the earliest peals of Grandsire Triples, of which record remains to us, was rung at St. Alphege Church, Greenwich, by the Society of Kentish Youths, exactly two hundred years ago, and by the courtesy of Mr. Edward W. Thornton (son of Mr. F. W. Thornton, the well-known Greenwich ringer), we are able to reproduce a picture of the ancient and curiously shaped stone tablet.



In the mediæval church, there were four bells, and the tower, which was built in 1617 and survived when the old church fell, was removed and replaced in 1730 by the present steeple to accord with the character of the new church. Apparently the four bells were rehung in the new tower, and in the following year four additional bells were added, cast by R. Phelps. One of these bears the inscription, 'The gift of our most gracious Queen Caroline, 1731.' On December 1st, 1732, the first peal was rung on the bells, and a tablet was provided to record the performance, of which, naturally, the the ringers were very proud, for in those days a peal was a great achievement.

In course of time the tablet was lost sight of, but it was brought to light about 70 years ago, when the then ringers, while voluntarily redecorating the ringing chamber, found it hidden by some woodwork. The tablet was renovated and erected in its present position on the wall of the belfry, where Mr. Thornton photographed it.

A PAMPHLET ON CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

Another useful little pamphlet, this time explaining quite simply how to ring Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, has just been published. It describes lucidly the work of the method, which is illustrated by a full course of Minor and Major. Bands and individuals desiring to take up practice of the method will find it of great help, and it is within the means of everyone, being only 7½d. post free. Half a dozen copies can be had for 3s. 6d. It can be obtained from K. Quick, 17, Broad Street, Bath.

CHURCHWARDEN'S FATAL ACCIDENT.

Mr. Richard Ekins, who had been churchwarden of Great Staughton, Hunts, for 25 years, was knocked down by a motor-cycle in Cambridge on November 22nd, and died the same evening. After the funeral on Saturday, November 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung at Great Staughton with the bells half-muffled: G. Franklin 1, J. Smith 2, H. J. Parker 3, J. Crisell 4, F. W. Lack (conductor) 5, H. Davison 6.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held in Cambridge on Saturday, the anniversary of the dedication of St. Benedict's bells. Ringers came from Cambridge, Dunmow, Exning, Fen Ditton, Fulbourne, Luton, Maidstone, Meldreth, Melbourn, Mildenhall, Orwell, Over, Royston, Sawston, Stetchworth, Trumpington and Willingham. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. at the Church of St. Benedict, where service was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Essex, who preached an inspiring address, saying that we should use our tongues to give words of cheer and encouragement to those around us. Cheerfulness is badly needed in the sad world of to-day.—Mr. Thurlow very kindly presided at the organ.

A short business meeting was held in the vestry. Miss P. Fordham, of Mildenhall, and Mr. Roger Iredale, of Cambridge, were elected members. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. C. Essex for conducting the service, taking the chair, and for the use of St. Mary's bells, also to the Rev. W. Greenwood for St. Benedict's bells, and for the use of the vestry.

After a 'pull' on the bells of the Roman Catholic Church, the proceedings concluded with an hour's ringing at St. Mary-the-Great.

Will members please note that the next by-meeting is to be held at Melbourn on January 14th. The quarterly meetings for 1933 are as follows: February 25th, Ickleton; May 20th, Bourne; September 9th, Fulbourn; December 2nd, Over.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT BRENTFORD.

It is many years since the Middlesex County Association held a meeting at Brentford, and it was, therefore, regrettable that the attendance was so poor. Some twenty members were present during the afternoon and evening and had plenty of practice on the six bells which hang in the ancient tower. Various Minor and Doubles methods were rung, including London and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent, etc. A brief service was held at 5 p.m., when, in the course of his address, the Vicar, Rev. J. Talbot, welcomed the association.

After the subsequent tea, a meeting was held in the Church Hall, where the chief item of discussion was the forthcoming district supper and social on January 14th at Heston.

Three of the local band were elected members, and it was agreed to hold a meeting at Chiswick on the second Saturday in March, 1933. In addition, there would be the supper in January, and the district annual meeting at Isleworth in February.

Thanks were accorded to Rev. J. Talbot for his welcome to Brentford and for the use of his bells, etc., and to Mr. F. James and the local band for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort of the visitors.

A further visit to the tower concluded quite an enjoyable meeting.

ASHTON VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Mossley, Lancashire, on Monday, November 28th, 81 leads of Bob Major (1,296 changes) were rung at St. George's Church by: R. Taylor 1, H. Taylor 2, F. Welham 3, H. Pickles 4, J. Clayton 5, E. Garside 6, J. Harrison 7, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 8.

The touch was rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mr. J. Harrison—a lead for each year—and despite his advanced age the veteran rang without showing any signs of fatigue, and at the finish congratulations were showered on him. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Wolstencroft are from Ashton-under-Lyne, the rest are regular service ringers at Mossley.

WATFORD'S 'GRAND OLD MAN.'

At the Parish Church, Watford, on Sunday, December 4th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. Jones 1, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 2, W. Paul 3, W. E. Oakley 4, W. Norris 5, F. Edwards 6, E. S. Edwards 7, R. G. Bell 8. Rung as a compliment to the treble man, Mr. Edward Jones, Watford's 'grand old man' among the ringers, who, in his 83rd year, rings regularly for service at the Parish Church.

TWO TREBLES FOR NEWBURY.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

The present eight bells at Newbury, Berks, are to be augmented to ten. The ringers have undertaken the raising of the funds, and a sum of £190 is required. Of this amount the Newbury men are giving £102, and they appeal to ringers and friends outside the town to contribute the remaining £88. Help from the parishioners is not to be expected, as they are already engaged in raising £4,000 to put a new roof on the church.

When the augmentation is completed, Newbury will have a fine peal of ten, with tenor 21½ cwt. in D. The work is to be done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Donations should be sent to Mr. H. W. Curtis (captain and secretary), Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.

The last meeting of the year was held at Denton on Saturday, November 26th. The bells were set going early, and service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. E. Carter), who also gave the address. Tea was provided in the schools by the local ringers' wives, a party of forty sitting down, and the business meeting followed. The Hon. Secretary, in welcoming the Rector to the meeting, spoke of the pleasure the members had always had in visiting Denton on many occasions, and this being the first time they had held a meeting since the present Rector had been there, he was sure they would agree that he had received them just as heartily as his predecessor had always done. The Rector had informed him that he wished to become an hon. member of the Guild, and he had great pleasure in moving that he be elected.—This was seconded and carried with enthusiasm.

The Rector, in expressing thanks, said it was his first experience of a meeting of bellringers, but he could assure them that so long as he was there they would always be welcome. He hoped it would not be long before they came again. He had quite enjoyed the whole proceedings and was struck by the happy spirit which prevailed among them. They must always remember, he said, that they all belonged to the bigger fellowship and do their duty in their respective spheres, whether in the belfry, the pulpit or any other branch of church work.

The places and dates for the meetings in 1933 were decided on as follows, subject to the necessary permission being granted: Annual meeting at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, January 30th; quarterly meetings at Reddish April 29th, Poynton July 1st, Marple September 23rd, and Staley November 25th.

A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. Henry W. Wilde, and the Hon. Secretary, in proposing the resolution, said that not only the Guild but the ringing Exercise as a whole was the poorer for his death.—Mr. Wolstencroft and Mr. Barnes also spoke of the kindness of manner and the great ability of Mr. Wilde. —The hon. secretary was instructed to forward a letter to the widow and family.

Mr. Barnes reported that he had attended a meeting of the general committee of the Guild held at Crewe on the previous Saturday, at which Mr. Elwell had resigned from the office of treasurer. He had received an appointment overseas, and would be leaving this country early in the new year. The hon. secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulation to Mr. Elwell on his appointment, expressing the best wishes of the members for his future welfare, and thanking him for all he had done for the Guild during his years of office.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for his welcome and his presence throughout the day's proceedings, to the ladies who had provided tea, and also to the local ringers and organist.

This concluding the business, a return was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going to various Minor methods for the rest of the evening.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. C. T. Coles advances the remarkable theory that a 720 of Cambridge Minor consists of a first lead of 23 rows, twenty-eight leads of 24 rows, and a final lead of 25 rows. Surely it is apparent that a 720 consists of thirty leads of 24 rows, and that the first lead must commence 123456 and end 153624. Rounds is definitely and irrevocably the first row.

I think the writers on this subject have given little thought, or study, to the matter, and the discussion has so far been of no practical value.

It is, of course, well known that 720 Cambridge Minor may be obtained by means of bobbing 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 Q sets, or, plainly, by means of 9, 12, 15, 18, or 21 bobs. Only five extents are obtainable, but, by means of reversal and variation, the five may be increased to 220.

MAJOR RINGER.

720's CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

The 220 extents of Cambridge Surprise Minor referred to above are produced as follows:—

No. 1. Bobs at 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, P.L., twice repeated.
Reverse, do. 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, P.L., twice repeated.
No. 2. Bobs at 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 3. 1, 2.P.L.
Reverse, do. 2, 2, 1, 3, 2, 3, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1.
No. 3. Bobs at 1, 1, 1. 5, 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 1, 4, 2, 3, 3, 1.P.L.
Reverse, do. 2, 1, 3, 3, 2, 4, 1, 1, 3, 1, 1, 1, 5, 1, 1.
No. 4. Bobs at 1, 3, 3, 2, 4, 2, 5, 2, 3, 1, 2, 2.
Reverse, do. 1, 2, 2, 1, 3. 2, 5, 2, 4, 2, 3, 3.
No. 5. Bobs at 3, 2, 5, 3, 2, 5, 3. 2, 5.
Reverse, do. 1, 5, 2, 3, 5. 2, 3, 5, 2, 2.P.L.'s.

The five 720's and their inverts may be varied as follows:—

Nos. 1 and 5 may be commenced at any of the first ten leads, thus giving twenty 720's in each case, ten direct and ten reverse; total, forty.

Nos. 2, 3 and 4 may be commenced at any of the thirty leads, giving with the direct and reverse variations one hundred and eighty 720's. The total number of 720's is therefore 220.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIMBORNE BRANCH HAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The success of the work being done in the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild was emphasised at the annual branch meeting on November 26th. There is a ringing membership of 130, and twelve towers were represented, the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. H. Gundry) being among those present. At the service held in the Minster, prayers were said by Rev. A. J. Burgess, the lesson was read by the Master, and an appropriate address given by Canon A. L. Keith (Vicar and Rural Dean). Mr. Alfred Fripp, a member of the Minster tower, was at the organ.

After tea, Canon E. C. Eddrup (Corfe Mullen) presided over the annual business meeting.

On the proposition of Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (Ferndown), a past-Master, seconded by Mr. F. C. Hart (Wimborne), the officers—chairman (Canon Eddrup), hon. secretary and treasurer (Rev. C. A. Phillips, Bournemouth), and Ringing Master (Mr. F. W. Townsend, Poole)—were unanimously re-elected.—Canon Eddrup, in reply, observed he thought they were a very happy, progressive branch, and it was pleasing to note, especially in these days, the advance made in the spiritual life of the ringers.—Mr. Phillips expressed appreciation of the help given him by Mr. J. I. Davis (Poole), and the support accorded by all the towers.

The Master message to the branch was: 'Go on as you have been going, and every success to you during the coming year. God bless you' (applause). He congratulated the members on their good sense in re-electing the officers, because the branch had been very successful during the past year, and he was quite sure a great deal of that success was due to the keenness with which the officers had undertaken their work and taken their part in managing the affairs of the branch (hear, hear, and applause). Mr. Gundry also voiced the members' appreciation and gratitude to Canon Keith for his memorable address.

Canon Keith, in acknowledgement, assured the visitors it was always an occasion of delight to welcome the ringers and give them the hospitality of their tower. 'Our anxiety for the tower, I think, has decreased rather than increased, so you need not fear you are adding to the coming crash which possibly might be anticipated if the cracks in the tower get worse,' he added. 'They are under observation, and there is no cause for alarm at present.' The Vicar also paid tribute to the important, sacred, and highly religious work in which the ringers were involved. He hoped that the branch would still further increase in real happiness and devotion (applause).

A GROWING BALANCE.

The Secretary, in his annual report, reviewed the work accomplished during the past year. The Lytchett Matravers company had been reinforced by five lady ringers. The financial statement showed a favourable balance of £6 19s. 11d., compared to £6 1s. 8d. brought forward. Of the receipts, totalling £17 5s. 8d., the sum of £9 7s. 6d. represented 125 ringing members' subscriptions.—The report and balance sheet were adopted, on the proposition of Mr. F. C. Hart, seconded by Mr. J. I. Davis.

On Mr. Davis' suggestion it was agreed that the secretary should convey the branch's congratulations to the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild, on his taking part the previous week in ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques in the same tower at Cheltenham as he rang his first peal of Grandsire Caters.

Quarterly meetings, it was agreed, should be held at St. Giles (after Easter), Corfe Mullen (June), and Kingston (September); and the first of the practices should be held at Wareham in January, others being left to the secretary to arrange.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, Wyke Regis (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Dorchester Branch) conveyed the hearty good wishes of that branch to the Wimborne Branch, and mentioned that a noted addition to his branch was Buckland Newton, which, after a lapse of about three years, had restarted. He thought it was the most progressive band they had in the Dorchester Branch, and he was glad to see it represented that day (applause).

Thanks were accorded the chairman and Master, on the proposition of Mr. Martin-Stewart, seconded by the Rev. C. A. Phillips.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

Two quarter-peals of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) were rung by the ringers of Benwell Parish Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in connection with the centenary of the church on November 26th. For morning service by: J. Richmond 1, C. France 2, N. Pearson 3, W. Mann 4, J. H. Clifton (conductor) 5, J. Forster 6. For evening service by: J. Richmond 1, R. Jackson 2, N. Pearson 3, C. France 4, J. H. Clifton (conductor) 5, J. Forster 6. They were the first quarter-peals by all except the conductor.

NORTH WALES LADY RINGERS.

A combined practice of the North Wales Association was held in St. David's Church, Bangor, on Saturday, December 3rd, when ringers from Llandudno, Penmaenmawr, Portmador and Bangor attended. The lady ringers from Llandudno are making good progress, as are also the younger ones. The methods were Doubles, Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major. The next practice will be held in Llandudno in January.

MINOR PEALS.

A REPLY TO REV. E. S. POWELL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In to-day's issue of 'The Ringing World' is a letter from the Rev. E. S. Powell, in which he says, 'A striking example of really pathetic incompetence is afforded by a letter in your current issue, page 775.'

As mine is the only letter on that page, the attack is meant for me. I cannot allow this to pass. It is a piece of gross impertinence and a calculated insult. Who made him a judge of his fellow-men or of ringing? Is everyone who refuses to adopt the view of E. S. Powell to be considered mentally incompetent? If he considers he is justified, let him ponder a moment.

I was a change ringer before he was born, had rung seven-method peals (true) and long lengths of five figures on the higher numbers before he 'strutted his little hour upon the stage' of ringing, on which he has up to now contributed not an atom of interest. His record is 'nil.' It is the stock-in-trade of the highbrow to belittle the intelligence of his opponent, thinking thereby to embarrass him. It usually succeeds, but it won't go down with me. Mr. E. S. Powell's opinions would be worth more if he were a man of deeds—not words.

I and those who think with me understand the Minor question well enough. We understand, also, the tactics of the Methods Committee. There is no 'problem' for the ringer. The peal columns show that he does not want false peals, but there is a problem for the committee—how to dump the spurious compositions on the Exercise via the Central Council.

Mr. E. S. Powell's latest card of 'playing to the gallery' has been worn threadbare. To assert that 'a peal of Minor is in one piece, not seven,' is mere eyewash, and does not make the assertion true, as he will find who rings seven methods, Plain and Treble Bob.

The committee are in the last ditch, and they know it. Had they rejected the Cambridge Minor at first, it would not have brought trouble in its train. Having accepted it (for personal reasons), when the false Grandsire Doubles came along they had to be swallowed also, then the Treble Bob. It is now sink or swim, and I hope they will sink. I am glad to see that Mr. S. H. Wood has the courage of his opinions, and, whether for or against, I hope he will not allow himself to be either roped or doped by the opposition.

December 2nd, 1932. W. WILLSON.

'STOP TAMPERING WITH 720's.'

Dear Sir,—Much has been written regarding this question, which has been in the limelight for several years. As you can only get 720 changes on six bells, do not let us tamper with our 720 any more than we should with our complete 5,040. Let us have our rounds to signify the prelude to the peal, then let us have 720 different changes ending with rounds, each complete 720, and after seven of these we can end the final 720 with the usual few rounds, to mark the close of a peal on six bells. Ring what you like in each 720 so long as no falseness occurs, but anything of a freak nature should be ruled out as foreign to the constitution.

The Rev. E. S. Powell says the average member of the Central Council is quite out of touch with the problems of the six-bell ringer. Such a statement is utter rubbish, and can be disregarded in the same way as most of his statements are regarded, viz., worthless from the practical point of view. If we look at the names of those who get elected to the Central Council we find them mostly men of great practical experience on six to twelve bells, and, after all, this is the right type of ringer that is required.

This six-bell question has been a sore for over 50 years, and it should be settled by stopping any more tampering with any 720 in any peal, therefore let us keep our seven 720's true and resolve not to be led away by sets, rows or anything else that tends to side-track the issue.

W. SHEPHERD.

TRUE CHANGES.

Dear Sir,—By stating that I bluntly contradicted myself, 'Adsum' shows himself to be 'one who knows,' and therefore not seeking enlightenment, but an opportunity to show his superior knowledge. For the benefit, however, of those who have an honest doubt on the subject I will try to give as simply as possible my reasons for accepting the new facts, as given many times in letters from the Rev. E. S. Powell among others.

If I were to say that 'rounds' at the end of a 720 was not a change, where do the 720 changes come in? You would say that the rounds is a 'change,' being a change from the preceding row of 124365. Now, at the end of the first 720 in the Rev. E. Bankes James' Cambridge, we find 134256. Well, that is a change from the preceding row, which is 143265, being a bob lead, and you will not find that change repeated in the 720, for although the bells struck in the order 134256 once before, the change was from 132465, being a plain lead, so that in one change a bell remained in fourth's while the bells in 2-3 and 5-6 changed places, and in the other a bell remained in second's, causing the others to change in 3-4 and 5-6. Therefore it must be a true change, thus making the 720 true.

In conclusion, I would remind 'Adsum' that the above, in one form and another, has appeared in print before, but like all other circulated knowledge it wants to be studied with an open mind—not narrow-mindedly, from a biased point of view—to grasp the facts it contains.

A. H. SMITH.

FORWARD OR BACKWARD?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After Mr. Powell's very clear explanation of the difference between changes and rows, there is little to add on this matter. Perhaps one might point out that, while most of us roughly agree with Mr. W. Willson's statement: 'To the ringer, rows and changes mean the same thing in practice,' we can hardly do so unreservedly, because the 'practice' is not the same. In the one case it is practice on paper, in the other on bells.

Rows are 'static,' standing still; there they are, all together on the paper. Changes are 'dynamic,' moving, unfolded as we listen to the sounds of the bells unrolling themselves in the predestined order.

A change is not a row. It cannot even be represented by a single row. It takes two rows to represent a change, and then the change is not in either of them, but is the change from the one to the other.

Neither is a row a change. It does not even represent a change. We colloquially say that 213 is a change. This is not really correct. Before 213 we may have 123, or 231, resulting, obviously, in two different changes. Or, again, we may have either of these rows after 213. Therefore, to represent changes, you must always have one more row than there are changes. This is the idea of completeness which we employ to-day. It was not always so, as we shall see presently.

Before answering the question in Mr. W. Willson's puzzle, I will first take Mr. C. T. Coles' request for information as to what is 'a true and complete change.' The answer is that there is no such singular thing. The expression is always used in the plural.

Thus, '720 true and complete changes' meant the extent on six bells, together with a number of rounds as a proper beginning, and also a number of rounds as a proper ending. If the ringing had stopped with only one ringing of rounds, the 720 would not have been completed. I am told that the Woodbridge ringers in past days rang the extent on eight bells. It was achieved in 'parts,' a day at a time. Whether they rang '5,040 true and complete changes' each day, I do not know. I have heard it unkindly suggested that they began one day where they left off on the previous occasion.

In Aldeburgh tower there is a board recording seven true and complete 720's in seven methods. If these had been rung in the way we ring them to-day, the 720's would not have been recorded as complete. In order that there might be no doubt about the completeness of each extent, I am told the ringers took a walk, to show themselves about the town, in between each.

We can now take Mr. W. Willson's puzzle. His question is: 'If rounds is the first row, to what peal does the final row of rounds belong?' Of course, he is referring to the row of rounds which occurs once only between two extents. The answer is to either. You can please yourself to which extent you attribute it, either to the preceding or to the following; but you cannot put it to both. And which ever extent you deprive it of will be an incomplete one.

We have now, I think, reached the conclusion of the whole matter. If we want to go back to the former idea of completeness we can quite well do so, but to be consistent, and to make our ideas clear, we ought to make a rule that each 120, or each 720 must have at lease two or three rounds after it. (Three, if the phase of the ringing is to be the same, as it usually is at present. Two rows of rounds only—or an even number—if the phase is to be changed.)

But it must be clearly understood that to do this is to go back to the ways and ideals of our forefathers. About it being a step backwards, there can be doubt whatever.

Or, on the other hand, we can go forward in the same direction as progress has so far been made. The first step was when the completeness of the extents was given up in order to run each extent into the following. As we have seen, this was done by ringing rounds, once only, between each extent. Other steps were those taken by Mr. Morris and Mr. Bankes James. A further step is that indicated by Mr. C. T. Coles, when he invites us to treat rounds as no different from any other row, and being no more bound than they are to appear at regular intervals. The final step will be to drop all pretence of ringing 120's or 720's at all. In Minor, for instance, each row must be repeated seven and only seven times, none of which may be consecutive. This opens up a prospect of most difficult and interesting arrangements.

Which is it to be—forward or backward?

HERBERT DRAKE.

A DEVON ENTHUSIAST.

The death has occurred of Mr. James Lovering, who for over 45 years was a most enthusiastic member of the band at Ottery St. Mary, Devon. He was 68 years of age, and his remains were interred at East Barnet, Herts, on Saturday.

As a last token of respect his colleagues rang at Ottery St. Mary a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: J. Arbury (conductor) 1, J. H. Godfrey, jun., 2, C. Turner 3, F. Stuckey 4, J. H. Godfrey, sen., 5, E. Marks 6, W. G. Burrows 7, R. Wood 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): H. Ridgway 1, J. A. Green 2, F. Case 3, A. N. Wood 4, E. C. Lambert 5, T. Roberts 6, R. Foddy 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7, also first quarter of Superlative for a Sunday service on the bells.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On Sunday, November 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 47 mins.: W. H. Gutteridge 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, P. E. Jones 3, C. E. Nicholls (first in the method 'inside') 4, E. Hancox 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, E. G. Swift 7, W. S. Childs 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On November 27th, for morning service, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, W. J. Bowden 2, N. Tomlinson 4, G. Plater 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Advent Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): A. Butler 1, A. E. Newman 2, H. Payne 3, N. Curtis 4, R. Brown 5, H. Reeves 6, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 7, J. L. Hayward 8. This was the first quarter-peal of Bob Major by an entirely local band.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.—On Sunday, November 27th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: F. Harris (first 720) 1, G. Tempro (first 720 away from treble) 2, J. Cooper, sen., 3, V. Darvill 4, R. Darvill (conductor) 5, G. Martin 6.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 27th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. Watts 1, P. Green (conductor) 2, A. G. Bartholomew 3, Miss W. Linn 4, P. Felton 5, H. Pennack 6, G. Green 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church. This musical touch contains 4-5-6 extent in 4-5-6, and 2nd and 3rd extent at home in 2-3.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 20th, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,280 changes) for evening service: J. J. Turner 1, H. Day 2, K. G. Sheldon 3, E. F. Gobey (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 4, F. F. Hill 5, T. Stimpson 6, F. W. Hill 7, A. Hutchinson 8.

HYTHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church, on St. Leonard's Day, Sunday, Nov. 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: C. Swan 1, W. Bidnell 2, W. Flisher 3, W. J. Bidnell (conductor) 4, W. Fright 5, R J. Birch 6, A. Amos 7, A. Swan 8.

THE DEVON GUILD.

AYLESBURY DEANERY BRANCH.

There was a large attendance at the very enjoyable annual meeting of the Aylesbury Deanery Branch, held at Whimple on Saturday. The Rector (Rev. E. A. Jullyan), who is chairman of the branch, read the service. The Rev. E. V. Cox, Vicar of Brampford Speke, preached from the text, 'Make Disciples,' and went on to plead for missionary work among towers outside the Guild, for continual advancement in method ringing among change ringers, and for the better service of the church and all that it stands for. Tea was served in the Victory Hall to some 67 members and friends. The Rector, presiding over the subsequent business meeting, said what great pleasure it gave him to welcome the branch to his church, and also to see some of the deanery clergy present.

The President (the Rev. E. S. Powell) spoke of the life and work of the late Mr. Frank Davey for the Guild and for the branch, and those present stood for a moment in silent thought of him.

The Rev. E. A. Jullyan was re-elected chairman of the branch, and Mrs. E. S. Powell hon. secretary and treasurer. The Rev. Dr. Keene, of Honiton Clyst, was elected an honorary member, and Mr. Alfred Taylor, of Topsham, an associate member.

The next meeting was fixed for February 25th at Withycombe Raleigh. Ringing was carried on during the afternoon and evening, and some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were brought round.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

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A. KING,
6, Tavistock Crescent,
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Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

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 Dec 15th and 29th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at 5.30.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow at the Cadena Café, Wine Street. The bells of St. Michael's will be rung half-muffled during the evening in memory of the late vice-president.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Colchester St. Peter's on Dec. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m.—James R. Sparling, Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — The last meeting of the year will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please make this meeting a success. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., when the Rev. A. Parkinson will dedicate the Haigh Memorial and Association Library. Tea will be provided for those who notify hon. secretary. All ringers and friends of the late Herbert Haigh are invited, and a good attendance is requested.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. Tea after. All will be heartily welcomed. A good muster is hoped for. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Rushmere on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (1s. each) at The Garland at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington (Norfolk) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 3.30 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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Next meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Cordial invitation to visitors. Very good bus service from town passes the church. Special methods : Double Norwich and Cambridge.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Somersham, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Brindle Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells at 3.30. Service 4.30. Wilton bells available 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea and meeting after service at Harris' Restaurant, Corporation Street (Bath Place entrance). —P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1/6) to members. — R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, December 10th. The bells of the Bell Foundry Campanile will be available for ringing from 3.30 p.m. Applications for tea must reach the Hon. Sec. by Friday, December 9th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, Leics.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Blandford on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers cordially invited.—E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Next meeting at Banstead on Dec. 10th (both Epsom towers being unobtainable). Tower open at 3 and tea at the Victoria at 5. p.m.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keighley on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. R. W. Jennison, 40, Aireworth Street, Keighley, by Thursday, Dec. 15th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

JUBILEE DINNER OF THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at the North Stafford Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, at 6.30 p.m. The following towers will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Stoke (8), Hanley (10), Burslem (6), Bucknall (6). Service in Stoke Church at 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Mr. C. S. Ryles, 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before Monday, Dec. 12th. All ringers cordially invited.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Barnwood Church on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., provided by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Bryce). All ringers welcome. Will those attending kindly let me know not later than Dec. 15th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Ringers, please meet at Holy Trinity at 3 p.m. Tea at St. Ignatius' Institute 5 p.m., and please advise Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, by Dec. 15th. Ringing at St. Ignatius' after tea. A good attendance requested, and all ringers are welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. each. Please notify Mr. R. B. Smith, Hailgate, Howden, by Thursday, Dec. 15th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, nearby, 5 p.m. Visitors welcome.—J. C. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Baldock, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made. Just make a real effort to attend and make the meeting 'go.' Methods for special practice: Stedman, Double Norwich and Bristol Surprise.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Dec. 17th, also a special meeting at Weedon (6) Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements. —W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than Dec. 12th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

NASH, MON. — The peal of 5 bells restored by John Taylor & Co. will be re-opened at a special service on Sunday, December 18th, at 2.45 p.m.

BARKBY, LEICS.—Ring of five bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough; special re-opening service on Sunday evening, Dec. 18th, at 6.30 p.m.; preacher, the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, SWINDON.—The dedication of the new treble to complete the ring of 6 by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place by the Rev. Canon A. C. Ross on Sunday, Dec. 18th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Monday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day). Bells (10) available during the afternoon. Service in St. John's Church at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Third annual dinner Saturday, Jan. 14th, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. Tickets 5s. 6d. each.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The first district annual supper and social will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1933. Tickets, 3s. each, available from the district officers and committee and Mr. C. T. Coles (N. and E. District). Please book the date. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

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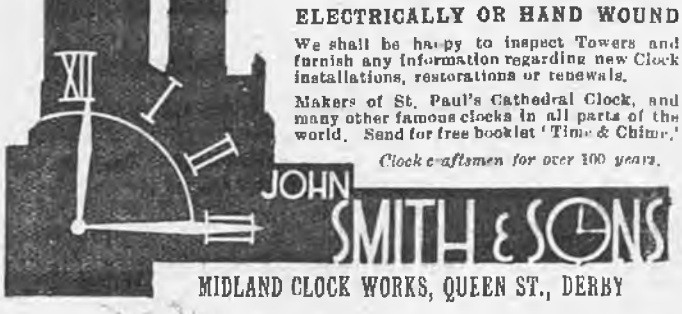

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Every territorial association, probably, has corners of its area geographically out of touch with its principle centres—spots cut off from its general activities and often, for this reason, a source of weakness rather than of strength. District meetings come to such towers at infrequent intervals, making these gatherings in themselves quite inadequate to maintain the interest of the 'isolated' ringers. Those who are better placed near the centres of activity do not always realise the difficulties which face those who, in such areas, try to keep the art of ringing alive and, even if they do, the obstacles to rendering practical aid are usually so great that sustained assistance is impossible. Such a position has arisen from time to time in many places in the country. In some it is just allowed, or is compelled by force of circumstances, to drift. In others local enthusiasm finds its own way of salvation, and where that happens it is for the good of the art, and generally for the benefit of the associations. Local organisations, with limited areas of operation, have in some cases been set up with good results, especially where their object is to supplement the work of the larger associations.

An informal discussion on the advisability of starting a new society for the benefit of towers in the Thames valley, where Middlesex, Surrey and Berkshire adjoin, took place at a gathering of ringers at Egham on Saturday. The towers chiefly concerned are in three different dioceses, in each of which there is an active ringers' organisation, but the geographical position of the parishes is such that some of the ringers feel they could unite their local forces to a better purpose in a society of their own. As long as the object is to advance the art of ringing in the towers in the area and thereby strengthen the parent associations such a step would be commendable—it would be, in effect, like establishing a new branch, not of one society, but composed of portions of neighbouring associations—and only on these lines could it expect to receive unanimous support. Merely to establish an independent organisation, which would break away portions of existing county or diocesan guilds, would serve only a selfish purpose, which in all probability would ultimately fail in its object. Even without a local society, the main object which it is hoped to serve might be adequately met by a little united effort, for it is not at all certain that beginners would visit towers other than their own any more readily as members of a new and localised society than they do under existing arrangements—and in this particular instance it is the advancement of beginners that is the main consideration behind the suggestion. Where neighbouring towers,

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whether in isolated areas or not, are in the territory of different associations, it does not mean that they are in separate watertight compartments. The freer the intercourse between them, the better for all concerned. The multiplication of small societies, except as subsidiaries to parent organisations, must lead to disintegration and rivalries which, far from serving a useful purpose, would be a detriment in the long run to the Exercise and the art.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JAMES G. DUNHAM ...	...*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	6
CHARLES T. COLES	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
JOHN G. NASH	3	JOHN T. KENYISH...	8
GEORGE R. PYE...	4	JAMES BENNETT	9
*THOMAS J. LOCK...	5	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Louisa Richardson, of Surfleet, Lincolnshire, and to Mr. Walter Ayre.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD BROWN	6
FREDERICK S. BAILEY ...	2	*CHARLES J. FRAY	7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	3	JOHN R. RODWELL	8
*FREDERICK W. BURNETT...	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	9
*WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	5	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. E. H. Dixon, curate, who was leaving North Stoneham for Mudeford, Christchurch, Hants.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MISS ELSIE K. FULTON	...*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH	6
GEORGE R. PYE...	2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ...	7
ERNEST W. PYE...	3	WILLIAM PYE	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	JAMES BENNETT	9
WILLIAM J. ELLIS	5	GEORGE A. HUGHES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on ten bells.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ...	...*Treble*	CYRIL TANSELL	6
WILLIAM SHORT...	2	SAMUEL GROVE	7
*THOMAS W. LEWIS	3	WILLIAM RANFORD	8
†ARTHUR J. MARTIN	4	HECTOR G. BIRD	
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' † First peal of New Cambridge. First peal of New Cambridge Royal by the rest, on the bells and for the association. Mr. S. Grove's 500th peal.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Davis 1, E. J. Wills 2, H. Rogers 3, I. B. Holmyard 4, L. Gunning 5, R. Middle 6, G. Gunning (conductor) 7, W. Keevill 8.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

Bro. Frank G. Ringe, Ophthalmos Lodge, No 4633	...	...	*Treble*
W. Bro. Walter H. L. Buckingham, L.R., Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 4393	...	...	2
Bro. Henry Hodgetts, Wilson Iles Lodge, No 2054	...	...	3
,, William G. Whitehead, Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549	...	...	4
,, William Nash, Mimmine Lodge, No. 4932	...	...	5
*,, Gilbert E. Debenham, Halsey Lodge, No. 1479	...	...	6
,, Horace E. C. Goodenough, Semper Fidelis Lodge, No 4393	...	...	7
,, Ernest Brett, Harrow Lodge, No. 1310	...	...	8
W. Bro. Frederick White, Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874	...	...	9
Bro. George W. Debenham, Old Albanian Lodge, No. 4999	...	...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Newson. Conducted by Bro. H. E. C. Goodenough

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. This peal was specially arranged and rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the initiation of W.Bro. E. P. Debenham, P.G.D., P.P.G.W., in the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, also as a birthday compliment. The band would like to associate with this peal Bro. Stafford H. Green, Whitgift Lodge, No. 3617, who was prevented from taking part through illness.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Saviour, Walthamstow, E.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Frank E. Hawthorne	...		*Treble*
Thomas H. Taffender	...	2	
Charles A. Hughes	...	3	
Ernest J. King	...	4	
*Raymond G. Cousins	...	5	
†William D. Grainger	...	6	
James G. A. Prior	...	7	
Jack Waugh	...	*Tenor*	

Composed by S. Wood. Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung on the coming of age of Mr. J. Waugh, who at the conclusion of the peal received the hearty congratulations of the band.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Keith Hart	...		*Treble*
Wilfred Williams	...	2	
Nelson Elliott	...	3	
Kenneth Snelling	...	4	
Cecil Nice	...	5	
Jack M. Cripps	...	6	
John Dearlove	...	7	
Oliver Sippetts	...	*Tenor*	

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Oliver Sippetts.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

James Floyd	...		*Treble*
Henry Golding	...	2	
Harold V. Frost	...	3	
*Francis Tompkins	...	4	
Reginald S. Cook	...	5	
J. William Shepherd	...	6	
Herbert Gates	...	7	
Walter Ayre	...	*Tenor*	

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

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On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

William M. Stone	...		*Treble*
Alfred H. Pulling	...	2	
Maurice Smither	...	3	
*Anthony E. F. Trotman	...	4	
†John P. Pelloe	...	5	
C. Ernest Smith	...	6	
Arthur J. Bartlett	...	7	
John H. B. Hesse	...	*Tenor*	

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Walder's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 18 cwt.

William H. Lambert	...		*Treble*
William Gorringe	...	2	
*Richard Relf	...	3	
Archibald Stevenson	...	4	
*Leslie W. Jarvis	...	5	
Charles Tribe	...	6	
James G. Powell	...	7	
Alfred Blackman	...	*Tenor*	

Conducted by William Gorringe.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Frederick Chalk	...		*Treble*
*Amy E. Waldock	...	2	
Henry Warn	...	3	
Sydney Taylor	...	4	
Herbert Devenish	...	5	
George Green	...	6	
Horace Mansfield	...	7	
Dr. Spencer-Phillips	...	*Tenor*	

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Dr. Spencer-Phillips.

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

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

Ernest J. Oliver	...		*Treble*
George Olliver	...	2	
*A. Wingfield Durham	...	3	
Kenneth Snelling	...	4	
Robert Swift	...	5	
Reginald V. Johnson	...	6	
Alfred J. Bull	...	7	
Oliver Sippetts	...	*Tenor*	

Composed by F. Bennett (No. 10). Conducted by Oliver Sippetts

* First peal of London Surprise Major. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.
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On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

Henry C. Alford	...		*Treble*
Joseph S. Hawkins	...	2	
Ernest Brett	...	3	
Francis C. Shorter	...	4	
Edwin F. Pike	...	5	
William R. Madgwick	...	6	
R. Thomas Newman	...	7	
Richard F. Deal	...	*Tenor*	

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by R. F. Deal.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
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On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part.

Mrs. Albert E. Lock	...		*Treble*
Hugh J. Balcombe	...	2	
*Francis E. May	...	3	
Richard A. Post	...	4	
Albert E. Lock	...	5	
John Nobbs	...	6	
Walter F. Judge	...	7	
Gordon Caudwell	...	*Tenor*	

Conducted by Richard A. Post.

* First peal of Triples.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Ellor Deaneries Branch.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

Richard Smith	...*Treble*	George W. Mills	5
*Miss Noreen Aitkinson...	2	John G. Ames	6
*Miss Mary Aitkinson ...	3	William Hollingworth ...	7
Stephen Maddison	4	Arthur J. Farr	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. Harrison. Conducted by Arthur J. Farr.

* First peal. This peal was to have been attempted on December 9th as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. T. Brown, but as the band could not meet that day it was rung on the above date.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

John Hollows	...*Treble*	Alwyn Taylor	5
William Berry	2	Fred Dunkerley	6
Harold Hamer	3	John H. C. Massey	7
Stephen Lloyd Parry ...	4	Thomas K. Driver ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Berry.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks & South Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

William H. Fussell...	...*Treble*	Cecil C. Mayne	5
William Welling	2	*Leonard Stilwell	6
Phyllis M. Mayne	3	George Martin	7
William Henley	4	Harry Wingrove ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by George Martin.

* First attempt for a peal in this method.

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

George Edwards ...	...*Treble*	Herbert Markwell ...	5
Thomas E. Sone...	2	Alec Richardson	6
Albert Relfe	3	Ernest H. Everest... ...	7
Harry Seale	4	*Jack Horton	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.

* First peal. Messrs G. Edwards' and E. H. Everest's 30th peal together. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who celebrated his 81st birthday on the previous day.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wellingborough Branch.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Walter Perkins... ...	...*Treble*	Amos Smart...	5
Frederick R. Palmer ...	2	Arthur Bigley	6
Harry Chambers	3	John J. Mawby	7
James T. Ward	4	Anderson Y. Tyler ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by A. Y. Tyler.

Arranged as a welcome to the Rector of Irthlingborough, Rev. L. W. Wright, A.K.C. (London), also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Mawby, on their silver wedding, and a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. Perkins, Amos Smart and E. L. Shelton.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

Lionel J. Cullum ...	...*Treble*	John H. Cheesman	5
John Wheadon...	2	George J. Butcher	6
Frederick J. Cullum ...	3	Harry Hoverd	7
Edward J. Beer...	4	Herbert E. Audsley...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by J. H. Cheesman

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury, with the band's 'best wishes.'

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

Charles A. Andrews	...*Treble*	Maurice Ling	5
Alan R. Andrews	2	Ernest Durrant	6
Claude Snowdon	3	George A. Andrews	7
Miss Hilda Snowdon ...	4	Edward E. Davey ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Edward E. Davey.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

William Seeley... ...	...*Treble*	Frederick W. Brinklow...	5
Henry Hodgetts	2	Maurice F. R. Hibbert ...	6
George M. Kilby	3	Richard G. Bell	7
Stephen H. Hoare	4	Harold G. Cashmore	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by H. G. Cashmore

First peal in the method on the bells, by the association and by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eigh Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Harold Herbert ...	...*Treble*	*Archibald Fitch	5
Theodore Slater	2	Leonard Johnson	6
Arthur Maxim	3	Thomas Chinery	7
Percy Gridley	4	Samuel Evans	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by T. Chinery.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Horace Fox	...*Treble*	Edward Atkinson	5
Fred Newton	2	Charles Brown...	6
Harry Brown	3	Harry C. Walters	7
Victor Applegate	4	Wilfred Applegate ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Harry C. Walters

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

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, December 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
G. Lindoff's Six-part, No. 21. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

Maurice Swinfield ...	...*Treble*	Charles Draper	5
Joseph Bailey	2	*Edward F. Gobey	6
John H. Swinfield	3	James George	7
J. Charles Dicken	4	W. Richardson Drage	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. Swinfield.

* First peal of Stedman. This composition is now rung for the first time.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, AND LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED G. WILSON	*Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in five Major methods. First spliced peal on the bells. This composition contains 3,072 London, 576 Bristol, 608 Cambridge, 608 Superlative and 320 Lincolnshire. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung alternately, as far as possible. The figures of this peal were published in 'The Ringing World' on December 28th, 1928.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM M. STONE	*Treble	RAYMOND OVERY	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	*Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a compliment to Major J. H. B. Hesse, Master of the Guild, on the occasion of his 60th birthday. It was his 500th peal, and he has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALBERT J. GREEN	*Treble	†JOHN HIGGINS	5
THOMAS E. ROBERTS	2	RALPH FODDY	6
FREDERICK C. CASE	3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	7
*ALBERT W. GIBBONS	4	‡CYRIL WARNER	*Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to F. C. Case; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. C. Lambert.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	*Treble	LEONARD STILWELL	5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
MISS STELLA DAVIS	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
EDWARD S. T. FARR	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, for the Guild and in the county of Berkshire. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM DICKINSON	*Treble	J. ALFRED BARRATT	5
FRANK BRADLEY	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
JOHN E. HOBBS	3	STEPHEN H. WOOD	7
*FRANK BROWN	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER	*Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE UPSHALL	*Treble	*HARRY KEMP	5
THOMAS UPSHALL	2	*FRANK KEMP	6
*CHARLES WELLS	3	RICHARD HASTED	7
°SIDNEY MEADOWS	4	ALBERT E. KING	*Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HASTED.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung on the bells at this church by an entirely local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY (74)	*Treble	DAVID WRIGHT (72)	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD (76)	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL (71)	6
ARTHUR CUTMORE (71)	3	JAMES GEORGE (79)	7
FRANCIS E. DAWE (70)	4	WALTER PRIME (77)	*Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

The ages in years of the above company are given in parentheses, the exact aggregate being 594 years, with an average of 71¼ years. This is believed to be a record for a peal band. The total number of their peals is approximately 3,718.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS LUCY M. KELLY	*Treble	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	2	CHARLES LAWSON	6
†WILLIAM A. WOOLER	3	LESLIE W. G MORRIS	7
FREDERICK CARDWELL	4	FRED WATKINSON	Tenor

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge away from the treble.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS BALDWYN	*Treble	THOMAS PRICE	5
WILLIAM HARRIS	2	GEORGE ORCHARD	6
ALBERT WRIGHT	3	JOHN BALLINGER	7
GEORGE CONDICK	4	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWYN.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble	ALFRED G. HILL	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	6
WALTER SMITH	3	GEORGE H. CROSS	7
MRS. G. H. CROSS	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor

Composed by late E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN

The above was intended to be an officers' peal, the band having met to consider a memorial to the composer, but Mr. E. H. Lewis being unable to stay, his place was taken by Mrs. Cross.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On December 6th, at the Parish Church, 840 of Minor, being 120 each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and York Surprise: F. Canter 1, F. Simmonds 2, E. Jefferies 3, H. Phelps 4, H. Barrett (conductor) 5, F. Ponting 6.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LIFTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, November 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings, 4-6-8 covering.

Tenor 23 cwt.

*T. BARRIBALL	*Treble*	*J. BENOY	5
W. BRIMACOMBE	2	*S. MARKS	6
F. SANGWIN	3	W. E. BALL	7
*S. BOX...	4	*F. DERGES	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. SANGWIN.

* First peal and first attempt. All except the 3rd ringer are members of the local band. Rung to commemorate Armistice Sunday and the clearing of the debt on the bells. Conductor from Pyworthy, N. Devon.

WHICKHAM, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob, seven different callings.

LOUIS RICHARDSON	*Treble*	HERBERT P. CLIFF	4
RAYMOND THOMPSON	2	JOHN THOMPSON...	5
ROGER E. ATKINSON	3	STEPHEN THOMPSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. THOMPSON.

First peal for all in two methods. All are Sunday service ringers at this church, except the ringer of fourth, who hails from Blaydon.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven differently called extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	HAROLD J. SHUCK	4
*ARTHUR GROVE	2	ARTHUR WYRE	5
HARRY WYRE	3	JOSEPH H. BLOOMER	6

†LLEWELLYN R. HALL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH H. BLOOMER.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal of Minor by all.

ELSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS CONSTANCE B. ELING	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN...	4
MISS K. BURCHNALL	2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ...	5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	3	LEONARD PIERREPONT	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. BURCHNALL.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. Paddison.

NECTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED MATTHEWS	*Treble*	JOHN BUCKENHAM	4
ALFRED E. BACON	2	ALBERT MASON	5
*FRED MATTHEWS, JUN. ...	3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal and first attempt. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.—On November 22nd, at St. Leonard's Church, 720 Bob Minor (32 bobs, 2 singles).—On October 25th, 720 Bob Minor (26 singles), for practice. The ringers were stationed as follows: *G. Welch 1, H. Hardacre 2, *A. Welch 3, C. Hardacre 4, *J. Warby 5, E. R. Martin (conductor) 6. * First 720.

SKILGATE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*HARRY RADLEY	*Treble*	WALTER SMITH	3
*FRANK STONEMAN	2	GILBERT ADAMS	4

*SAMUEL STONEMAN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL STONEMAN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, four callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in B.

ARTHUR RIPPINGALE... ...	*Treble*	†CHARLES WEAVERS	3
*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ...	2	*CLAUDE SNOWDEN	4

THOMAS BIRD ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.

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

ELDERSFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Stedman, 28 of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE	*Treble*	CHARLES YOUNG	4
WILLIAM HALFORD	2	CHARLES CAMM	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	HENRY BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

WELLESBOURNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, 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 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

ALBERT COTON	*Treble*	ERNEST HOLDER	4
FREDERICK G. KINCHIN ...	2	HORACE LL. TERRY	5
CLARENCE R. STEED	3	LEONARD KINCHIN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE LL. TERRY.

CHEDDLETON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, Durham, Wells, Ipswich, London, Cambridge and York. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM CARNWELL... ...	*Treble*	†HENRY CARNWELL	4
CHARLES S. RYLES	2	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ...	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON... ...	3	JAMES WALLBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal on treble. † First peal in seven Surprise methods. The band wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. W. G. Burgis) for his kind hospitality after the peal. First peal of Surprise Minor on these bells.

HENLOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*PERCY TOMPKINS	*Treble*	†ARTHUR DILLEY...	4
REGINALD WEST	2	LEWIS BYWATERS	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ...	3	PEARL INSKIP	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in five methods away from the treble.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five 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 CAMM	*Treble*	FRANK LAWRENCE	4
WILLIAM RANFORD	2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
*THOMAS W. LEWIS	3	SIDNEY T. HOLT	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four six-scores each of St. Simon's, Manchester, St. Dunstan's, London Single, Antelope, April Day, Old Doubles, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and six six-scores of Grandsire.

WILLIAM SHARP	*Treble*	WILLIAM STOCK	3
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	JOSH. J. PARTRIDGE	4
HENRY STAPLETON ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

First peal in ten methods of Doubles by all, and believed to be the first peal on the bells.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, November 13th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, for evensong, 1,440 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: F. Beckitt 1, F. May (first in the methods) 2, W. Collett 3, J. Harris 4, F. Taylor (conductor) 5, G. Horwood 6, W. H. B. Wilkins 7, F. A. H. Wilkins 8.—On Sunday, November 6th, at the Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled: F. Beckitt 1, F. May (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, J. Harris 3, G. Horwood 4, F. Taylor (conductor) 5, W. Collett 6, W. H. B. Wilkins 7, W. Henagrouph 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT 48, KING'S ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

JOHN MALYAN	1-2	FRANCIS KIRK	5-6
WALTER AYRE	3-4	CHARLES JEFFS	7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Witness—MRS. F. KIRK.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT 23, GREEK STREET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.
Umpire—ALFRED BARNES.

First peal in the method on handbells by all, also first in the county and for the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Laflin.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild took place on December 10th at Rushmere St. Andrew (Ipswich), the first to be held in this delightful village. It was somewhat disappointing that it was not better supported, it being close to the town. However, 14 sat down to an excellent tea, and at the meeting which followed Mr. C. J. Sedgley presided.

After various suggestions, the next meeting was fixed for Wickham Market in January.

During the afternoon Cambridge Surprise Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob., etc., were rung by ringers from Ipswich, Woodbridge, Ufford, Holbrook, Stutton, Monewdon and Tuddenham.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The North Staffs and District Association, which celebrates its jubilee to-morrow with a dinner at Stoke-on-Trent, was founded at a meeting held at Stoke on December 16th, 1882, largely as the result of the efforts of the Rev. W. W. Bolton, curate of Stoke, who became the first hon. secretary and treasurer. The inaugural meeting was attended by over eighty representatives from 20 towers.

A first 'local' peal of Stedman Triples is no mean accomplishment, and the band at Farnham, Surrey, who after 15 months of perseverance, in which they had made six attempts, are to be congratulated upon their performance. Only two of the band had previously rung an inside bell to a peal in the method.

Mrs. Laura East, of North Collingham, Notts, tenders her thanks to the many friends who wrote to her during her recent illness. Mrs. East, who was hurriedly operated on for appendicitis, has now left hospital, and her convalescence is proceeding satisfactorily.

The president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) has promised to give an address on 'Bell Towers' at a meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Guildford on Saturday, January 28th.—The Guild give an open invitation to all ringers to attend.

We have received the names of a number of ringers under 15 years of age. If there are any who can ring Grandsire Triples or Bob Major on tower bells whose names and addresses have not been forwarded to this office, we shall be glad to receive them.

Owing to illness, the dedication of the bells at Lydiard Millicent, which was to have taken place on Sunday, has been postponed.

ATTEMPTS ON RECORDS.

LONDON SURPRISE AND GRANDSIRE CATERS.

Two notifications are given of intention to try for new records.

At Warnham, Sussex, on Boxing Day (Monday, December 26th) members of the Sussex County Association are to attempt the late Rev. H. Law James' long peal of London Surprise Major. This is one lead longer than the present record of 14,112 rung at King's Norton on May 11th, 1903, by St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

GRANDSIRE CATERS RECORD TO BE ATTEMPTED AT APPLETON.

An attempt is to be made at Appleton, Berks, on Tuesday, December 27th, to ring a record peal of Grandsire Caters, the length being 16,271 changes. The band consists of ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and a start will be made at 8 a.m.

The present record in the method is 15,227 set up at Cheltenham on April 22nd, 1889—a peal which occupied 9 hours 43 minutes.

It is interesting to recall that it was at Appleton on April 22nd, 1922, that the record length of 21,363 Stedman Caters was rung in 12 hours 25 minutes.

FIRE DESTROYS DEVON CHURCH.

BUT TOWER AND BELLS SAVED.

The isolated church of Mariansleigh, four miles from South Molton, Devon, was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, and only the blackened walls and the tower remain. The fire appears to have started in the roof, and as there is no telephone in the parish, the Vicar had to motor to South Molton to fetch the fire brigade. By the time they arrived it was impossible to prevent the destruction of the church, but their efforts saved the tower and peal of five bells.

The Norman font and the stained glass windows—some of them very old—were lost, but the church records were saved. The original building was erected in the seventh century, and the church now destroyed dates from the twelfth century. There was a fire at the church about four years ago, when £150 damage was done. The building had since been restored at a cost of £1,800, of which £700 still remains to be raised. The roof had been entirely renewed.

AN ANCIENT GIFT FOR BELL ROPES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the course of some work connected with economic history, I came across the following extract from 'The Estate Book of Henry De Bray,' of Harleston, Co. Northants, which I thought might interest some of yours readers:—

DE CORDIS CAMPANARUM.

Anno Domini Millesimo cc Nonaginta Quarta Tradida Fuit Una Acra Terrae in Grindale Quae Vocatur Belle Ropes Magistro Ricardo de Het tunc Rectori per Communitatem Villae pro Cordus Campanarum Sufficienter Inveniendis.

Here is a rough translation:—

'In the year of our Lord twelve hundred and ninety-four (1294), an acre of land in Grindale was handed over by the village community to Master Richard de Hette, who was then Rector (of Harlestone) to provide funds for bell ropes. The piece of ground went by the name of 'Belleropes.'

It would be interesting to know whether this piece of ground is still called 'Belleropes.' Can anyone inform me? Evidently they had more than one bell at Harlestone, even at such an early date as this.

ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN.

Exeter College, Oxford.

THE BELLS OF BOSTON 'STUMP.'

RING OF TEN FOR FAMOUS LINCOLNSHIRE TOWER.

The bells in the famous Lincolnshire tower of Boston have been converted from a peal of eight into a ring of ten and will be reopened to-morrow (Saturday) evening, when the ceremony and the bells will be broadcast, not only in England but to America.

The tower, which is over 300 feet high, has been restored and Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, have installed a magnificent peal of bells. Previously ringing was carried on with great difficulty, the dome of the interior of the



tower rising in the centre of the ringing room to a height which almost hid the ringers from each other, and with the bells immediately over their heads. At first there were doubts whether this unfortunate arrangement could be overcome, but thanks to modern skill in bell hanging it has been found possible to raise the bells several feet, while reducing the strain on the fabric. This has made possible the raising of the ringing floor four feet, and giving the ringers more head room, with the happy result also of modulating the sound of the bells in the ringing chamber.

Much of the money for the restoration of the tower and bells has come from Boston, U.S.A., and ringers in many parts of England will 'tune in' to-morrow evening to hear the new peal.

WRITE TO THE B.B.C.!

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the current issue of your paper you refer to the broadcast of Boston bells on Saturday, December 17th. The transmission of the dedication will be on the Midland Regional wave-length and is timed to begin at 8.30 p.m., ending with the bells at 9.8. Many of your readers will doubtless be listening in on this occasion. May I

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THE OLD BRIGADE.

SEPTUAGENARIANS RING A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

There is no age limit in peal ringing. Boys of nearly 80 years are as keen and capable as the youths of 18. Last Saturday the 'old brigade' gave evidence of the fact by ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Olave's Church, which is situated in the Ward of Tower in the City of London. They were a company of septuagenarians who refuse to take the 'knock out' from Father Time, and between them their ages added up to more than 594 years, giving them an average of 74¼ years. This is thought to be the oldest band who have yet rung a peal—and it was a fine peal at that. That, however, was only to be expected when it is remembered that as far as can be ascertained (five of the band have kept no accurate list of their performances) they have rung 3,718 peals between them.

The conductor was the inimitable Challis Winney, who, we are told on reliable authority, only appeared to open his eyes when he 'smelt' a trip coming and put it right before it really happened. There are few more active brains among living Stedman conductors than that of this wonderful septuagenarian.

Here are the names of the boys who took part in the peal, and with some ingenuity on the part of someone they have been assigned to eight different associations, guilds and societies:—

Challis F. Winney, born March 17th, 1858, at Nayland, Suffolk, Ancient Society of College Youths (peals *700).
William J. Nevard, born February 8th, 1856, at Langham, Essex, Royal Cumberland Youths (peals 409).
Arthur Cutmore, born March 27th, 1861, at Stisted, Essex, Middlesex County Association (peals *50).
Francis E. Dawe, born March 16th, 1862, at West Meon, Hants, Winchester Diocesan Guild (peals *250).
David Wright, born July 21st, 1860, at Hartley Wintney, Hants, Surrey Association (peals *200).
William H. Fussell, born September 16th, 1861, at Slough, Bucks, Oxford Diocesan Guild (peals 897).
James George, born November 27th, 1853, at Pinner, Middlesex, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham (peals 1,152).
Walter Prime, born December 27th, 1854, at Harleston, Norfolk, London County Association (peals *60).

* These numbers are approximate.

EXTENTS OF CAMBRIDGE MINOR.

NOT FIVE EXTENTS ONLY, BUT EIGHT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In his letter, 'Major Ringer' makes the mistake that has been made before of supposing that all 720's with the same number of bobs are variations one of another. He states that five 'different' extents are obtainable, while I have previously shown that there are eight.

It would be well, I think, if this question could be cleared up once and for all. He presents his five compositions briefly: I give the remaining three in the same way.

No. 6 bobs at 3 1 1 2 1 2 2 1 1 1 2 1 3 2 4 1 1 1.
Reverse ditto 1 1 1 4 2 3 1 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 1 2 1 1 3.
No. 7 bobs at 1 1 4 3 1 2 1 2 2 1 1 4 1 5 1.
Reverse ditto 1 5 1 4 1 1 2 2 1 2 1 3 4 1 1.
No. 8 bobs at 1 1 2 2 1 3 5 2 3 4 1 5.
Reverse ditto 5 1 4 3 2 5 3 1 2 2 1 1.

These are not new. No. 8 and its reverse will be found, just as given above, in the Minor Collection, as Nos. 30 and 31, while No. 7 and its reverse are given there as Nos. 32 and 33. No. 6 is not given in the Collection under the group letter H (that of Cambridge), but it appears under the heading, 'Methods marked N,' as Nos. 64 and 65.

No. 8 has 12 bobs, as has 'Major Ringers' ' No. 4; but if he will try to find at what lead of his No. 4 or its reverse he could begin, so as to get No. 8, he will quickly discover that it cannot be got at all in that way. In fact, we may know beforehand that it is not worth trying, if we observe that twice in No. 8 we run for five leads before calling a bob, while in his No. 4 this is done once only. His No. 4 has 60 variations; then, if No. 8 does not copy exactly any one of them, it must be a 'different' extent, and one which is not included in his computation.

No. 6, 7 and 8 produce, like Nos. 2, 3 and 4, 180 callings, which 'Major Ringer' must add to his total of 220, making 400. This is the number of ways (on the ordinary plan) in which we can call a 720 of Cambridge, or of any Treble Bob Minor method marked in the collection 'H' or 'N.' But the number of 'variations' is of no great importance; many are not worth ringing, as they bring the tenors behind together the wrong way, even at the lead-ends, in any method.

The point I should like clearly understood is that there are eight 'different extents' for methods in groups H and N. For groups K and L there are four; for G and O three; for J and M one only.

'THE MAD HATTER.'

(Continued from previous column.)

appeal to ALL such to seize a pen WITHOUT DELAY and write a post card or letter to the B.B.C., Broadcasting House, London, W.1, expressing their appreciation of this broadcast? Such action will be of great assistance to the Central Council, which is at this moment engaged in correspondence with the B.B.C. on certain points arising out of the Literature Committee's report. F. LL. EDWARDS.

ROCESTER'S BIGGER AND BETTER BELLS.

A STAFFORDSHIRE RESTORATION.

The Parish Church of Rocester, a small town in Staffordshire, can now boast of possessing a fine, musical and handy ring of eight bells, the dedication of which was performed by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Thursday, November 24th. Accompanying the Bishop was the Rev. B. R. Hibbert (Rural Dean), whilst the Vicar of Rocester, the Rev. J. B. Colley, conducted the service.

After prayers and the act of dedication, members of the local company, assisted by some of the Uttoxeter band, rang a short touch, and thus the parishioners heard the sound of bells ring out from their tower for the first time since June last.

Formerly there was a very indifferent ring of six in the tower, three of the bells having been cast by T. Rudhall, of the Gloucester Foundry, in 1774, the 5th by Edward Arnold, of Leicester, in 1796. The tenor had been cast by J. Rudhall in 1830, whilst the treble was by Blews and dated 1871. With such a mixed lot one could not expect a perfect peal, but the ring of six which formerly hung in Rocester tower was an exceedingly poor lot indeed. They have now all been recast at the famous Loughborough Foundry, and sufficient new metal added to increase the weight of the peal and to add a new treble and a new tenor. The tenor of the old ring was only about 7½ cwt., whereas the tenor of the recast peal is about 13½ cwt. in F sharp. From this comparison it can readily be understood how much the 'new' peal is appreciated, but apart from depth of tone music now resounds from the tower such as has never been heard from it before, and the decision to recast the bells and have them made tuneful is one which can never be regretted. The new treble has been given by Mr. Campbell, of Rocester, in memory of his mother, whilst the cost of the new tenor was defrayed by the Vicar and wardens from the restoration fund. The inscriptions on the bells read:—

Treble.—Mary Thereza Campbell, 1862-1928. Taylor, Loughborough, 1932.
2nd.—Cast 1871. Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1932.
3rd.—Peace and good neighbourhood. Cast 1774. Recast 1932.
4th.—Fear God, honour the king. Cast 1774. Recast 1932.
5th.—Prosperity to this parish. Cast 1774. Recast 1932.
6th.—Cast 1796. Recast 1932.
7th.—Cast 1830. Recast 1932.
Tenor.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough. Churchwardens, Col. H. F. Dawson, J. B. Birch; Vicar, J. B. Colley, 1932.

The old timber framework was a very poor specimen of its kind, and was so weak that it had been necessary to wedge it to the tower walls in order to keep it steady. It was therefore removed from the tower, and the recast and augmented peal has been hung in a modern type of framework and all the latest fittings, including cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, etc. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have carried out their work in a very praiseworthy manner, and there is no doubt that in the future the tower of Rocester will be the venue of many peal attempts.

Ringers were present at the reopening from Burton-on-Trent, Norton-in-the-Moors, Stoke, Kingsley, Cheadle and other local towers, whilst Mr. John Oldham and Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the Loughborough firm.

A LANCASHIRE PEAL TO BE REHUNG.

COMPLETION OF A £20,000 CHURCH RESTORATION SCHEME.

At Liverpool Consistory Court last week a faculty was granted for the rehanging of the six bells at Sefton. The death watch beetle had attacked the wooden frame, which rests upon the stumps of an older structure, and this is to be replaced by a frame of cast iron on steel girders.

The work will complete the church restoration scheme initiated by the late Canon Wells, which has cost about £20,000.

A tablet of bell metal will record the rehanging of the bells as a tribute to the Canon, who was Rector of Sefton from 1907 to 1931.

The bells, which date from the seventeenth century, were last rehung in 1898.

MUFFLED RINGING.

At the usual weekly practice at Braintree on Monday, December 5th, the bells were rung with the clappers half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. C. F. Blanks, a former churchwarden of the Parish Church. The methods rung were Bob Major (in which Miss E. Reason and Miss M. Reason, aged 13 and 11 years respectively, took part), Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Bristol Surprise Major, conducted by L. W. Wiffen. Eighteen members of the local company and friends were present, and each took some part in the ringing.

CANON BOWKER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

As a token of respect for the late Canon Bowker, Vicar of St. Luke's, Bradford, and formerly curate of Shipley, who died suddenly in the Cathedral, Bradford, on Sunday, December 4th, and was interred at Bowling Cemetery on December 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled at Shipley: H. Foster 1, G. Briggs (first quarter-peal in method) 2, T. B. Kendall 3, H. Haigh 4, T. A. King 5, F. Seager 6, H. Stott (first in the method as conductor) 7, A. Trotter 8.

EGHAM BELLS REHUNG¶

REOPENING AT A SURREY TOWER

The bells of the Parish Church of Egham, a Surrey Thames-side town, adjoining Berkshire and separated by the river from Middlesex, have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and they were reopened last Saturday at a gathering of ringers from surrounding towers. The Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Tranter) is a lover of bells, and his efforts to keep them in good order and to have them regularly rung are not only an encouragement to his own ringers, but an example to many other incumbents.

The bells were rung in the afternoon, and the Vicar conducted a special service, in the course of which thanksgiving was offered for the work which had been completed. Addressing the congregation from the words, 'A voice crying in the wilderness' (Matthew iii., 3), the Vicar said it was a matter of rejoicing that after their silence the bells had been reopened. The sound of the bells had been greatly missed by many, and to him Sunday had not seemed like Sunday. He spoke of the various 'voices' of the bells, and in a brief sketch of the history of Egham bells said that in the time of Edward VI. there were four bells in the tower, the largest being about 12 cwt. When the present church was built in 1817 they had a ring of six in place of the four, but history was silent as to when the two were added. In 1912 Messrs. Gillett and Johnston recast the bells and added two which was independent of the tower. He was very glad that instead of spending £48 on repairs, the parish had now had the courage to do properly all that was needed.

Afterwards the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens, and, in thanking the visiting ringers for assisting in the opening, his own ringers for their loyal work and the bellfounders for what they had done, the Vicar asked for expressions of opinion as to the result of the restoration.

Opinions were voiced as to the excellence of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's work, which has now put the bells—a tuneful peal with tenor of 16 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.—in perfect ringing order.

Mr. R. Dove represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Mr. E. Burley, secretary of the local band, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for having the work done and also for their hospitality.—Mr. F. Nye (Bagshot) seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

A SUGGESTED LOCAL ASSOCIATION

The Vicar ventilated a suggestion that, as Egham was so much cut off from the centre of the Guildford Diocese, and other towers just over the borders were isolated from their own diocesan centres, a local ringing association, with a limited radius, might be formed with mutual advantage to the towers concerned. While, he said, they should be on their guard against doing anything which might detrimentally affect the existing ringing organisations, he thought a local society might further the cause of ringing in the district and enable them to obtain help from other towers on special occasions.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) said that in as far as a local society would promote instruction in change ringing and lead to greater fraternising among the ringers of neighbouring towers it would have its advantages, but he urged that nothing should be done to cause secession of members from the existing diocesan and county associations.

Mr. Burley (Egham) expressed the opinion that with the assistance of ringers from other towers they would be able to encourage and help learners, but Mr. H. J. Chaffey (Ottershaw) asked why they should expect seven good ringers to travel to other towers to teach one or two beginners. The beginners should visit the other towers, and he was sure they would get all the help that was needed.

Mr. W. Parker (Staines), Mr. G. Bleeby (Staines), Mr. E. Goater (Egham) and Mr. F. Nye (Bagshot) all took part in the discussion, in the course of which the organisation of local combined practices was urged.

No action was taken with regard to forming a society, although it was suggested that representatives of each of the towers concerned might be invited to meet and further discuss the project.

Further ringing afterwards took place on the church bells.

MR. WILLIAM SPICE'S 300 PEALS.

Doubles in four methods, 1; Plain Bob Minor, 1; Minor in four methods, 5; Minor in six methods, 1; Minor in seven methods, 62 (conducted 6); Surprise Minor in seven methods, 1; Bob Triples, 1; St. Clement's Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 50 (conducted 23); Stedman Triples, 52 (conducted 1); Bob Major 17 (conducted 2); Oxford Bob Major, 1; Victory Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 33 (conducted 4); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 33; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; Grandsire Caters, 3; Stedman Caters, 18; Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 5; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Royal, 1; Grandsire Cinques, 1; total, 300. Rung in 71 different towers, the majority for the Kent County Association.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On November 15th, by the local band, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. G. Bunch 1, S. J. Riddell 2, A. T. Hearmon 3, C. Bunch 4, G. Ives 5, A. Goodall 6, G. Butler (conductor) 7, F. Bunch 8.

PRESENTATION TO TAUNTON SECRETARY.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS' WORK.

The annual meeting of the Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held on Saturday at St. Mary's, Taunton. The Rev. J. E. G. Sweetnam, Vicar of St. Mary's and president of the Deanery, presided. After tea the usual business was transacted. The hon. secretary, Mr. S. P. Merson, and the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Hunt, were re-elected.

Those present also stood for a few moments as a mark of respect to those members who had passed away during the year.—Mr. S. P. Merson has completed 21 years as hon. secretary of the branch, and has throughout that time carried out the work to the satisfaction of all concerned. To show their appreciation, the ringers in the Deanery presented him with a chiming clock (Whittington's or Westminster), an album with a list of subscribers' names and also a wallet. The appeal for subscriptions provided a real test as to what the ringers of the Deanery think of their hon. secretary, and their response was convincing proof of their gratitude to Mr. Merson.

The president made the presentation, and Mr. J. Burge, one of the foundation members of the association, and conductor at St. Mary's, paid tribute to the work which the secretary had done and was still doing at the different towers for the promotion of the art and for the good of the association. Other speakers also bore testimony to his work.

Mr. Merson, who was given 'musical honours,' suitably replied, and said that what he had done was for the love of ringing.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NO 'OUTSIDE RINGING' AT EPSOM TOWERS.

The last district meeting of the year in the Leatherhead District was held at Banstead on December 10th. On arriving, the secretary found five others waiting, so a start was made with Bob Minor to keep warm. The number increased very slowly and only ten sat down to tea at the Victoria. In the absence of the Ringing Master, Mr. G. Marriner took the chair for the business meeting.

There was not much to do. The meeting renominated the retiring officers, with the addition of Mr. W. J. Whiting as a member of the Executive Committee of the Guild.

The secretary, in explaining why the venue of the meeting had been changed, read letters he had received from the two Vicars of the Epsom towers, stating they were not allowing any 'outside ringing,' owing to complaints from their parishioners.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Banstead for allowing the use of the bells at short notice, and to Mr. F. G. Woodiss for arranging the tea.

A few more visitors arrived during the evening, and a good practice was given to those who needed it, while two late arrivals from London enabled a course of London and a touch of Superlative to be brought round.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

The meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which was held at Hersham on Saturday week, again failed to attract more than a handful of ringers from the towers in the district, only Chertsey, Ottershaw, Hersham and Esher being represented. Visitors from towers outside the area, however, swelled the numbers and enabled satisfactory practice to be put in, and several ringers had their first experience of Oxford Treble Bob, Forward and Little Bob Major, in addition to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

The Guild's service was conducted by the curate (Rev. E. Watson), who subsequently presided at the business meeting, when nominations were received for the officers for next year. Mr. H. J. Chaffey was nominated as Ringing Master and, Mr. H. Hancock wishing to resign, Miss Eastes was nominated as district secretary. The following were nominated for two places on the executive committee: Messrs. F. E. Hawthorne, J. Hessey, H. Hancock, W. Massy and E. Goater, with Mr. Sayle (Ottershaw) as the hon. members' representative.

Mr. E. Morey (Chertsey) was elected a member of the Guild, and a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. G. L. Grover, was accorded to Rev. E. Watson for conducting the service and for presiding, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

On Tuesday, December 6th, in honour of the 85th birthday of Mr. James Barraclough, who used to ring regularly at the Parish Church of St. Peter's, Huddersfield, before he gave up ringing a year or two ago, the following rang 85 leads of Kent Treble Bob Major (2,720 changes) in 1 hour and 40 minutes as a birthday compliment. Mr. Barraclough is one of the oldest members of the Yorkshire Association, and one of the very few living men who used to ring peals with the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon.

The birthday touch was rung by J. Womersby (Huddersfield) 1, F. Richards (Huddersfield) 2, H. Richards, composer and conductor (Huddersfield) 3, W. E. Dransfield (Almondbury) 4, Arnold Rothery (Longwood) 5, C. Blakey (Huddersfield) 6, H. Smith (Lindley) 7, B. Williams (Huddersfield) 8.

FIVE HUNDRED PEALS.

The peal at the Cathedral, Guildford, on Tuesday, December 6th, was Major J. H. B. Hesse's 500th peal. They consist of peals of Doubles, Minor, Triples, three (Grandsire) 'in hand,' Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus. They include a 6,048 of Kent Treble Bob Major, a 10,208 of Bob Major and 10,025 of Stedman Caters and two peals of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, and have been rung in 164 different towers in 22 counties and for 20 different associations.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT AT KING'S LANGLEY.

December 10th saw a large company assembled at All Saints', King's Langley. The secretary, who was very pleasantly surprised, extended a very hearty welcome to all. Members attended from Apsley, Berkhampsted, Tring, Hemel Hempstead, Redbourn, Harpenden, Watford, Bushey, Rickmansworth and Kenton, and kept the bells busy with Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge and, marvellous to relate, London Surprise.

More spade work was done to try and advance the art in this district, and if similar support is given on future occasions, results will soon be apparent. Visitors are thanked for their help.

A short service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. F. de W. Lushington), who, in his address, surveyed the year's work of the ringers in his text, 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice; and weep with them that weep.' He also stressed a new point of view with regard to attendance at church, which was much appreciated.

At the conclusion of the service the company adjourned to the Church House for tea. The seating accommodation was taxed, but one 'local member' was heard to remark, 'If many more come we'll adjourn to the BIG room.' The ladies then took charge and saw that everyone had enough—although, it is reported, one gentleman hadn't finished even when the meeting was over!

The meeting followed the tea. The secretary gave a very cordial welcome to the president and also to the visitors, and apologised for the absence of the general hon. secretary and others.

The election of one member prior to the ringing of a peal was confirmed. Tring was chosen for the next meeting, probably on February 18th.

A resolution was passed that 'resolutions passed at Northchurch two years ago' be again submitted to the annual meeting. Several alterations of rules were suggested.—The Vicar then spoke a few words of welcome.

An 'omnibus' vote of thanks to include the Vicar and churchwardens, the ladies, the organist and the blower was heartily received. This concluded a very successful meeting. A course each of Stedman Triples and Bob Major was then performed on the handbells, after which the company adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH AT BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, December 3rd. Ringing took place in various methods on this musical eight (tenor 12 cwt.) during the afternoon, and the Vicar, the Rev. C. Palmer, conducted the Guild office in the church, Mr. C. W. Heginbothom (branch chairman) reading the lesson, and Mr. A. T. Weeks being at the organ. Tea was prepared in the Parish Hall, and special mention must be made of the excellent manner in which it was arranged by the local band, which consists solely of ladies, under the leadership of Miss E. M. Slade. The company numbered 38, together with the Vicar and Mr. H. W. Slade (churchwarden).

A short business meeting followed, Mr. Heginbothom presiding. After welcoming the visitors, he struck a sad note in mentioning the passing of the Rev. E. C. Alexander, late Vicar of Westbury, and an honorary member of the Guild. After speaking of him in appreciative terms, the meeting stood in silence for a few moments to honour his memory.

Mr. H. Titt, Warminster (ringing member), and Mr. F. Looker, Frome (life ringing member), were elected, and Messrs. H. Curtis and N. Gidding (ringing members) were re-elected members of the Guild. It was proposed by the secretary, and seconded by Mr. F. Green, that the name of Mr. N. V. Andrews be put forward as a change ringing instructor, and this was fully endorsed by the chairman.

The usual votes of thanks having been passed, the Vicar interested the members by mentioning incidents of his life whilst in New Zealand. During the evening the bells of Holy Trinity were available, and this grand old peal (tenor 32 cwt. in C) was made good use of, ringing continuing until 8.30.

The following towers were represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), St. James', Southbroom, Rowde, Trowbridge, Westbury, Warminster, Chirton, Hilperton, North Bradley, Melksham and the two local towers. The branch were pleased to welcome visitors from Bath, Chippenham and Swindon. The methods rung included Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, with rounds for beginners.

AN OPEN LETTER

TO MR. WILLIAM WILLSON.

My dear Mr. Willson,—Really you should not let your angry passions rise in this fashion. What you may say about Mr. Powell is, of course, his concern, not mine; but when you say nasty things about the Methods Committee you touch me, and I am sure you would not wish to do that.

Your statements are singularly lacking in truthfulness. You do **not** 'understand the tactics' of the committee; there were no 'personal reasons' why the Bankes James' Cambridge was printed in the Minor Methods Collection; and though I can well believe that the ordinary ringer does not want false peals (that was a very clever discovery of yours), yet it is hardly true that I want 'to dump spurious compositions on the Exercise.' In fact, strange as it may appear to you, I have myself taken part in some true peals.

Nor does it seem to me quite true that I (with my colleagues) am in the last ditch, about to sink or swim. Actually I never could swim, and if ever I do try—which at my time of life seems unlikely—I do not think I shall choose a ditch; it seems a damp, unhealthy sort of place. And when you say you hope that I (and they) shall sink, what a sad lack of Christian charity it shows!

Which reminds me of another bad guess of yours. When you were criticising Mr. Turner's Oxford Treble Bob Minor you said that it was I who pulled the strings. Indeed, I did not. I rang in the peal, but I only obeyed orders, doing what I was told. At the time I knew no more about the way the composition was put together than you do now. And your conscience will tell you how little that is. Indeed, William dear, it is not safe to find fault with things you do not understand. You would not have said that the 5,040 of Kent Minor which Turner printed was false if you had known that it consists of seven true and complete 720's following each other in the usual way. Only to trap you he wrote it down starting from the middle of one of the 720's instead of from the beginning.

But do not be discouraged. If you really set your mind to it, with due humility, in time you may find out what these clever composers are aiming at, and, having found out, may yourself approve. But in the meanwhile please do not show any more naughty temper. —Yours, etc.,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Only a courageous man would at any time enter into an argument with Mr. G. L. Joyce, especially when the subject is Minor ringing, and as I cannot claim such a virtue I hesitate before picking up my pen again. He does, however, ask me a definite question, which amounts to this: 'Would I, in a peal, ring a 1,440 of Spliced Wells and London Minor, consisting of two extents, some rows appearing twice in one extent and some twice in the other?' I say without hesitation, yes, provided that no row appears more than twice in the whole 1,440, or seven times in the peal. Having by the force of logic and **events** found myself compelled to accept spliced and mixed peals of Minor in one method, I see no reason whatever why I should rule out similar peals in two (or more) methods. But why introduce spliced methods into the matter? We are discussing spliced and mixed peal compositions, and it does not seem to me to make the least bit of difference whether the compositions are of peals in one method or two—or a dozen.

It is not the slightest use my taking up with Mr. Joyce in his attempt to justify the Bankes James' Cambridge by that first row of rounds. I **cannot** admit it as a change. We describe our peals by the word 'changes.' If that first row is a change, what is it a change from? And if the last row of rounds is **not** a change, what is it? If **both** are changes, then **all peals** are false. The justification of the Bankes James' peal (and the others) can be found in the broad principle that you cannot get a 5,040 of Minor without having each row seven times, or a 5,040 of Doubles without having each row 42 times. It is for the Exercise to decide (through the Central Council) whether it will insist on each 720 (or 120) being rung as a separate, true, and complete extent, or whether they can be spliced (or mixed). Epithets describing the latter kind of peals as 'hopelessly false,' and worse things than that, do not help a bit. In this connection one might draw attention to the Turner 5,040 of Kent Treble Bob Minor of November 18th. Here you have seven separate, true and complete 720's, placed in one block and commenced in the middle of a 720. Both Mr. Willson and Mr. Joyce have slated this composition unmercifully. They do not even recognise the seven, 'separate, true and complete,' when they see them. This composition is a **proof** of the whole case.

Here is a further proof. If a band attempted a 'long' peal of Minor, but failed after having rung seven separate, true, and complete 720's, would they claim to have rung a peal? Of course not, for the reason that they look upon the peal as **one whole**, and would not think of claiming as a peal something they left unfinished, although the seven 720's which Mr. Willson thinks necessary are all there. I agree with Mr. S. H. Wood that we must get down to 'brass tacks,' and amongst the brass tacks are the following facts, which are a sufficient answer to those of your correspondents who accuse certain people of 'endeavouring to foist these compositions on to six-bell ringers.' Since being published in 1923, the Bankes James' peal has been rung at least 71 times by 22 associations. (Probably many more times than this, as a considerable number of peals have appeared without description.) The Pitman and Morris arrangements of Grandsire Doubles have been rung, in peals, some 125 or more times by 18 associations. These peals have been **accepted** by the Exercise, not foisted upon it.

At its next meeting the Council should decide what it considers to be a peal of Minor or Doubles, in the light of present-day practices, and if it decides against the above peals it should also say what we are to do about those already rung. If they are good enough to remain on record, the compositions are good enough to be rung again.

C. T. COLES.

AN OBJECTION TO RESTRICTIONS.

Dear Sir,—The quarrel which may mature between Messrs. Willson and Powell is no concern of mine where it remains personal, other than that any reader is entitled to remark that Mr. Willson's admission that the doctor revolts at his own medicine were pathetic, if it were not also laughable by reason of the fact that it might well have been written, anywhen, by those whose productions have felt the full weight of Mr. Willson's pen. But when it also touches upon the questions in debate it is a different matter, and it would appear to be necessary, when stating one's views, also to state one's qualifications. (Can you bear with me?)

In direct contrast to Mr. Willson's outstanding record I have no 'five figure' performances (other than Grandsire Doubles, perhaps); certainly none on the higher numbers. I started ringing Minor in 1911 (or thereabouts), and have been ringing Minor ever since. Minor is my first and only love. Surprise Major holds little attraction for me, and also (let it be whispered) no terror at all! One peal of Major, one of Triples, a few of Minor, one only as conductor, rung at first attempt and consisting of a mere 22 Surprise Minor methods in seven (true) extents. As 'Minormania,' a few articles on theory—mainly stolen from the brains of other (and better) men. A system of proof, entirely my own—derided by many of the famous men to whom it has been submitted, but which, nevertheless, makes proof of multi-Major peals comparatively simple. I can think of nothing more, unfortunately; but I am perfectly prepared to-morrow to enter a six-bell tower and ring in any one of the 41 Surprise Minor methods in the 'Collection,' **without reference to a single figure or diagram**, and, if need be, to call a 720 from a non-observation bell; to ring approximately one-half (very literally) of the remaining 106 Treble Bob hunt methods, under the same conditions. That 'literally' may be appreciated by the famous multi-method Norbury band, who trod much the same road long since—a scientific, up-to-date road now paved its length by 'The Mad Hatter.' That 'literally' also will pass by Mr. Willson and 'those who think with him.'

A poor record, and certainly of little mark; also with very little of the 'back number' about it. Its superannuation will be long deferred, I hope; but when it comes, I pray it will come peacefully!

There will be submitted to you, I hope before the end of the year, proposed amendments of existing definitions, which are now travelling around to various meetings. They are from my pen, and I assert, boldly and insolently, that they are the considered opinion of a modern Minor expert practitioner and theorist, whose record is nil, who resents, to the utmost, the endeavour **unnecessarily and severely** to separate Minor peals from those on the higher numbers made, in the main, by those whose interest in Minor ringing would appear, from their records, to have been long dead and buried, and who will not, or cannot, state a reasonable and restrained case from a logical or practical point of view.

As a Minor ringer of the present day, I object most strongly to the following restrictions, which, in a Major parallel, would read:—

(a) . . . Here are seven course ends, which shall appear **at regularly spaced intervals** within your peal of Major; otherwise it will not be recognised.

(b) . . . Because the initial rounds (whether counted or not) does not affect the Major and his big brother Maximus; and, further, because Royal is lucky enough to be unaffected also; his little blood-brother, Minor, shall be penalised by its exclusion; never mind whether it is possible, or otherwise, logically to produce an extent **without the equivalent of its inclusion!**

GEO. L. JOYCE.

Leytonstone.

BELLS ON THE 'TALKIES.'

A course of Stedman Caters comes at the end of the film, 'Men of To-morrow,' which is now being shown. The ringing was by members of the Oxford Society, and the bells are the back ten of Christ Church Cathedral, and not St. Mary's, as would appear to the audience, from the fact that St. Mary's spire is showing while the bells can be heard in the distance.

5,040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As I expected, the 5,040 Kent Treble Bob Minor published in 'The Ringing World' of November 18th has been condemned by Mr. Willson as being a freak composition. If, however, the calling is commenced with the bob at R in the second course (or from any other 42356 course end), the same composition will give a peal to which no one can have any objection, namely, a peal consisting of seven separate, true 720's. How on earth, then, can the composition be a freak?

Mr. S. H. Wood's article admirably brings together all the differences of opinion concerning the constitution of peals of Minor. The atrocities which he mentions in connection with group four can easily be overcome by providing that no composition may contain more than four plain leads in succession. Subject to this and a somewhat similar provision regarding bobbed leads, I should place myself in group four.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SATISFACTORY POSITION OF NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A very pleasant and enjoyable meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Buckingham on Saturday week, when upwards of 50 ringers attended, representing the following towers: Bletchley, Bradwell, Fenny Stratford, Hanslope, Maids Moreton, Newport Pagnell, Simpson, Stony Stratford, Swanbourne, Twyford, and the local company. There were also a number of visitors, including the secretaries of Banbury Branch and Central Bucks Branch.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Bale, Vicar of Buckingham, and a very interesting address was given by the Rev. W. Stewart, of Lillingstone Dayrel, the Guild form of service being used.—At the business meeting which followed tea, the Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell, chairman of the branch, presided. The secretary (Mr. W. Scar) gave a brief statement of the position of the branch, which showed it was 'going strong,' and at that time had 182 ringing members. He appealed to the members to try and get more hon. members, if possible, as, owing to changes of livings taking place in the branch, they were losing hon. members. He was, however, pleased to state that the Rev. R. F. Bale and Rev. W. Stewart had both joined the branch that day. He also asked the members to sanction a grant of £3 3s. to the general Guild Restoration Fund, and this was agreed to unanimously. The Secretary further stated that the branch was sustaining a great loss by the removal of their chairman, the Rev. L. Moxon, to another living after ten years' valuable work in the branch.—The Chairman said how sorry he was that he was leaving the district, but he hoped to carry out his duties until the branch annual meeting, by which time a successor would have been found.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Buckingham for making all the arrangements was suitably responded to, and concluded a very happy meeting. The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at All Saints' Church, Sedgley, on Saturday week, when a fair muster was present, considering the inclemency of the weather. The fine old peal of eight were placed at the disposal of the members and made good use of in various methods. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rev. H. Marley (Vicar of Sedgley), who also gave a very useful and interesting address.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom where a capital tea was in readiness, for which only a small sum was charged. Much regret was felt that there were not more members present.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.) in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, who apologised for his inability to stay to the meeting. An apology was also received from Mr. H. Mason.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting, which is the annual one, at Dudley, the date being left to the secretary. It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Sedgley, subject to the consent of the Vicar and local ringers, which, it is needless to say, was readily given, the arrangements being left with the Ringing Master.

At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting at Sedgley, for conducting the service in church and giving the address, also for the use of the tower and bells; to the organist for the musical part of the service. Special thanks were given to Mrs. B. Fullwood and her band of workers for their services in preparing and serving the tea, and to Mr. B. Fullwood, the genial and untiring towerkeeper, for the great part he played in making the necessary arrangements for the meeting and comfort of the members. Thanks were also given to Mr. John Goodman, the Ringing Master, for the able manner in which he carried out the duties of chairman.

The ringers afterwards returned to the belfry and kept the bells merrily going in the four standard methods.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION OF HANDBELLS.

The Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held its autumn meeting at St. Nicholas', Worcester, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Cutler, on November 26th.

The bells were raised about 3 p.m. and kept going until four o'clock, when service was held and an address given by the Vicar. Over 50 ringers and friends attended the service, including ringers from the towers of the Northern and Southern Branches and also from the Bromyard District of the Hereford Association. Afterwards tea, kindly given by the Vicar, was partaken of at the Dairy Cafe. At the meeting which followed the Vicar presided, and those present included the Master and secretary of the association, Mr. R. G. Knowles and Mr. J. R. Newman.

The set of handbells, given by a prominent member of the association to the band who taught the greatest number of new and proficient ringers during a certain period, was presented to the Vicar for the use of the St. Nicholas' Guild by Mr. R. G. Knowles.

All the officers of the branch were unanimously elected for the ensuing year, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Dodderhill, if convenient.

Mr. J. R. Newman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address, also for his generosity in providing tea, and for taking the chair at the meeting.—This was carried with applause.

Some of the ringers then returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going in different methods, while others found their way to St. John's, where touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were successfully brought round.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Bexhill-on-Sea on Saturday week, when about 20 members attended from Battle, Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Brighton (St. Nicholas') and Uckfield, together with members of the local band, and Mr. Haig from Etchingham and Mr. Piper from Eastbourne. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Canon H. W. Maycock), who gave a most interesting address.

The Rector was unable to be present at the tea owing to a prior engagement. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. C. E. Ward, of Salehurst, was elected an honorary member, and the election of Mr. C. Lovelock, of Chippenham, Wilts, as a non-resident life member was confirmed.

The District Secretary (Mr. A. C. Pankhurst) announced that he hoped to arrange the next meeting at West Ham and Pevensey some time in January.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and also to Mr. Piper for bearing part cost of the tea.

This concluded the meeting, and the members then returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going in methods from Grandsire to Surprise.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT TO ORGANISE COMBINED PRACTICES.

A very enjoyable meeting of the North-Western District was held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, when members and friends attended from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Buckland, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), London, Reigate, Streatham and Twickenham.

Ringing practice was obtained in methods up to Bristol Surprise Major. Tea was served at the Manor Arms, 24 sitting to a substantial repast. At the business meeting Mr. A. W. Clark, District Master, presided. Two new ringing members were elected, and the secretary explained the committee's scheme for combined practices in the district. This was approved by the meeting.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. W. Chapman for making such excellent arrangements. Some handbell ringing then took place, in which the youngest member present (aged 12) took part.

The tower was again visited, and the members were very pleased to welcome the Rev. F. W. Leadbitter (Vicar of Immanuel, Streatham) to the belfry, and also to have the pleasure of ringing with him. Various methods were again practised until 8 p.m., and the ringing finished with a well-struck touch of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. This concluded a very successful meeting, the ringing throughout the afternoon and evening being of a very high standard.

A CHURCH'S JUBILEE.

The jubilee of St. George's Church, Mossley, Lincs, was celebrated on Wednesday, November 23rd, by the ringing of a touch of 1,046 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. Taylor 2, F. Welham 3, H. Pickles 4, J. Radcliffe 5, R. Walker 6, E. Garside 7, J. Clayton 8. Longest touch for ringers of 5 and 6. All are service ringers at the church, which was dedicated on November 23rd, 1882.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.
Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.
E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

THE LATE CANON W. W. C. BAKER.
VICAR OF SOUTHILL, FORMERLY RECTOR OF DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,
6, Tavistock Crescent,
Luton, Beds,
Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. Subscriptions are invited from all who desire to be associated with the memorial, and contributions should be sent either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James,' or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

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 Dec. 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keighley on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head at 5 p.m.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

JUBILEE DINNER OF THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at the North Stafford Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, at 6.30 p.m. The following towers will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Stoke (8), Hanley (10), Burslem (6), Bucknall (6). Service in Stoke Church at 5.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Barnwood Church on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., provided by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Bryce). All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. each.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, nearby, 5 p.m. Visitors welcome.—J. C. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Baldock, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made. Just make a real effort to attend and make the meeting 'go.' Methods for special practice: Stedman, Double Norwich and Bristol Surprise.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Dec. 17th, also a special meeting at Weedon (6) Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Kennington on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

NASH, MON. — The peal of 5 bells restored by John Taylor & Co. will be re-opened at a special service on Sunday, December 18th, at 2.45 p.m.

BARKBY, LEICS.—Ring of five bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough; special re-opening service on Sunday evening, Dec. 18th, at 6.30 p.m.; preacher, the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

BILLESDON, LEICS. — The ring of five bells restored and augmented to six by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Macnutt on Monday, Dec. 19th, at 7.30 p.m.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, SWINDON.—The dedication of the new treble to complete the ring of 6 by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, has been postponed owing to illness. The amended date will be published in due course.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Monday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day). Bells (10) available during the afternoon. Service in St. John's Church at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH, YORKSHIRE. — The recast ring of thirteen bells (tenor 42½ cwt. in C), hung in new cast iron frame by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ripon on Saturday, Dec. 31st, at 3 p.m. The bells will afterwards be available for visiting ringers from approximately 4.30 to 7.30 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea-Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds, 12.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Church-Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 7th, 1933. Bells (8) 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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Third annual dinner Saturday, Jan. 14th, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. Tickets 5s. 6d. each.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.— Preliminary Notice.—The first district annual supper and social will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1933. Tickets, 3s. each, available from the district officers and committee and Mr. C. T. Coles (N. and E. District). Please book the date. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The 12th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 1933, 6 p.m., at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Tickets, 5s. 6d., may be obtained from Messrs. J. S. Hawkins, London; A. Walker, Birmingham; G. Nailor, Castle Cary; W. Yeend, Cheltenham; J. Austin, Gloucester; J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton; R. A. Post, Oxford; A. Prince, Bath; L. Tanner, Weston-super-Mare; or from officials, stewards and tower representatives, Bristol Guilds. The Bishop of Malmesbury will attend, and All Saints' (City) (8 bells) will be available from 4.45 p.m. to 5.45 p.m., after a silence of 15 years. Other arrangements for afternoon will be announced in due course.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol, 2.

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TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, December 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 50 mins.: W. Dickinson 1, Mrs. E. H. King (first quarter of Bob Major 'inside') 2, E. H. King 3, S. G. Peck 4, H. Ellis 5, W. J. Ellis 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8. Also rung as a compliment to Miss Joyce King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. King, on her 10th birthday.

HOOK NORTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, December 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. Cooper (first quarter-peal) 1, J. E. Fairbrother 2, F. Davis 3, E. Phipps 4, A. E. Forsberry (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, E. Marshall 6.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for morning service, Sunday, November 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Luscombe (first quarter-peal) 1, Charles Millard 2, Frederick J. Speed 3, William G. Moon 4, Albert J. Speed 5, Harry Lane 6, Franklin D. Rickards (conductor) 7, Frederick J. Nicholls 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, November 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, Miss M. Pack (first quarter-peal of Surprise and first attempt) 2, W. J. Ellis 3, E. H. King 4, H. Miller 5, J. G. Nash 6, N. Tomlinson 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—For evensong, October 23rd, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. W. T. Ginn 1, C. Robinson 2, M. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, B. Wayman 5, R. Thoday 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

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A NOTE OF WARNING.

Occasionally there comes to the public ear a note which warns us as ringers to be watchful lest we be taken unawares, and rights and privileges are so impaired as to do permanent injury to our art. From time to time there flares up in this or that district an outcry against the ringing of church bells. Usually the objectors are few, and the volume of their 'noise,' ventilated through the Press, is in inverse ratio to their numbers. Generally speaking, also, if the complaints concern ringing which has been only reasonable in amount, the objections eventually fizzle out, especially if the objectors are left severely alone. Sometimes it happens that an incumbent, anxious to pacify a few voluble or tiresome parishioners, will give way needlessly to their demands for the silencing of the bells without considering the wishes of the vast majority, and in this way towers have been closed. The policy is a mistaken one. As long as the bells are used for the purpose for which they are intended and facilities given to ringers to practise are within reason, an incumbent is justified in resisting the attempts of a few dissenters to stop the ringing. When he fails to do so it is, more often than not, only because he seeks what he thinks is the easiest way out for himself.

But sometimes the menace may be of a different character. Recently the Commissioners of Crown Lands have sold a plot of land in a parish in Kent on which a Roman Catholic Church is being erected, and it has been made a condition that no bell is to be placed on any part of the premises. The church authorities have protested against the ban, and the question has been raised in Parliament, but without any effect at present. An explanation has been given that the condition has been made in order to preserve the peace of the residents on the estate. Apparently a bell has been allowed in the church 'of another denomination.' We say nothing about the discrimination which seems to have been made; nor does it matter very much to the Exercise whether a new church in one of London's ever-expanding suburbs has a bell or not, but we must be on our guard lest this kind of thing becomes the thin end of the wedge. A department of the Government has declined to permit the use of the bell for the services of a church; animated by the same spirit it might conceivably attempt to stop the ringing of all church bells by an unsuspected clause in a Bill or one of those departmental orders by which we seem to be extensively governed in these days.

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usually those who neglect the call to worship, who do not hesitate to make other people's Sundays hideous by swelling the tide of noisy motor traffic through the quiet towns and villages. Some of them need a reminder of the Sabbath. We cannot refrain from quoting the 'Irish Times,' which, in a leader on the Commissioners' action, said, 'It may be that the Commissioners hold that the place already is too well provided with church bells and are striking a blow in the campaign for the abatement of noise. Their action, in that case, is not only invidious, but unintelligent and short-sighted. England and Ireland would be well rid of a multitude of noises, such as the thundering lorry and the midnight motor horn, which echo man's feverish obsession with the world. Now more than ever the one public noise that lifts his thoughts from earth to heaven—the sound of the church-going bell—ought to be precious in his ears. The church bell, whether it sounds from a Protestant or Roman Catholic steeple, is a contact with eternity.'

TEN BELL PEALS.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK	*Treble*	FRANK BELSEY	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	7
GEORGE KENWARD	3	JOHN HAIGH	8
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ...	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ...	9
WALTER BEAUMONT	5	ALFRED HAYLAR	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by FRANK BELSEY.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5045 CHANGES;

JOHN W. JONES	*Treble*	*REV. C ELLIOT WIGG ...	6
*WILLIAM SIMMONDS	2	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
*FRANCIS E. MAY	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.	8
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
F. DONALD BOREHAM ...	5	CUTHBERT G. WHITE	*Tenor*

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* First peal of Stedman Caters. Arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

J. FREDERICK MILNER...	*Treble*	ALBERT H. WARD	6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY	2	ERNEST MORRIS	7
COLIN HARRISON	3	PERCY L. HARRISON	8
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At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

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

Tenor 32 cwt.

William P. Garrett	...*Treble*	*William Tillett	6
*Harry R. Roper	2	Charles A. Catchpole ...	7
Robert H. Brundle ...	3	Frederick J. Tillett ...	8
*Harold E. Symonds ...	4	George E. Symonds ...	9
*William G. Crickmer ...	5	Charles J. Sedgley ...*Tenor*	

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by George E. Symonds.

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NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

James Rampley	...*Treble*	George Howchin	5
Miss Mabel Robertson ...	2	George Mayers	6
Miss Helen W. Bill ...	3	Frederick J. Howchin ...	7
Nolan Golden	4	Bertie J. Howchin ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

William Brammer ...	...*Treble*	Norman Heaps	5
*Joseph Hall	2	†Ernest Seddon...	6
Thomas Jones	3	Walter W. Wolstencroft	7
Edward Mawby	4	Christopher Gudgeon ...*Tenor*	

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Chris. Gudgeon.

* Fiftieth peal. † First peal in the method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

James Fernley, sen. ...	...*Treble*	Lionel Clough	5
James Fernley, jun.	2	*Herbert Davenport ...	6
William Fernley	3	William Horan	7
Harry Langley	4	James C. E. Simpson ...*Tenor*	

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by J. C. E. Simpson.

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

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Miss Doris Blencowe ...*Treble*		Major J. H. B. Hesse ...	5
Maurice Smither	2	John P. Pelloe	6
William M. Stone	3	Arthur J. Bartlett ...	7
Alfred H. Pulling... ...	4	*Ronald J. C. Hagley ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

* First peal in the method.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

J. Armiger Trollope	...*Treble*	Harry Kilby	5
Phyllis M. Mayne	2	Cecil C. Mayne	6
Ernest C. S. Turner ...	3	Frank Corke	7
Thomas Lock	4	Arthur Harding... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Ernest C. S. Turner

Rung on the 28th anniversary of the wedding day of Arthur Harding. First peal in the method as conductor.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Ernest Swain	...*Treble*	John Woods	5
Edwin Jennings	2	†Richard Rainford	6
*Nicholas Newby	3	*William S. Bleasdale ...	7
Thomas Hannan	4	*George E. Braithwaite...*Tenor*	

Conducted by E. Jennings.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal away from tenor.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Matthews' Twelve-part, No. 2. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Stanley Nobbs	...*Treble*	*Alan D. Steel	5
William Gayes	2	Harold Dean	6
Wilfred Stevenson	3	John Worth	7
James A. Milner	4	Jack Waumsley... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John Worth.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. J. Waumsley to Miss M. Cotton. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. V. Rees, a service ringer at Christ Church, Macclesfield.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wellingborough Branch.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Thomas Abbott... ...	...*Treble*	Charles Richardson ...	5
John R. Main	2	Harry Pettitt	6
*Thomas Garley	3	Walter Perkins	7
Albert Plowman	4	Albert Boddington ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Perkins.

* First peal on eight bells.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation of Thorstans' Four-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Frederick S. Price ...	...*Treble*	Edward Foster	5
Frank Bradley	2	J. Frederick Milner ...	6
Frederick Hooper	3	*Alfred Barratt	7
George E. Foster	4	†Percival Price	...*Tenor*

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*MISS NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIBBY	5
MISS ANNIE POTTER	2	†PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK	3	†JOHN POTTER	7
*MRS. MARY A. TONGE	4	WILLIAM H. SHOKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal of Triples. † 50th peal together. First peal rung by four fathers and four daughters. The visitors wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Potter for their hospitality after the peal.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK TARGET	*Treble*	HARRY J. SANGER	5
*JOHN E. METCALF	2	*THOMAS J. SEITER	6
*FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
†FRANK LOOKER	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by R. G. BECK.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung in honour of the completion of the restoration of the tower.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES GREEDY	*Treble*	GEORGE POPNELL	5
*REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	2	ERNEST STITCH	6
*GEORGE DAY	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	†HARRY BOLLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal for J. W. Jones, hon. secretary of the association, who reached his 67th birthday during the week.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*STANLEY FISHER	*Treble*	WILLIAM KEEBLE	5
STANLEY PYE	2	*HENRY NICHOLLS	6
†CHARLES W. BURTON	3	ERNEST MINGAY	7
AMBROSE MASON	4	GEORGE HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar and Mrs. C. B. Howard Knight, on the 38th anniversary of the opening of the original six bells; also as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Burton, of Kelvedon, sister of the ringer of the 3rd, and Mr. Percy Green, of Great Barrow.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN C. PERKINS	*Treble*	*FRANK SADLER	5
*FREDERICK NURDEN	2	*RALPH HARRIS	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	†FREDERICK J. JOHNSON	7
*MISS AMY R. JOHNSON	4	*JOHN HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major away from the treble. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal of Surprise Major by the branch, and rung as the branch quarterly peal. Also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	*Treble*	SIDNEY ELTON	5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS	2	TONY PRICE	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	CHARLES HAZELDEN	7
DANIEL COOPER	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of their wedding.

CHURCH, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK	*Treble*	ARTHUR INGHAM	5
JAMES PARR	2	*ARNOLD BRUNTON	6
*JOSEPH RILEY	3	WILLIE AARON	7
FRED COCKSHOTT	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by W. AARON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. All are service ringers at the above church.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 21¾ cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW	*Treble*	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL	5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
JAMES BETTS	3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	7
*KEITH W. WHITTELL	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal of London Surprise as conductor. This peal was rung on the fortieth anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise by the Guild, which was rung on these bells on Saturday, December 10th, 1892, conducted by John Evans. F. G. Biggs rang the same bell in both peals.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STONEHOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*ALLEN WEATHERLY	*Treble*	ALFRED MITCHELMORE	5
G. HARRY MYERS	2	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY	6
WILLIAM RICHARDS	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	7
*WILLIAM F. OATWAY	4	GEORGE R. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

* First peal on eight bells. The quickest peal rung on these bells. Rung as a quarterly peal for the South-West Branch.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael on Thursday, December 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Miss D. Wacey 1, H. M. White 2, H. Wacey 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, H. A. Wacey 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 28 cwt.

ERNEST H. BAGWORTH	*Treble*	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	5
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	2	HAROLD G. JENNEY	6
JOHN W. LAKE	3	PERCY L. HARRISON	7
C. FERGUSON HOWITT	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY	*Treble*	HERBERT DAVENPORT	5
*F. FRANKLAND RIGBY	2	THOMAS WALLWORK	6
ROBERT WALLWORK	3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	7
*WILFRED HALLIWELL	4	WILLIAM HORAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

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

MACHEN, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. PIKE	*Treble*	P. JONES	5
A. MARTIN	2	C. DAVIES	6
G. CORKE	3	A. E. SLATTER	7
REV. F. A. OSWELL	4	S. LOVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

Specially arranged for the Rev. F. A. Oswell, and as a birthday peal for the ringer of the 5th.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS	*Treble*	†JAMES WOODYATT	5
*REGINALD ROWE	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
WILLIAM RANFORD	4	ARTHUR H. FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL TANSELL.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal on eight 'inside.'

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF ORIGINAL MAJOR, 5760 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	*Treble*	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN	5
HENRY HODGETTS	2	FRANCIS A. SMITH	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE	3	JOHN E. ROOTES	7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	4	WILLIAM SEELEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

First peal in the method by all the band, and in the county, and the second yet rung. This composition contains the 120 course-ends three times, each with the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place. It also contains the maximum number of calls yet rung in a peal, viz., 825.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Monday, December 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Crawshaw 1, W. Schofield 2, A. Jackson 3, N. Lee 4, J. Jackson 5, G. Crowdy 6, F. Hodge (longest length as conductor) 7, T. Broadbent 8. Longest length by all except 3rd and 7th ringers. All are Sunday service ringers at the church.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

PERCY RUSHTON	*Treble*	JOHN FEARNHEAD	5
WILLIAM BRAMMER	2	ERNEST SEDDON	6
EDWARD F. MAWBY	3	CHARLES OLLIER	7
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD	4	FREDERICK PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by C. OLLIER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. F. Mawby, and also to Miss V. Smith on her twenty-first birthday. First peal in the method rung at this church by a local band.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	HERBERT FULCHER	5
SELIM GOODSWEN	2	CHARLES LOOME	6
FREDERICK ROOPE	3	TOWNSEND ADCOCK	7
WILLIAM FLATT	4	RUSSELL RICHES	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES	*Treble*	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
*MISS K. M. BRADFORD	3	*EDGAR HANCOX	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	FRANK CORKE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

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

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE WINES	*Treble*	HARRY PAGE	5
WILFRED PALMER	2	FREDERICK LASBURY	6
JOSEPH LOVETT	3	WILLIAM PAGE	7
HERBERT DAVIES	4	TOM PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by TOM PAGE.

First peal in the method by all the band. Also first peal in the method by an entirely local band for the association. 50th peal together by ringers of 5, 7 and tenor. All are Sunday service ringers.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WILLIAM M. STONE	*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
JOHN COOK	2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	6
THOMAS ADAMS	3	WILLIAM STANFORD	7
PETER CHARMAN	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the Misses Lilian and Doris Smith, twin sisters of the ringer of the fifth, who came of age on December 21st. Also rung for W. Stanford's twin sons, Basil and George, who were 18 on December 13th, and Miss Nellie Stanford, aged 13 on December 17th.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on the back eight, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. George Fisher, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 53 mins.: T. W. Hammond 1, H. Gorringe 2, J. Martin 3, E. C. Birkett 4, E. Caunce 5, J. Ridyard 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, A. Lintott 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

CHARLES FIELD	...*Treble*	ERNEST TOSSELL	4
*JACK PARKER	2	JEFFERY TOSSELL	5
*FRED GREGORY	3	*CHARLES BUSH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JEFFERY TOSSELL.
* First peal and first attempt.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's.

CHARLES COX	...*Treble*	ERNEST COX	4
WILLIAM T. POSTON	2	JOHN J. WEBB	5
ARTHUR ALFORD	3	ALFRED T. POULTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED T. POULTON.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK WEST	...*Treble*	WILFRED EDWARDS	4
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ...	2	WILLIAM E. REDRUP	5
EDWARD C. AYRES	3	ARTHUR D. BARKER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
First peal of London by all the band.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BAILEY	...*Treble*	BERT JONES	4
LESLIE BARRY	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	5
WILLIAM JONES	3	WILLIAM MILLS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
Rung as a birthday peal to the ringer of the tenor.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(STROUD BRANCH.)
On Sunday, December 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY RIDDIFORD	...*Treble*	THOMAS BAILEY	4
LESLIE BARRY	2	*CECIL HEWES	5
LOUIS MERRITT	3	ARTHUR STOPFORD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal 'inside.'

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ROBERT T. SIMPSON	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. PARK	4
WILLIAM OLIVER	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
*ROBERT JEFF	3	ROLAND PARK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal in seven methods. Rung to commemorate the forty-first anniversary of the installation of the bells.

GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, College Single, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JONATHAN PRESTON	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	4
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	5
RICHARD C. INGRAM	3	GEORGE F. SWANN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
First peal in seven methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. F. Swann, wife of the conductor.

WORDSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*SAMUEL THOMPSON	...*Treble*	ROBERT MATTHEWS	4
HAROLD V. COOPER	2	JOHN LLOYD	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	JOHN BASS	..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN BASS.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor in seven methods. Rung for the 101st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

R. ATHERTON	...*Treble*	F. READ	4
A. HUTCHINSON	2	A. YATES	5
*F. CARR	3	R. BALDERSTONE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. READ.
* First peal. Rung for the 27th anniversary of the bells. First peal on the bells by a local band.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, December 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

THOMAS S. ASTBURY ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT CRAWLEY	4
RICHARD T. HOLDING... ...	2	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ...	5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... ...	3	HARRY PARKER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. PARKER.
Mr. R. T. Holding's 150th peal, and his first peal of Bob Minor. He has now rung peals of Plain Bob Minor, Triples, Major, Royal and Maximus.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, December 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHARL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twenty 120's, six 240's of Pitman's and five 240's of Morris', each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.
Rung as a compliment to H. T. Chandler, of H.M.S. 'Glorious,' and W. Richards, both recently married at the above church.

BASINGSTOKE.—On All Saints' Day, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): J. Ballard 1, E. Munday (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, Mrs. M. R. Cross 3, F. Wilson 4, E. Austin (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6, H. Wooding 7, J. Chesterman 8.

BERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, December 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 24 six-scores of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM HALFORD	*Treble*	JOSEPH LAWRENCE	3
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	CHARLES CAMM	4
CHARLES YOUNG	*Tenor*		

Conducted by C. CAMM.
First peal on the bells.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, December 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY PERRINS	*Treble*	JOHN BASS	4
HERBERT QUARRY	2	PERCY RICHARDS	5
SIDNEY THOMPSON	3	*WILLIAM JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN BASS.
* First peal.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thursday, December 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently Tenor 8½ cwt.

OWEN NEWSON	*Tenor*	WILLIAM SMITH	4
ARTHUR E. SMITH	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
ROY A. WOODARD	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all.

WOLVEY, WARWICKS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Friday, December 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ERIC THORPE	*Treble*	WILLIAM COPE	4
THOMAS W. THORPE... ...	2	†WALTER ALLEN...	5
JAMES UPTON	3	JOSEPH H. BEALE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. BEALE.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung on the 10th anniversary of the induction to the Vicarate of Wolvey of the Rev. Stanley Morris, B.A. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, December 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Nine-and-a-Half Minutes
AT 18, WESTBERE ROAD, HAMPSTEAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	1-2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3-4	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
Umpire—C. W. WOOLLEY. Witness—MRS. E. M. ATKINS.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. BRIGHT, CHURCH STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

LEWIS W. WIFFEN	1-2	WILLIAM CHALK	5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE...	3-4	ERNEST BRIGHT	7-8

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To all our readers we extend hearty greetings and good wishes for Christmas.

We are asked to state, for the benefit of visitors to St. Giles' Church, Northampton, on Tuesdays (7.30 to 9 p.m.), that the Vicar thinks it advisable to put out the lights in the church and lock the doors shortly after 8 p.m. in order to avoid any damage or loss to church property.

The long peal attempts to be made during the forthcoming holidays are a reminder that Christmas has been a favourite time for such performances. Past Boxing Days have seen the achievement of 9,312 Superlative Surprise at Crawley, Sussex (1894), 9,728 Superlative at Clent (1910), 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at South Wigston (1901), 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham (1901), 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow (1923), and 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major at Elland (1831).

Notable long lengths rung on December 27th have been 10,176 Double Oxford Major at Brierley Hill (1909) and 17,104 Double Norwich at South Wigston (1904).

BAN ON CHURCH BELL.

EXPLANATION IN PARLIAMENT.

The Commissioners of Crown Lands have put a ban on a bell at the new Roman Catholic Church at Mottingham, Kent. They sold the site for the church and inserted a stipulation in the contract that 'no church or other bell or bells shall be placed on any part of the premises.'

The matter was raised in the House of Commons last week, when Major Elliot, the Minister of Agriculture, in reply to a question from Captain Hope, said that the restriction was only imposed in the interest of neighbouring houses, and it was expressly agreed before the purchase of the site on which the church is built.

Although a church of another denomination within a quarter of a mile uses a bell, Major Elliot added that there was no question of religious toleration or discrimination. It was purely in the interests of neighbouring houses.

Major Elliot declined at present to receive a deputation from Roman Catholics in the district.

A LEGAL OPINION.

A writer in the November issue of 'The Estate Magazine,' sought the opinion of the Legal Editor on the subject of church bellringing. It will be noticed that he complains of 'a bell,' and goes on to say that what he objects to is not reasonable ringing before services, but 'practice' and 'bell ringing competitions.' There seems something wrong here. If there is only one bell the ringing of it would not seem to need much practice, neither, should be think, are there many 'competitions' on it. But there it is, so let the letter and the reply of the Legal Editor speak for themselves:—

Sir,—The village church is situated about 100 yards from my house, and has a bell with a loud and penetrating note. When the bell is rung, it is practically impossible for occupants of bedrooms facing the church to sleep at all.

I should be glad of any information as to any legal protection I might have from this nuisance, and by nuisance I do not mean reasonable ringing before services, but for 'practice,' 'bell ringing competitions,' etc.

Would the District Council have any jurisdiction over the activities of 'bellringers'?

Here is the reply: 'This is not a matter over which the District Council has any jurisdiction whatever. The only possible thing to be done (apart from coming to terms with the incumbent) is to endeavour to obtain an injunction to restrain the undue and unreasonable uses of the bells, but if the user is the same as it has always been and you happen to be a newcomer into the village, the chances of obtaining any satisfaction by that means are rather remote, we fear.'

SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, of Low Moor, Bradford, celebrated their silver wedding on Tuesday. They were married at St. David's Church, Glanadda, Bangor, by the late Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A., Cantab, and were the first couple to be married at this church.

Mrs. Hughes is the daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. Henry Roberts, of Roberts St. Herail, Bangor, and Mr. Hughes, a native of Smethwick, Birmingham, is the eldest son of the late Mr. Joseph Hughes and Mrs. Hughes, who now reside in Rochdale, Lancs. Mr. Hughes commenced work for the old L.N.W. Railway at Bangor in 1903, and was transferred to Rhyl after the war. After spending eight years in Rhyl, Mr. Hughes was again moved, to Bradford, where he holds the position of works inspector in the engineering section of the L.M.S. Railway.

Mr. Hughes learnt to pull a bell on the old peal at Smethwick, and was a member of the first regular Sunday ringing band at St. Martin's, Birmingham. He is now an hon. member of Bradford Cathedral band.

BOSTON BELLS.

COMPLETION OF A GREAT RESTORATION SCHEME.

With a deeply impressive service of thanksgiving, the restored tower and recast bells at the famous church of St. Botolph, Boston, Lincs, were dedicated on Saturday evening, and the occasion was made the more historic by the fact that not only were the people of these islands able by means of wireless to share in the proceedings, but listeners in America were also able to hear the ceremony. The dedication, therefore, was not only parochial and national, it was international in character, just as the work of restoration itself had been shared by people on both sides of the Atlantic. Indeed, it has been largely owing to the generosity of the inhabitants of the daughter city in Massachusetts, U.S.A., that the completion of the extensive work necessary to the roof of the church and the tower has been made possible.

The magnificent church is one of the finest pieces of ecclesiastical architecture in this country, and, indeed, in the world. It is grandly imposing from its size and appearance of strength, and also sufficiently ornamented for architectural effect, while six centuries have given it a charm that time alone can bring. St. Botolph established the first church on this site, where he founded a monastery, and died in the year 655. The settlement was destroyed in the Danish invasion of 870, but was re-established, and the monks erected a small stone church to replace the original building, which was probably of wood. The present church was begun in 1309. Whilst the fervour excited by the preaching of the friars was still felt, and when the prosperity of the town was at its height, the pious gratitude of the inhabitants led them to plan a building worthy of their faith, the foundation stone being laid by Dame Margery Tilney (whose recumbent effigy still surmounts her tomb in the church), assisted by Richard Stephenson, merchant, and John Truesdale, the Rector, who, according to the old records, each gave five pounds sterling.

This new church originally consisted of nave and aisles, each of seven bays, with fourteen clerestory windows on each side of the nave, and chancel of three bays, with south porch flanked by two chapels—one on the east (now destroyed) and one on the west—all in the decorated style.

THE TOWER.

The tower was built in the perpendicular period, the two turrets, which had formerly flanked the west front, being retained as stair turrets, and the west window altered to form an arch opening into the new tower. In the same period the chancel was lengthened by the addition of two bays, and finally the whole structure was crowned by the erection of the beautiful octagonal lantern on the top of the square tower, about the year 1460, so that the whole edifice took about 150 years to build. The tower rises in stately grandeur to a height of 272½ feet, and stands in the front rank of examples of gothic art. It is divided into four storeys, the bells hanging in the third, with the ringing chamber immediately beneath and over the groined ceiling, which is 156 feet above the floor. The interior of the church gives a remarkable sense of vastness, with its exceptionally wide aisles and the twelve slender and widely-spaced pillars which support the roof. In the chancel are 64 ancient stalls, which, with the miserere seats, carved with many quaint designs, date from about 1390, and form the second largest and one of the most interesting collections in the kingdom.

A few years ago it was found that there was scarcely a sound piece of timber left in the whole of the roof of the nave beyond the main tie beams. This condition had been brought about in the first place by the wood beetle, secondly by the continued leakages of rain water through the lead covering, and partly as the result of a fire in 1803. The tower walls had been cracked for a number of years, and at some recent time a strong iron band had been fixed round the gallery, while, in addition, strong iron cramps had been introduced. The movement of the tower walls had, however, gone on in spite of these precautions, with the result that the cramps had split the stones into which they were embedded, thus forming two additional cracks.

THE BELLS.

Courageously the whole town of Boston set about the preservation of its priceless possession, and in little over six months £10,000 was given or promised. Then the Bostonians of America took up the cause, and with their help the vast scheme of restoration has been carried to a successful conclusion. The scheme has included the recasting of the old bells. Formerly there was an old and mixed peal of eight, with four extra clock bells, cast in 1896 from the small bells, which formed the carillon which used to hang in the tower. Ringing was carried on under difficult conditions. The groined roof of the tower protruded into the ringing chamber, and the ringers, standing in the 'gutter' between the dome and walls, could see only the heads of each other. They were close under the bells, with deafening results. The authorities were dubious about raising the level of the bells, and various schemes were suggested, even to putting the ringers above the bells and ringing the latter by an additional set of wheels. This, of course, proved an impracticable course, experiment showing that, apart from other difficulties, it was impossible efficiently to take up the slack rope from the back stroke. The late Rev. H. Law James (then Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) were called into consultation, and the latter was able to put forward a convincing scheme, upon which the hanging of the bells has been based, so that not only have the ringing arrangements been vastly improved, but the bells have actually been placed several feet higher in the tower, with greater safety to the structure. The old ringing eight have been recast into ten and rehung in a new iron and steel frame, with, of course, entirely modern fittings. The frame stands on a concrete floor, which helps to strengthen the structure. The stresses on the fabric have been materially reduced, the ringers, with their floor four feet higher than before, more head room, and an additional ceiling between them and the bells, can ring with far less labour and much greater comfort, and the people of Boston have an infinitely finer peal. This part of the work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in a manner which adds still further to their world-wide reputation. The four clock bells have been recast, and these four quarter jacks are now in perfect harmony with the ringing peal.

The origin of the old ring of eight will be largely gathered from the inscriptions which have been reproduced on the recast bells. Thus it will be seen that Messrs. Taylor and Co. renew the firm's connection with this famous tower, for in 1758 Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, cast one of the bells for St. Botolph's. It was from this foundry that Joseph Eayre, a brother, migrated to St. Neots, there to set up a business to which, about 1786, Robert Taylor, the first of the line of bell founders, succeeded.

The new tenor, a descendant of one cast in 1657, bears an inscription on one side, surmounted by a Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, cast on shields, indicating the part played in the restoration by the Bostonians of Massachusetts. The connection between the ancient town on the banks of the Wash and the American city is not in name only; they are linked up through the Pilgrim Fathers. John Cotton was Vicar of Boston from 1612 to 1633. Then, owing to doctrinal differences, he and many of his flock were forced to flee the country and, emigrating to America, settled at a village known as Trimountain. The name was changed, and the settlement has grown into the great city of Boston, Mass., where, curiously enough, greater efforts have been made to establish the English form of bellringing than anywhere else in the United States.

THE INSCRIPTIONS.

The two smallest of the recast bells have 'John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough,' on the inscription band. On the waist of the treble is inscribed:—

'Play Uppe, Play Uppe,
O Boston Bells.'

And on the 2nd:—

'Ring out the False,
Ring in the True.'

On the back eight have been faithfully reproduced the inscriptions of the old bells, and all except the tenor bear the founder's mark. The inscriptions are as follow:—

3rd.—G. Byron, W. Bowsfield, H. Ingram, Ch. Wardens. T. Osborn, fecit J785. Recast 1899. Again Recast 1932.

4th.—H. Ingram, G. Byron, W. Bowsfield, Ch. Wardens. T. Osborn, fecit J785.

5th.—1772.

6th.—John Gamble, Edward Bell, John Iessop, Chvrchwardens, 1710.

7th.—All glory bee to God on high G†O 1657.

8th.—Ino Calthrop: Vicar. Ino Linton: Lecturer. Robt Wilby: Mayor. Thos Hardwick: Samll Obbinson & Ino Scrimsher: C=Ws. (Just below inscription band): Thos Eayre: Pyrotechnvs, de, Kettering, fecit: 1758.

9th.—John Calthrop, Vicar. Thomas Cheyney, John Betts, John Lowe, Church=wardens, 1772. (On waist of bell): Blessed is the people that knouw the jouful sound.

Tenor (21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.).—On waist of bell:—

G. B. BLENKIN, M.A., VICAR, 1867.
ME FUDIT.
A. L. J. VANAERSCHODT MAJOR, SUCCESSOR A. L. VANDENGHEYN LOVANII, MDCCCLXVII.
ALL MEN THAT HEARE MY MOVRNEFULL SOVND REPENT BEFORE YOV LIE IN GROVND.
JAMES PRESTON
ANTHONY BUTLER } WARDENS.
JOHN LETSHAM
1657.
RECAST 1932 BY JOHN TAYLOR & CO., LOUGHBOROUGH.

On opposite side of Bell:—

(An emblem of the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes.)

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT TREASURER ORDAINED AS CURATE.

A highly successful and enjoyable meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held on Saturday, December 17th, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Holloway. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and various methods were rung until a halt was called for tea, which was held at a nearby 'Lyons.' On returning to the tower, a short business meeting was held, and the usual routine carried through with a minimum of delay.

A letter from the district treasurer, Mr. P. D. Roberts, who has recently been ordained as curate to the parish of St. Clement's, Toxeth, Liverpool, was read. Mr. Roberts regretted that he would be compelled to resign his office, and it was resolved that the secretary (Mr. J. G. Prior) write to him, thanking him for his services and wishing him success in his ministry.

The secretary then announced that he had received an invitation from the Rev. J. A. Mayo to hold the district annual general meeting at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel. He (the secretary) had accepted this invitation, and the meeting confirmed his action. As is usually the case, the Rev. J. A. Mayo is generously providing tea.

The meeting will be held on January 7th, and it is hoped that it will be well supported. Due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks to Mr. A. Turner for having everything in readiness brought the meeting to a close, and further ringing took place. The attendance was very good, and the ringing reached a high standard.

Everybody was well catered for, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London. An attempt for Spliced Surprise Major in four methods was frustrated by the breaking of a rope. A meeting like this gives great encouragement to the secretary, and he hopes that the standard set up this year will be well maintained.

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THIS PEAL OF TEN BELLS WAS CAST
FROM THE FORMER PEAL OF EIGHT AT
THE JOINT EXPENSE OF THE PEOPLE OF
BOSTON, MASS., U.S.A., AND BOSTON, LINCS.
ALLAN FORBES, CHAIRMAN, BOSTON, MASS.
JAMES TAIT, CHAIRMAN, BOSTON, LINCS.
A. M. COOK, M.A., VICAR.
1932.

On the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th is 'Recast 1932.'

THE DEDICATION.

The service of dedication was followed by one of the largest 'congregations' that has ever shared in such a ceremony. Not only was the great church packed to capacity, but the service was broadcast in this country on the Midland Regional wave length and also to America. While the early part of the service was proceeding a commentator described the restoration scheme, the steps taken to raise the money, and the scene in the church.

During the singing of a hymn a procession, including the clergy, choir and the Mayor of Boston, made its way to the tower, where Mr. James Tait, in whose Mayoralty in 1928 the scheme was launched, on behalf of the Restoration Committee and kinsmen across the Atlantic, who were with them, he said, in spirit at that moment, asked the Vicar to accept the completed work of the tower, of the light in the tower and the recast peal of bells. He did so with the earnest hope and prayer that the tower would stand for many a century, pointing their thoughts upward, that the light might shine over a contented and prosperous community, and that the bells pealing forth their sacred message might herald the age of peace and goodwill, not only in this country and America, but throughout the world. Earlier he had referred with very deep regret to the death of Canon Hutchinson, the former Vicar, whose heart was in the work, but who, like Dean Frye, who did so much for the restoration of Lincoln Cathedral, was not spared to see the consummation of his hopes.

Canon Cooke accepted with deep gratitude the trust placed in their hands. It was, he said, a great happiness that so many could share in that simple service of praise. For more than 500 years the noble tower had looked proudly over town and fen; its presence was part of their being. Boston knew it as a friend, and loved it. No longer now would it be silent, nor shrouded as the night crept on. That night far over the Fens the sound of the bells would be heard, and folk in lonely homes, peering through the darkness, would see its light. For many generations that old town would remember the generosity that had made it all possible. Ties of kinship would be more strongly welded and understanding grow. He prayed God that to all who in any way shared their worship that night there might come new dreams of peace and real hopes of far-flung good-will and resolves, God helping, to spread the love of Christ among men.

The Mayor of Boston made a brief speech and then switched on the light in the lantern far overhead. At the same moment the sound of the bells was heard, and they were rung in rounds for a few moments before Canon Cooke pronounced the dedicatory prayers. The procession returned to the chancel to the singing of another hymn, and at the conclusion of the service the magnificent peal was heard again, rung by the local ringers with some assistance from other members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

A MONMOUTHSHIRE RING RESTORED.

The bells of Nash, Monmouthshire, which have been silent for six years, have recently been rehung in a new metal frame with entirely new fittings, and were rung for the first time on Sunday.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Dean of Monmouth (Dr. Phillips) who also gave an eloquent address, in the course of which he paid a fine tribute to the late Mr. Charles Jones, of Goldcliffe House, who in his will bequeathed money for the rehanging of the bells.

The five bells were taken to Loughborough Foundry, and the tenor, being cracked, has been recast. The new frame provides for one more bell, and there is reason to think that at no distant date it will be supplied. The bells have been cleaned and retuned and are now a very pretty ring. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and can only be described as excellent.

After the dedication service, members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

REV. H. LAW JAMES MEMORIAL FUND.

THIRD LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Amount already acknowledged in 'The Ringing World,' £29 5s. 6d.; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, £1 1s.; Mr. J. Flint, 10s. 6d.; Mr. J. Holman, 5s.; Mr. H. Chapman, 4s.; Mr. Geo. Dent, 10s.; Mr. W. Perkins, 2s. 6d.; Mr. A. E. Wilkins, £1 1s.; Sheffield Cathedral ringers (per S. F. Palmer), 10s. 6d.; Mr. R. W. Daniels, 5s.; Mr. Stafford H. Green, £1 1s.; Mr. A. H. Ward, £1; Mr. W. J. Nevard, 5s.; Mr. F. Wilford, 5s.; Tydd St. Mary's ringers (per Rev. R. W. Rudgard), £1 1s.; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, 10s.; Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3s.; Mr. C. I. Davies, 5s.; Mr. J. F. Smallwood, 2s. 6d.; Mr. John Canis, 10s. 6d.; Ipswich St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Ringers (per Mr. G. E. Symonds), 10s. 6d.; total, £39 8s. 6d.

In the last list Mr. A. Hague, 5s., should have read Mr. and Mrs. A. Hague, 5s.

Received and acknowledged by the National Provincial Bank, Ltd., Spalding, and R. Richardson, Surfleet, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Further subscriptions will be thankfully received.

ALDERSHOT RINGER KILLED.

RESULT OF MOTOR-CYCLE ACCIDENT.

As the result of a collision between the motor-cycle he was riding and a stationary car, at Bentley, Hants, Mr. Mark Alfred George Downes, aged 26, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Downes, of Farnham, died on Tuesday of last week in Farnham Infirmary. On the previous evening Mr. Downes took part in a shooting match at Farnham, and afterwards went to the neighbouring parish of Seale for the weekly ringing practice. He then went to Bentley to visit his grandmother, and it was on his return that the accident happened. He sustained a compound fracture of the base of the skull.

Until a few months ago Mr. Downes was actively connected with the Scout movement, and was formerly a member of the choir at St. James' Church, Farnham. Two years ago he took up church bellringing, joining the band at Aldershot, where he learned to handle a rope, and had got on to the stage when he could ring Grandsire. He attended the Guild meetings, and was so keenly interested that he attended the practices at neighbouring towers.

An inquest has been opened and adjourned.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Farnham, when the Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham), District Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer, hon. district secretary, Messrs. W. Denyer, W. Viggers, E. Gower (Aldershot) and E. Gardner (Seale). A wreath was sent by the Farnham District and the Aldershot band, and the bells at Aldershot and Seale were rung half-muffled.

BLIND CENTENARIAN'S BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

Miss Mary Hayward, a blind woman living at Arlingham (Glos), has received messages of congratulation from the King and the National Institute for the Blind on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday. A special peal in her honour was rung on the bells of the Parish Church.

By an interesting coincidence, the National Institute recently received a legacy under the will of a blind woman of the same name, who left £200 to the Institute 'as a slight acknowledgment of the pleasure derived from their publications.'

DATE TOUCHES.

At Brasted, Kent, on Martinmas, for the Patronal Festival, a date touch of Minor, being 720 Kent Treble Bob and 1,212 Plain Bob: Dr. E. L. Taylor 1, H. F. Ford 2, *P. Turley 3, *H. D. Ford 4, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 5, *F. Paige 6. * Longest length of Minor.

At Hatfield, Yorks, on Thursday, December 1st, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,932 changes) was rung in 1 hour 10 mins.: H. Rodwell 1, W. Sleight 2, A. Ensor 3, D. England 4, C. H. Thorley 5, J. Thorley 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, R. Rodwell 8. Ringers of 2, 5, 6 and 7 are from Thorne. The rest belong to the local band.

THE SEPTUAGENARIANS' PEAL.

THE CHURCH, THE BELLS AND THE TEAM.

'You young 'uns thinks you knows;
Us old 'uns knows you don't.'
(Old Berkshire saying.)

In October last it was the writer's privilege to receive a kind invitation to take part in a peal attempt at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, with a band of what Mr. Challis Winney described as 'old fogies.' They endured Stedman Triples for 1 hour 40 mins. on November 12th, when the bells 'got out,' but, quite undaunted, they agreed to meet again for it on December 10th, when 'That's all' responded to their gallant efforts, as recorded in 'The Ringing World' last week.

St. Olave's Church is one of the few that survived the Great Fire of London in 1666, a small building standing at the corner of Hart Street and Seething Lane. It consists of chancel, nave, north and south aisles, with a western tower, organ chamber and vestry. You go down steps to enter it, and there the tombs of Samuel Pepys and his wife may be seen. As one looks round its dim interior one is carried back three centuries to the period of the plague, the fire and of Fabian Stedman.

I am hoping that some of the readers of 'The Ringing World' have also perused 'Popys' Diary'—a memorial to the memory of the diarist was unveiled here in 1884—wherein he tells us of a Mr. Sted-



ST. OLAVE'S CHURCH, WHICH ESCAPED THE GREAT FIRE.

man, clerk of commissioners, residing in this district. Who can tell? It may be this refers to the real 'Fabian' the Exercise is most anxious to learn more about.

The bells were made an octave by the addition of two trebles in 1929, the Bishop of London, the Rector and Sir Chas. Wakefield being present at the dedication. Fortunately the old ring of six were preserved. They are dated 1662, and it may safely be assumed that our Stedman rang upon them at a time when so few of the city peals were ringable, waiting for Wren to rebuild the devastated towers. If any Cambridge 'Varsity change ringer can spare the time I would beg him to search the Pepys Library in Magdalene College, Cambridge, whilst the legal help of Mr. R. A. Daniel in searching for the records of the trial of the 'German Princess' may reveal the pedigree of the Stedman known by Pepys.

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'A young man's pride is his strength:
An old man's glory his grey hairs.'

The team were called together after several 'old crocks' had declined the honour, quite by accident, only the allotted span—three score and ten—as mentioned in the Bible, being aimed at. As it proved afterwards by examination of their 'birth marks,' their total years as a band exceeded by a century the famous Leeds, Kent, company of 1781, who totalled 491 years. As it happened, too, all the men had rung a peal at least 50 years ago, and eight different societies were represented.

The peal having finished early, that is, by 7 p.m., the band were enabled to take tea together and spend an hour in 'reminiscencing.' The chair was occupied by the conductor, and after he had F.E.D., the bill for the repast was settled by the 'boy' of the party by way of his footing.

We supped at Lyons, near the church, a long table being reserved for us, and there the staff of waitresses overran each other in at-

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5,760 ORIGINAL MAJOR.

A PEAL WITH 825 CALLS.

A peal of Original is a rare thing. Until last week only one peal of Major had been rung, a level 5,000 (called by the late Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield), and one peal of Triples (conducted by Mr. M. F. R. Hibbert) in 1926.

On Thursday week Mr. Hibbert called a peal of Original Major, a 5,760, composed by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. It contained 825 calls, the greatest number ever put into one peal. Here are the figures:—

123456	3	4	5	125436	3	4	5	6	132564
452316	—	—	—	432516	—	—	—		A. 165234
321546	—		—	521346	—		—		B. 153264
514236	—		—	314256	—		—		B. 136254
243156	—		—	245136	—		—		A. 152634
134526	—	S	—	163524	—		—	—	B. 123654
									A. 156324
A. 523416	—	—	—	B. 526314	—	—	—		B. 162354
431256	—		—	361254	—		—		B. 125364
215346	—		—	215634	—		—		
354126	—		—	653124	—		—		
125436	—	—	—	132564	—		—		

Repeat above, omitting bob at 6, gives 123564. Then repeat the whole twice.

Has the extent of 4-5-6 in 6th's place, and has 819 bobs and six singles.

If a bob 1 is called from the second course-end, the 36th course-end is brought up in two changes for 5,218.

If a single is called at 6 in 4th course, the 49th course-end is produced for 5,040.

Rung in full at Bushey, Herts, on Thursday, December 15th, conducted by Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECRETARY RESIGNING.

The last meeting of the year of the Southern District was held at Godstone on Saturday, December 10th, when about twenty members put in an appearance during the afternoon and evening from Buckland, Bletchingley, Horley, Reigate, Limpsfield, Limpsfield Chart, Merstham, London, and the local band. A sumptuous tea was kindly provided by Mrs. G. Hoare at the Barn Tea Room. After tea a short business meeting was held, when Police Sergt. Hancock, of Godstone, was elected a member.

The next meeting, which is the annual meeting of the district, is to be held at Betchworth on January 28th.

The Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, who occupied the chair, informed the members that he regretted to say that their secretary was resigning, and he hoped that someone would come forward by the next meeting to replace Mr. Bull.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robert Hoare for his assistance in arranging the meeting, and Mrs. Hoare for her hospitality in providing the tea.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Triples to Superlative Surprise Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The recent practice meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, held at Wooburn, although not exactly crowded out, was quite successful, touches being rung in various methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise. The journeyings of one member round the county in his efforts to find the tower were rather too lengthy to be described in this report.

Adjourning to the Boscobel Tea Rooms, a pleasant surprise awaited the party. The building has been converted from its former use and now looks like a real bit of Old England, with oak beams, minstrels' gallery, holly and mistletoe complete.

After tea, Grandsire and Stedman Triples (and a few tunes) were rung on handbells, which were especially enjoyed by the staff, ensuring the ringers an invitation to come again. Some old friendships were revived, also a few new ones made, thus forwarding the art and still further strengthening the largest branch of the Guild.

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tending to the 'Nippy' wants of the eight stalwarts. The 'beavers' and the bald heads of the party resembled a British Museum committee of archæologists; their happy smiling faces and gesticulating, animated conversation was good to see. Had they found the missing link, split the atom, or seen Stedman's ghost? No, they were simply glad to be alive, like the 128 old people entertained to tea and a concert at Barking the same evening by the Rotary Club, whose ages totalled 9,029 years, an average of 70½ years, whilst our own average was 74¼ per man.

Our sincere thanks to the Rector, Prebendary Wellard, B.D., and the verger (Mr. H. Willson) were duly conveyed by post. Here we would also state that Messrs. C. Kippen and R. Saunders, with their team of 'children,' greatly contributed to our effort by withdrawing their fixtures on the respective dates of our visits to St. Olave.

W. H. F.

THE 'OPEN LETTER' SEASON.

TO MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

My dear Friend,—I was thrilled to read your affectionate remembrances of me in to-day's issue of 'The Ringing World,' and hasten to assure you of my continued regards. As you know, my dear Armiger, there is a bond of brotherly love, similar to that of David and Jonathan, between us. Ever since you, as a small boy in knickerbookers, taught the Exercise how to ring Bob Triples and Major, I have watched your progress. You have risen to be an Oracle, while the other Forty Thousand of us remained as Carlyle said—mostly fools. As this is the festive season, I must congratulate you on the dizzy heights to which you have climbed.

True, there are disgruntled persons who fail to be converted, but your vast brain will yet dominate them. Indeed, dear Armiger, there have been times when my poor insignificant self—as poor as a star beside the sun—has failed to assimilate your subtle wit and greatness, which makes me think that Shakespeare is lucky to be dead while you are around.

Yet there are one or two things my mind cannot grasp. Of course, I realise that it is totally eclipsed by your own (as, in fact, every other man's must be). One is, you made a slight slip in to-day's 'Ringing World.' You forgot to say that a peal that will not transpose true from any part is not a round block at all, and proves that a 5,040 of Treble Bob Minor cannot be taken 'as a whole.' It would have floored your argument at the outset, would it not? But trust me, I won't tell a soul. Someone once said the same thing. Now, who was it? Oh, here it is. Well, I never! It is in your own dossier, which I always keep up to date. On September 30th last you wrote in 'The Ringing World': 'Neither the Methods Committee nor any of its members has put forward the argument that any 5,040 on six bells which contains all the 720 changes seven times—no matter in what order they are produced—has an equal claim to be called a peal as a 5,040 comprised of seven true 720's. Personally, I have always contradicted that opinion.' Great Scot, Armiger, you signed that letter! Don't worry if you are called a weathercock, and that you eat your words. Great minds like yours are privileged to change—when the moon is in the full; so you are in good company. That word 'tactics'—should it be 'tictacs'? for it is odds on you getting your way at the Central Council. Perhaps! I watched you at Salisbury, how you cleverly persuaded the president to allow you to make an 'explanation' after a defeat, and that ruse did the trick. What you lost on the swings you gained on the roundabouts. I admire you immensely, and at this season of good-will, here's to you and your colleagues, whoever they are, plenty of corn and wine, but if you are a vegetarian I strongly recommend carrots and thistles. There will now be an interval for refreshments. Cheerio, all the best.

W. WILLSON.

December 16th, 1932.

DOUBLES AND MINOR PEALS.

NEW METHODS BETTER THAN 'FREAK' COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having myself conducted a considerable number of peals of Doubles and Minor, I find myself in hearty agreement with Mr. W. Shepherd when he advocates that tampering with 720's should cease.

The 240's of Grandsire Doubles are not desired by the ringers of them, so much as by the men who quibble about the splitting of straws, and the men who call these freaks. Their introduction has given us the abomination of 'a peal of Grandsire Doubles, being twelve 240's of Pitman's and nine 240's of Morris'"! I consider this a thoroughly retrograde step to calling the standard ten callings. It is much inferior to the calling of 42 six-scores differently with extremes of half a century ago, and even worse than calling two three-part 120's over 21 times. If a band has rung the ten callings they should advance to learning Minor, or, if their bells go too heavy, to other methods of Doubles. And why not a peal of Stedman Doubles with ten callings?

A conductor, whether on six or twelve bells, has a duty to the band who rings with him, and should not conduct things which cast a reflection on his ringers and himself.

If a band has rung 720's of Oxford Treble Bob the conductor should advance to other higher methods instead of tampering with 720's.

And if they can ring Cambridge Minor, why mutilate this instead of learning other Surprise methods to ring with it?

There are now more Minor methods available for six-bell bands to learn than almost any band can ever hope to master, and it is better to learn to ring 720's in new methods than to waste time on freaks.

I must plead guilty to having once conducted a Morris 240, but I considered it then, as I do now, only a freak.

After this discussion, is it too much to ask that conductors will, during 1933, refrain from calling these things, but, instead, call things of merit which will cast no reflection on their ringers or themselves?

We all know that things are often passed at meetings to suit persons who have previously 'quered the pitch,' and others who have the longest tongues and the most domineering manner. They are not always decided by the rights and wrongs of the case.

And the great majority of practical ringers who actually do the ringing have little use for quibbles about 'rows' and changes. But they do know when they have rung an honest 120 or 720 starting from and ending with rounds. Ring out the false, ring in the true.

A COUNTRY RINGER.

KEEP THE 720's TRUE.

Dear Sir,—I am not sure whether the last phrase, 'those who think with him,' in the second paragraph of Mr. Joyce's letter, refers to me or not, but, if so, may I say at once that I can never hope to reach so high a standard in Minor ringing as he has attained? The most that I can do is ring the 46 Surprise methods—with a scramble—about two-thirds of the remainder, and perhaps twenty or thirty others which are not in the Collection, including five or six in the Double Surprise class. But, unlike Mr. Joyce, I am afraid I should have to refer to figures, although I think about thirty seconds would be ample time for me. Then as to conducting, I think I could call any of the extents given in the Collection and from any bell in any of the methods without letting my fellow-ringers down. As to multi-methods ringing, this is out of my class. Nevertheless, I understand a little about that—just sufficient to allow me to give Mr. Joyce, a few years ago, a hint or two how this splicing job was done—perhaps my brain has been plucked. Incidentally, this knowledge was gained upwards of thirty years ago, which I believe was before the late Rev. Law James brought this matter to the front.

As to Major ringing, I have done a bit. It is now about 34 years since I composed, rang and conducted my first peal. Since that time I have taken part in one or two others, one being the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise ever rung, and, like Mr. Joyce, none of the others have any terrors for me. Method construction and proof of same I know very little about, as I have only studied the question for about fifteen or sixteen years. Still, I have one or two rather decent methods, which I may, or not, be persuaded to publish at some future time. However, I think that I am equally as competent to express an opinion on these matters to Mr. Joyce, and I am all out for keeping peals of Minor true—that is, starting from and ending with rounds in each 720.

C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

A CHRISTMAS PEAL.

Dear Sir,—No doubt, as peal ringers at this season of Yuletide, you'll tide us over this Yuletide season with a merry peal on a peal of bells.

For a peal on a peal of bells by the peal ringers will a-p-peal to most people, and many a peal of bells will peal forth a peal in some method or other by our peal ringers, in a message of peace and good-will, and we all hope good will come of it.

Some peals will contain the change called Queen's, 13572468; some may include the Tittums change, 15263748; whilst others may have the Whittington's, 12753468.

But no matter how many changes are rung, or the number of times the bells change from one change to another change, the successful conclusion of the peal on the peal of bells by the peal ringers will be as far away as the wind which dried my first shirt, unless the orthodox, inevitable, usual, conventional (or any other old name you care to call it) rounds is rung as the last and final change.

The peal ringers of the peal will not accept it as a peal on the peal of bells, as it will not a-p-peal to them as a peal, and they will require the peal to be re-peal-ed.

Ring out the false.
Ring in the true.

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Brockley, S.E.4.

'REMARKABLE THEORY.'

Dear Sir,—Will your correspondent, 'Major Ringer,' kindly state when and where I advanced the remarkable theory that he has credited me with? When he has done this, and if he will give us his name, I am quite prepared to enter into a discussion with him as to whether he has correctly stated the number of leads and rows in a 720 of Cambridge Minor. For instance, what is the last row of his 30 leads of 24 rows each? And where does his 720th CHANGE occur?

C. T. COLES.

A BALLOT!

A correspondent signing himself 'Not Doped' writes that the trouble with several representatives of the Council is that they are too much inclined to use their own views instead of the views of those who send them. There is only one way, in his opinion, to settle the Minor and Doubles question, and get to know the views of the Exercise as a whole, and that is a vote of all members by ballot! Ye gods!

A FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you please announce that the spliced peal of Bob Major, Double Oxford and Double Norwich, rung at Erith, Kent, on May 14th, was false? Five leads of a full course in the Double Norwich were also included in the Double Oxford. Such an act of gross carelessness on my part is inexcusable. I can only ask the conductor and the ringers to accept an apology from me.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Dec. 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Wallington 1, A. C. Manning (conductor) 2, R. March 3, W. Hector 4, J. Chester 5, E. Measures 6, N. Bolton 7, W. Wallington 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 6 and 7, who hail from Kibworth.

GRANDSIRE CATERS RECORD.

NEXT TUESDAY'S ATTEMPT AT APPLETON.

As already announced, an attempt is to be made at Wareham next Monday to ring the late Rev. H. Law James' 14,144 London Surprise Major, which is one lead more than the present record length.

On Tuesday, at Appleton, an endeavour will be made to ring a record length of Grandsire Caters, a peal of 16,271 changes, composed by Mr. G. Holifield, sen. Here is the composition:—

23456789	
32456987*	
42653	79
26453	87
64253	87
24356	79
34652	79
46352	87
63452	87
(a) 35264	2.3.5S.
25463	79
45362	79
53462	87
34562	87
54263	79
24365	79
43265	87
32465	87
42563	79
52364	79
23564	87

The last 12 courses repeated, calling (a) 87S., produces 25364.

* Produced by bobs at 1.3.4.

25364987	
(b) 56324978	
36425	89
46523	89
65423	78
54623	78
64325	89
34526	89
45326	78
53426	78
43625	89
63524	89
35624	78

(b) produced by 2.4.5S.

Repeated, calling (b) 78S., produces 36524.

These 24 courses, four times repeated (except last course in 5th part), calling first course (b) 2.3.5S., produce 42563.

Rounds produced by 9th in and out at 2.

The part ends are:—

25364987
36524978
42635978
53246978
64352978
42563978

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MORE SUPPORT FOR DIOCESAN TITLE.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held on Saturday, December 10th, at St. Peter's, Colchester, 24 towers being represented. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Burtin). Afterwards, in St. Peter's Hall, 58 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting which followed the District Master, Mr. E. P. Duffield, presided. Seven ringing members and one hon. member were elected.

A long discussion took place on the subject of changing the name of the association, and Mr. Duffield proposed: 'That this meeting of the North-Eastern Division recommends to the annual general meeting that the name of the association be changed to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.'—This was unanimously agreed to.

Great Tey was chosen for the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) to the Vicar, organist and those who organised the tea.

Ringing took place on the church bells both in the afternoon and evening.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

CENTRAL DISTRICT AT CRAYFORD.

A quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, December 3rd, and although the numbers were small the meeting was voted by everyone as very successful. Various methods were rung, including Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise, Duffield and Oxford Treble Bob.

The service was kindly conducted by the Rev. W. H. Andrews, who gave a most interesting address. Miss Church (Waltham Cross) presided at the organ.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher taking the chair. Mrs. E. J. Barnett (Crayford) was elected an hon. member, on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Miss C. Hoverd.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting in London about the end of February.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells and for the service, to Miss Church for her services at the organ, and to Mr. E. Barnett for his great assistance in helping to make the meeting such an enjoyable one.

This concluded the meeting, and the members returned to the tower to join the gentlemen in further ringing.

HALESWORTH SOCIETY'S PROGRESS.

The bellringers of St. Mary's Church, Halesworth, Suffolk, held their annual meeting on Monday evening, December 5th, at the Church Rooms. The meeting was preceded by a capital hot repast served by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Took, to which full justice was done. The Rector (Rev. H. C. Newbery, M.A., Rural Dean of North Dunwich) presided, supported by Capt. H. C. Rush, R.N., vice-president, Mr. C. J. Goodwin, churchwarden, Mr. A. J. Orford, hon. member, Messrs. G. Pearl and F. Aldred (Church Council), Mr. F. C. Lambert, hon. secretary, Mr. A. H. Took, hon. treasurer, and the full strength of the Halesworth company, making a total of 21. Having given the only toast of the evening, that of 'His Majesty the King,' the Chairman, as president, welcomed the company, among whom were several new members, who have been learning under the guidance of the secretary and treasurer. He had been privilged, he said, to attend nearly all their meetings during his 15 years' incumbency, and he was glad to see young men taking up the art. He thanked them all for their loyal services.

The Secretary's report noted steady progress, and throughout the year ringing had been well maintained for all Sunday services, also for Christmas, New Year's Eve, the festivals, the King's birthday and the Armistice memorial service. Visiting bands of ringers during the year all spoke highly of the rehung bells, and a special peal of 5,040 changes in four methods had been rung on the bells of Wissett Church, which enabled three of their recruits to score their first peal.

The Treasurer reported an increased balance in hand of £1 9s. for the year, and both reports were adopted.

All the officers were re-elected. Five new members received certificates of membership, and two probationers were also accepted.

A social hour was spent with the handbells, etc., and a hearty vote of thanks to all subscribers and helpers brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

DEVON GUILD.

EXETER DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the Exeter District of the Devon Guild, held at St. Thomas', Exeter, service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. B. Nicholls). At the business meeting which followed tea, certificates were presented by Mrs. A. W. Searle to two Brampford Speke men and one Thorverton lad who had passed the qualifying test. She specially complimented the latter (Master Ford), who is only 12½ years and the youngest member of the Guild.

Mr. W. Howe (hon. secretary and treasurer) submitted favourable report and accounts, and they were passed.

The chairmanship was relinquished, at his own wish, by Mr. A. W. Searle, and Mr. C. Glass (Heavitree) was chosen in his stead. Mr. Howe and Mr. W. Wills (assistant secretary) were re-elected. The Dean and Mayor of Exeter were elected hon. members.

A collection for the Mayor of Exeter's Unemployment Fund realised £3 0s. 1d.

Ide was provisionally fixed for the next meeting on February 11th.

Hearty thanks were passed to officers, to the Vicar, the deputy-organist (Mr. L. Wippell) and choir of St. Thomas', the incumbents for use of bells, the caterers, and lady helpers (Mesdames Howe and Goad) at the tea.

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR.

An attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was made at Over, Cambs, on Saturday, November 26th, and lost after ringing 3 hours 5 mins., with over 5,000 changes completed. The band consisted entirely of local service ringers: R. Smith 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, M. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, B. Wayman 5, R. Thoday 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Had this attempt been successful it would have been the first peal of Surprise Major ever rung by an entirely local band for the Ely Diocesan Association. Yet for all this, some will say peals are 'cheap.' Except for the tenorman, this is the longest length of Surprise Major ever rung by the company.

A further attempt for the peal was made at St. Ives on December 10th, and lost after 2 hours 51 mins. The band have met five times for the peal, yet, after ringing for a total time of 10 hours 46 mins., they are still without success. They do not agree that Surprise peals are easily got.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

At East Hagbourne, Berks, for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White, on Monday, December 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. J. Balcombe 1, W. V. Webb 2, G. F. James 3, R. G. Rice 4, F. H. Abbott 5, J. Sawyer 6, A. H. Webb (conductor) 7, E. Sawyer 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor and by ringers of 5 and 8.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.
Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.
E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

THE LATE CANON W. W. C. BAKER.

VICAR OF SOUTHILL, FORMERLY RECTOR OF DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,
6, Tavistock Crescent,
Luton, Beds,
Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

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 Dec. 29th and the Coffee Pot on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m.—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 Cardiff on Monday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day). Bells (10) available during the afternoon. Service in St. John's Church at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH, YORKSHIRE. — The recast ring of thirteen bells (tenor 42½ cwt. in C), hung in new cast iron frame by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ripon on Saturday, Dec. 31st, at 3 p.m. The bells will afterwards be available for visiting ringers from approximately 4.30 to 7.30 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea-Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds, 12.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Church-Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 7th, 1933. Bells (8) 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.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Devizes, St. John's (8), on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service in St. John's 4.30. Tea in Parish Room at 5 p.m. St. Mary's (6) and St. James' (6), Southbroom, available for ringing afternoon and evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at the Woolpack Hotel, Moor Street, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. 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.

PONTESBURY, SALOP.—Ring of 6 bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Special thanksgiving service Sunday, Jan. 8th, at 6.30. Preacher: The Venble. Archdeacon of Ludlow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.— Preliminary Notice.—The first district annual supper and social will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1933. Tickets, 3s. each, available from the district officers and committee and Mr. C. T. Coles (N. and E. District). Please book the date. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. — F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting of the Lancaster Branch will be held at Low Bentham, on Jan. 14th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. J. Prince, Low Bentham, near Lancaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Howson) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool. Wigan Branch members are especially invited to this meeting. A really good attendance is requested, but please notify.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.,

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The third annual dinner will take place at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Ringing at S. Nicolas' Church (10 bells) from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 28th, a lecture on 'Bell Towers' will be given by E. H. Lewis, Esq., M.A., President of the Central Council, to which all ringers and others interested are invited. Full particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The 12th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 1933, 6 p.m., at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Tickets, 5s. 6d., may be obtained from Messrs. J. S. Hawkins, London; A. Walker, Birmingham; G. Nailor, Castle Cary; W. Yeend, Cheltenham; J. Austin, Gloucester; J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton; R. A. Post, Oxford; A. Prince, Bath; L. Tanner, Weston-super-Mare; or from officials, stewards and tower representatives, Bristol Guilds. The Bishop of Malmesbury will attend, and All Saints' (City) (8 bells) will be available from 4.45 p.m. to 5.45 p.m., after a silence of 15 years. Other arrangements for afternoon will be announced in due course.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol, 2.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. J. J. Taylor is now 9, Primrose Hill, Northampton.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Two peals of 12 Handbells. Tenor, size 15.—T. Miller, 70, Mott Street, Birmingham.

FOR SALE.—Set of 32 Handbells, diameter of largest bell 9 inches; note F; no reasonable offer refused. —Apply to Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston Vicarage, Notts.

Greetynge.

Ye Master of ye Antiente Societie of College Youths sends heartie Christmasse greetynges to all members at home and beyond ye seas.

Gravesbende,
Christmas, 1932.

GREETINGS.

Will all the many ringing friends in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales accept my best wishes for a happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year?—S. R. Roper, Croydon.

PUBLICATIONS.

'GRANDSIRE DOUBLES AND TRIPLES, Simply Explained'; also 'Bob Minor and Major, Simply Explained,' for beginners. 6½d. each, post free; 5/9 a dozen post free; from I. Roe and M. Broome, Byways, Hurst, Berks.

HANDBELL MUSIC, Revised Catalogue. — William Gordon, 37, Norwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport.

CAMBRIDGE MINOR AND MAJOR, Simply Explained, each 7½d. post free; ½ dozen 3/6 post free; dozen 6/9 post free: to be obtained from K. Quick, 17, Broad Street, Bath.

DUBLIN.—On Sunday, December 11th, at St. George's Church, Dublin, before the 14th Dublin Company Boys' Brigade evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Lindoff (conductor) 1, W. Wilson (president, Irish Association) 2, G. G. Lindoff 3, W. Lynch 4, F. E. Dukes 5, J. Hutchinson, P.C., 6, R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., 7, W. McGregor 8.

BANSTEAD.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong on Sunday, December 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 48 mins.: A. Woolloff 1, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 2, N. Hobden 3, W. Hobden 4, J. Hobson 5, T. Norman 6, F. G. Woodiss 7, A. E. Chcesman 8. First quarter of Bob Major by the local band, and by all the ringers except 2, 7 and 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 4th, for morning service, 1,344 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, A. Mason 2, C. W. Burton 3, C. Button 4, G. Hayward 5, H. Nicholls (first quarter-peal of Kent) 6, E. Mingay 7, F. Fludder 8. Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. C. B. Howard Knight as Vicar of Feering on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—For evening service, on December 18th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes), rung as a last token of respect to Francis Lister, formerly churchwarden and churchworker for upwards of 50 years: A. Trotter 1, T. B. Kendall 2, H. Haigh 3, H. Foster 4, Mrs. F. Scayer 5, F. Scager 6, H. Stott 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, December 18th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Minor: G. Whybrow 1, F. C. Ginn 2, F. Gleaves 3, B. Wayman 4, R. Thoday 5, M. Ginn 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 8, covering. Also 288 changes of Norwich Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob as one 'touch.' Rung after meeting short for quarter-peal of Cambridge Major.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, December 18th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, by the local company, 1,306 Stedman Cinques in 43 mins.: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, Rev. C. Elliott Wigg 2, F. West 3, G. Hinton 4, G. White 5, E. R. Coles 6, E. Markham 7, R. G. Chappele 8, D. F. Borcham 9, C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, E. Croxford 12. The first quarter-peal of Cinques by Rev. C. E. Wigg, recently appointed to this parish, also a welcome to Mr. R. G. Chappele, a valued addition to the local band.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.—For evening service, on December 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. E. Pollard 1, J. P. Pollard 2, A. Elliott 3, P. Walker 4, W. A. James 5, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 6, J. W. Stirland 7, W. Beresford 8.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. M. Whitney 1, F. Stubbs 2, W. Copperwheat 3, F. Kirk 4, S. G. Robinson 5, E. E. Whitmore 6, J. B. Stubbs 7, W. J. Whitmore (first in the method as conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 7. All are members of the local band.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On December 18th, at St. James' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. E. Nicholls (first 720 of Kent as conductor) 1, E. Harding 2, G. H. Gutteridge, son., 3, E. G. Swift 4, F. Corke 5, W. H. Gutteridge, jun. (first 720 of Kent) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. G. Swift.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, Mrs. E. H. King 2, T. H. King 3, S. G. Peck 4, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 5, H. Ellis 6, J. G. Nash 7, C. Davidson 8. Rung on Mr. C. Davidson's 70th birthday.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 20th, for evensong, at the Church at St. Edmund, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: A. S. Toseland 1, G. W. Clarke (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 2, H. Patrick 3, H. O. Mutton 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. Rung in honour of St. Edmund's Day.

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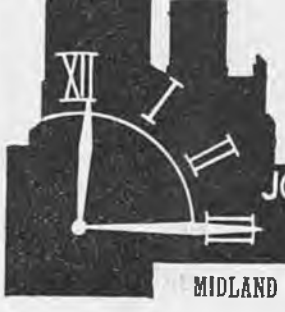

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AN OBJECTIVE FOR THE NEW YEAR

To all ringers everywhere ' The Ringing World ' once again extends hearty wishes for a happy and prosperous new year. It is an old wish which, by reason of its age, has to some extent become a convention, but surely there never was a time when it was uttered on all sides with greater sincerity than it is to-day. For some time past the nation, indeed all the world, has been looking from beneath the clouds of depression towards the coming of brighter days, which seem just beyond the horizon, but whose advent is so long deferred that it is not surprising that many who are suffering are in the grip of despair. The hope is in every breast that the new year will bring with it a new tide of prosperity and that from this dear old country of ours the grim spectre of unemployment will be banished. In many quarters its presence is having an adverse effect even on ringing; meetings are suffering because men cannot afford to attend them; associations are finding it a little difficult to get in a certain proportion of their subscriptions because men who are without work cannot afford even this small sum from their straitened means.

In spite, however, of the difficulties of the times, there is no need for pessimism over the outlook for ringing. The art is more than holding its own in face of many handicaps. But if there is one thing more than another to which attention might be devoted in the coming year it is in the direction of creating a greater interest in the work of the ringing organisations. Unless a ringer can take the wider view of his work and all that appertains to it he loses a good deal of the interest and inspiration that is to be gained from an active share in and an appreciation of what is being done by the county and diocesan associations and guilds. Parochialism in ringing is as stifling as parochialism in any other department of church or civic life. The limitation of activity and interest when a ringer is concerned only with what goes on in his own tower can never lead to real progress; indeed, this confined outlook will almost inevitably result in evaporation of any initial interest there may have been and a growing indifference to the real objective of church bell ringing. There are greater ideals and possibilities to be achieved from sharing in the work and forwarding the objects of an association; the wider view and activities of a diocesan or territorial organisation are much more interesting than those of the individual tower, and more stimulating; just as a wide panorama is better worth looking at and more inspiring than a courtyard. During the coming year, then, let the efforts of all who have the welfare of ringing at heart be bent to awakening in the indifferent an interest

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CUTHBERT G. WHITE ...	...*Treble*	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	6
WILLIAM SIMMONDS	2	F. DONALD BORRHAM	7
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Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM TANDY	...*Treble*	JOHN SIMONS...	6
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ...	2	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
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On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

ARTHUR D. BARKER ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS J. FOWLER	5
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ...	2	FRANK WEST	6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	3	*WILFRED EDWARDS	7
PERCY E. JONES	4	F. DONALD BORRHAM	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

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On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*JAMES T. STEVENS ...	...*Treble*	LIONEL J. CULLUM	5
JOHN WHEADON...	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ...	6
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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ALWYN TAYLOR	...*Treble*	ARTHUR F. TAYLOR	5
OGDEN MOORES	2	FRED DUNKERLEY	6
WILLIAM BERRY	3	STEPHEN PARRY	7
JOSEPH OGDEN	4	JOHN H. G. MASSEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

Rung to commemorate the 77th birthday of Mr. J. Fitton, who has been a regular service ringer at St. James' Church, Milnrow, for more than 50 years. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and wardens of Newhey for the use of the bells, Milnrow bells not being available.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DAVENTRY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

The first peal in this method. Rung at the first attempt.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, December 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 22. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER...	5
J. CHARLES DICKEN	2	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	6
CHARLES ALLSOP...	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	JOHN CURTIS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS	...*Treble*	JACK TOWELL	5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY	2	JOHN S. SADDINGTON	6
CLARENCE BOLLARD	3	COLIN HARRISON	7
DAVID S. COLLINS	4	ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Trigg, who was interred the same day. A peal to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Trigg was rung at Stanford on October 31st last.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, December 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
JOHN H. CHERSMAN	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	EDWIN BARNETT	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—On Saturday, December 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: H. Sear (conductor) 1, R. A. Hall 2, G. Boon 3, J. Mapley 4, H. C. Beard 5, E. Lathall 6, W. F. Smith 7, V. Sear 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. L. Moxon, who is leaving for Weston Turville.

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

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CARTER ...	...*Treble*	HECTOR G. BIRD	5
WILLIAM SHORT...	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
JOHN BASS	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS	7
*REGINALD CHANCE	4	JOHN LLOYD	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. E. PARSONS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	5
*CHARLES CLARK... ...	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	3	JOHN F. TILLETT	7
GEORGE BENNETT	4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN....	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Triples. W. C. Rumsey has now completed the circle here, and this is the ninth tower at which he has rung all the bells to a peal.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE LILLEY	...*Treble*	WILLIAM STANNARD	5
KEITH W. WHITTELL... ...	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
GEORGE W. ABLITT	3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	7
H. W. FOULGAR	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

BENINGTON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ...	...*Treble*	†ALFRED J. HOUSE	5
ALBERT LAWRENCE	2	HERBERT ELSE	6
*SIDNEY CARTER...	3	*BARNARD PATMORE	7
GEORGE GRAY	4	JOHN WELCH	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ...	.. *Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
CHARLES E. BASSETT	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
KEITH HART	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. SHORTER	...*Treble*	*WALTER D. JOLLEY	5
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ...	2	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ...	6
PERCY E. JONES	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	7
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	4	JOHN H. CROPLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal in the method.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE L. PERKINS	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ...	2	WILLIAM SEEKINGS	6
MANSFIELD GINN...	3	ERNEST WAKELING	7
JOHN J. JUTSON	4	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

The band thank Mr. Smith and local company for raising the bells and having made the necessary arrangements. A birthday peal for Mr. A. J. Ginn, of Over, Cambs.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FRANK BUCKLAND ...	...*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ...	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
GEORGE MARTIN	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

A birthday peal for Lord Burnham, of Beaconsfield, Bucks (aged 70), a life member and supporter of the Guild.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEOFFREY CLAYFIELD	...*Treble*	HORACE MOULT	5
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ...	2	CHARLES DAVIES	6
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ...	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
†WILLIAM H. CURSON ...	4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Ringers of 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

CHEWTON MENDIP.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

MISS N. G. WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	RONALD G. BECK	5
FREDERICK TARGETT	2	*THOMAS M. GRIFFIN	6
*JOHN E. METCALFE	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ...	4	JOHN LORD	..*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples away from the tenor.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 24 cwt.

*THOMAS HILL	...*Treble*	THOMAS J. ELTON	5
DANIEL MATKIN...	2	WILLIAM FISHER	6
JOHN C. ADAMS	3	BERT HORTON	7
GILBERT HARDING	4	†JOHN W. PRITCHARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Master Philip Matkin and Mr. W. Fisher. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.)
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Four Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8000 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY PLATT	...*Treble*	STEPHEN L. PARRY	5
OGDEN MOORES	2	HARRY A. MELLOR	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	TOM COCKING	7
FRANK LAWTON	4	IVAN KAY	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by HARRY PLATT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor. Longest peal on the bells without 'splitting' the tenors.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	...*Treble*	†GEORGE W. CREASEY ...	5
*MILTON C. FOWLER	2	*JOHN R. BREARLEY	6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ...	3	SIDNEY F. PALMER	7
*GEORGE CLARK	4	HAROLD WALKER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

JAMES R. JONES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM KNIGHT...	5
NORMAN H. COOMBS	2	ERNEST PARKER	6
JACK CARMAN	3	WALTER FARLEY...	7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT... ...	4	RICHMOND ROBERTS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PARKER.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23¾ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE	...*Treble*	HERBERT J. ELDRED	5
ROBERT ROFFEY	2	W. H. J. HOOTON	6
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM J. LANGLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Deane.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

CHARLES W. BIRD ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT G. BLACK	5
GEORGE LINES	2	JOHN R. MAIN	6
AMOS SMART	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
*ROGER D. H. J. SMITH ...	4	†REUBEN TWELVETREE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal and first attempt. Mr. Perkins' 100th peal as conductor. Arranged for Mr. R. D. Smith, of Yardley Hastings.

HYTHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church, on December 7th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Swan 1, W. Fright 2, W. Flisher 3, W. J. Bidnell 4, W. Bidnell (conductor) 5, R. J. Birch 6, A. Amos 7, W. J. Prebble 8.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24¾ cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR ALFORD	5
JOHN J. WEBB	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	6
GLYN SHAW	3	WILLIAM POSTON... ...	7
ERNEST COX	4	HARVEY H. WINNEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Monday, December 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. MEERS ...	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
MISS O. MURIEL SANDERS...	2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	6
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	WILLIAM DAVIES...	7
RICHARD C. INGRAM	4	JONATHAN PRESTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
This was the 1,000th peal by the Guild.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
ALBERT RAINBIRD	2	WILLIAM PYE	6
FRANK G. RINGE	3	ERNEST W. FURBANK	7
CHARLES E. PRYKE	4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK G. RINGE.
First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, December 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
MISS E. DORICE TURNER ...	2	ALBERT LAWRENCE	6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

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

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, December 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ..	*Treble*	THOMAS COLLINS	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	HARRY KILBY	6
*JOHN H. BOTHAM	3	WILFRED G. WILSON ...	7
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ...	4	*THOMAS J. LOCK	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. The ringer of the tenor has now completed the circle with an 'inside' bell.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Monday, December 26th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes) in 1 hour 33 mins.: Miss Amy Kynaston (longest length) 1, R. T. Evans 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8. This was rung in an attempt for a peal, the bells being called home at half-way owing to the bad going of the tenor.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...*Treble*		*RICHARD LONGDEN	5
*MISS ELSIE LAKIN	2	NORMAN HEAPS	6
FREDERICK PAGE	3	ARTHUR RIDYARD	7
JOSEPH HALL	4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT
* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to Miss E. Lakin, who returned to her home in Lincolnshire the following day. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. Arthur Knights.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY	...*Treble*	†ARTHUR W. LEIGH	5
*ROBERT WALMSLEY	2	*ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	6
EVEREST FORD	3	EDWARD IDDON	7
MRS. MARY A. TONGE ...	4	THOMAS SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. FRANKLAND RIGBY.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6400 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED WATKINSON ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR KNIGHTS...	5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	6
WILLIAM J. THYNG	3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	7
NORMAN C. LEWIS	4	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Cawthorne. 50th peal on the bells. The composition contains the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, in 18, the minimum number of courses, and is now rung for the first time.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

*NORMAN SMITH	...*Treble*	HERBERT T. PIPER	5
ROBERT PICKERING	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	6
KENNETH C. TAYLOR ...	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
JACK W. TAYLOR	4	JAMES SHAW	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. PICKERING.
* First peal of Triples. Rung on the ninth anniversary of the opening of the bells for the Christmas festival. Also a birthday compliment to A. Butler, a member of the Tettenhall band.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*BERTRAM GRIMSHAW...	...*Treble*	*THOMAS ISHERWOOD	5
THOMAS WALLWORK	2	WILLIAM HORAN	6
WILFRED HALLIWELL ...	3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	7
JOSEPH WOODS	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.
* First peal in the method.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Dale 1, A. Rolph 2, J. Blay 3, J. Cross 4, J. G. Macdougal 5, G. Playle 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

William Middleton, jun. *Treble*	Fred Holdstock... 4
Elvin Howsam 2	George Feirn 5
Jack Nevin 3	George Blanchard ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by George Blanchard.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal at this church by an entire Sunday service band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

TYDD ST MARY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*Owen Pearson ... ...*Treble*	John Smith 4
George L. Holmes 2	George R. G. Butler ... 5
Miss F. Hutchinson ... 3	*James W. Ketteringham *Tenor*

Conducted by G R. G. Butler.

* First peal.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BIDDULPH SURPRISE, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720 extents, each called differently.

Elliott Cooper ... ...*Treble*	James Stanway 4
Alfred H. Cottrell ... 2	William Hazeldine 5
John Beech 3	Jonah Cottrell ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by C. Severn. Conducted by J. Cottrell.

Rung in honour of the jubilee of the association, which was founded on December 16th, 1882. First peal of Double Surprise Minor for the association. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. All the band are Sunday ringers at the above church. There are 111 bobs in the composition.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.

Leslie Ainger ... ...*Treble*	John Longley 4
*Miss A. White 2	Ernest J. Ronter 5
John H. Myhill 3	Edward A. Kemp ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward A. Kemp.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the christening of the daughter of the Rector, the Rev. R. C. Collwyn Hargreaves.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*Miss Constance I. Clark *Treble*	Claude Snowden 4
Miss Hilda Snowden ... 2	Arthur C. Rippingale ... 5
Olave E. Broyd 3	Thomas Bird ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Olave E. Broyd.

* First peal of Treble Bob, and first attempt. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for all except the conductor. Rung on the back six. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

EALING.—On November 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire: B. Gilbert 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. M. Stacey 3, J. A. D. Webb 4, A. Harding 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, J. H. Hunnisett (conductor) 7, W. A. Hunnisett 8.

TRENT, DORSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

H. Jim Ralph ... ...*Treble*	Jim K. Laver 3
Wilfred P. Lambert ... 2	Percy N. G. Rainey 4
William C. Shute ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by William C. Shute.

MELLING, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Kenneth Holmes ... ...*Treble*	Ernest Swain 4
*John McLean 2	Edwin Jennings 5
Thomas W. Varey 3	George E. Braithwaite ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Jennings.

* First peal.

HOLT, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Katherine,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

John Giddings ... ...*Treble*	Frank A. Penn 4
Reginald H. Newtown ... 3	A. Owen Wrintmore... ... 5
William Chapman 4	Trevor B. Holloway ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Trevor B. Holloway.

First peal of Minor by all.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Frank Lawrence ... ...*Treble*	Denis R. Morris 4
Thomas W. Lewis 2	Cyril Tansell 5
William Ranford 3	Charles Camm ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Tansell.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.
HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Fred Garside ... . *Treble*	John E. Fielding 4
Leslie Dawson 2	Harold Shaw 5
Harry Nutt... 3	Joseph Burgess ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Fred Garside.

Rung with the bells muffled prior to a memorial service to the late Capt. G. A. Schofield.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-de-Merton,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tom Hartwell ... ...*Treble*	Wallace Church 4
Miss Evelyn Steel 2	Sidney Foskett 5
William Stapleton 3	Tom Harpin ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Stapleton.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Gibert, widow of the late Rev. J. E. Gibert, who was Rector of St. Peter's for many years.

TEMPLE COMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

W. JOHN YOUNG	...*Treble*	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	4
JAMES F. HATCHLEY	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN ...	3	P.C. RICHARD STOCKEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT 3, BELL STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN	1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3-4	*CHARLES BUTTON	7-8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal on handbells, and rung on the 41st birthday of the ringer of 7-8. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Stevens, of Kelvedon, on his 84th birthday. The conductor's 666th peal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire—PETER LAFLIN.

* First peal in the method in hand. Also first for the association on handbells.

A LEICESTERSHIRE RESTORATION.

TREBLE BELL ADDED AT BILLESDON.

Possessing but five bells for twenty years, the Parish Church of Billesdon has been able to boast of an enthusiastic band to ring them. Although the 'go' was anything but good, the company manfully stuck to it, and some nine or ten good ringers regularly 'pealed' them week by week. For a long time they agitated and worked for an extra bell, and at last their desires have been gratified. The old tenor is one of the few pre-Reformation bells left to us, and like all village bells its weight 'growed.' Eventually it was reputed to be 16 cwt., but those interested will like to know that she is but 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F. Other bells were added in 1624, 1628, 1862, and the treble to make the five put in in 1912. A number of peals of Doubles have been rung on these five, including the longest by the Midland Counties Association—6,600 changes in 1926.

The five bells have now been retuned and a new treble added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and all rehung in ball bearings on the old frame, with a new portion added to take the extra bell.

The service of dedication was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon F. B. Macnutt, M.A., F.R.Hist.S., Provost of Leicester Cathedral, on Monday evening, December 19th. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers the new treble was pulled up, then all six bells rung in rounds while the clergy proceeded to the chancel.

The Archdeacon, in a powerful sermon, congratulated the Billesdon parishioners on their effort, and appealed to the congregation to make an effort to clear the debt balance of some £60. He quoted many historic facts from the late T. North's 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' and also Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' He especially welcomed in the congregation the presence of the latter author, Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., well known throughout the diocese for his keenness on all matters referring to bells, and a valuable consultant to the Bishop's Advisory Committee. He gave many personal reminiscences of bells and ringing, and especially he recalled his wedding day when, in leaving the church amid the excitement and ringing of bells, he left his top hat in the vestry.

After the service Bob Minor, Grandsire and Plain Doubles were rung by the local band and visitors from Hallaton, Leicester and Loughborough. Everyone concerned was pleased with the 'go' of the bells, and the new treble is a perfect splice to the rest. The louvres have been boarded up, and the sound immediately below outside the tower is much softened, while the carrying effect is greatly marked. Billesdon now has a fine ring of six, and we look forward to seeing abundant peals of Minor by the locals.

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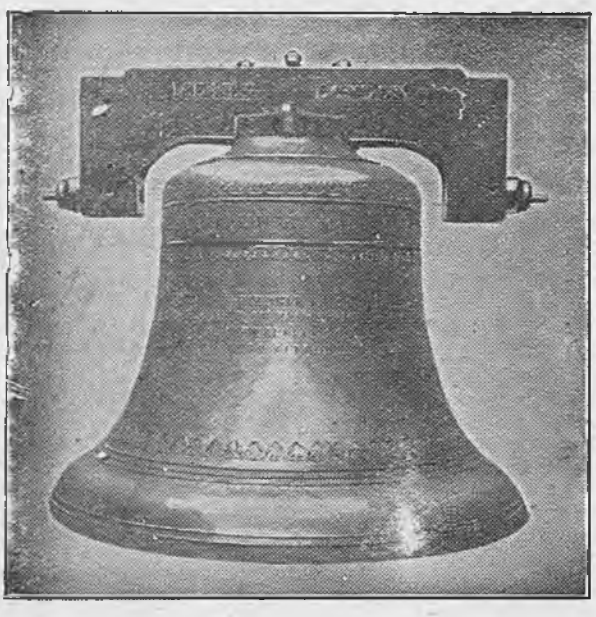

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Sussex County Association, one of the first to be organised on 'district' lines, has for over forty years comprised three divisions—East, Central and West. An increasing number of towers and greater activity has now led to a rearrangement, and from January 1st there are to be four divisions—East, West, North Central and South Central.

A peal of Stedman Triples rung at Erdington last week was the one thousandth peal by the St. Martin's Guild. Mr. G. F. Swann, who is the peal recorder of the Guild, supplies us with the following interesting particulars. Of the total number, 823 have been rung on church bells in 81 towers, and 177 on handbells, by 506 ringers. No fewer than 178 of the tower bell peals have been rung at St. Martin's Church, while 84 have been rung at Erdington.

There was a time when change ringing for Sunday services was not encouraged; in fact, in some quarters it seems to have been deprecated almost as much as prize ringing. In the issue of 'Church Bells' of January 10th, 1874, a 720 of Bob Minor was recorded as having been rung for evening service on Sunday, December 21st, 1873, at Belbroughton, Worcestershire. Appended to it was the following footnote by the editor: 'The next time the Belbroughton ringers go in for Bob Minor we hope they will not do it on Sunday, there being six days a week for work and pleasure.' We have progressed since then!

NEW GRANDSIRE CATERS RECORD.

SUCCESS OF THE APPLETON PEAL.

At Appleton, Berks, famous for many noted ringing performances, a new record for Grandsire Caters was set up on Tuesday, when a band of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were successful in ringing the peal of 16,271 changes in this method. The bells started into changes at 8.40 a.m., and 'This is all' was called at exactly six o'clock, the peal having this occupied 9 hours and 20 mins.

Excellent ringing was heard in the peal, which was rung at an average rate of nearly 29 changes per minute, and the band were heartily congratulated upon the successful completion of their great effort. Among those who visited Appleton during the day to listen to the ringing were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, and Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, North Wales.

Many long peals have been rung at Appleton, including the greatest length ever achieved by one set of men, the 21,363 Stedman Caters on April 22nd, 1922, in which were three of the ringers who took part on Tuesday, Messrs. George Holifield, jun., Richard White and Frederick White.

The 16,271 Grandsire Caters supplants as a record length of Grandsire Caters the 15,227 rung at Cheltenham on April 22nd, 1889, in 9 hours 43 mins., which, in its turn, had beaten the 13,265 rung at Appleton on April 11th, 1888.

The congratulations of the Exercise will go out to the band of Tuesday last upon their successful performance, with which must be associated that Appleton veteran, Mr. George Holifield, sen., who composed the peal and who took part in most, in fact we believe all, of the previous long lengths rung in this tower.

THE ATTEMPT FOR LONDON SURPRISE RECORD.

FOUR HOURS' PERFECT RINGING, THEN—!

The attempt for the record length of London Surprise Major, the 14,144 composed by the late Rev. H. Law James, at Warnham, Sussex, on Monday, ended after four hours' ringing in a 'shift course.' There had been perfect striking, and 31 courses had been rung when the first serious trip occurred, and the bells 'turned over' before it was righted. This happened while the tenors were parted; in a few more courses they would have been together for the rest of the peal. The ringers were: Walter Charman 1, George Olliver 2, Kenneth Snelling 3, Jack M. Cripps 4, C. Ernest Smith 5, Nelson Elliott 6, Alfred J. Bull 7, Oliver Sippetts (conductor) 8.

BELLS IN A 16th CENTURY PLAY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Here is a faint indication as to early dates of change ringing. Act III., Scene III., of Nicholas Udall's comedy, 'Ralph Roister Doister,' written between 1552 and 1553:—

'And come forth parish Clarke, let passing bell toll.
Pray for your mayster, sirs, and for hym ring a peal.'

At the end of the play is the following extra passage:—

'The peale of belles rong by the parish Clerk, and Roister Doisters foure men.

The first Bell, a Triple (Treble).
When dyed he? When dyed he?
The seconde.
We haue hym. We haue hym.
The thirde.
Royster Doyster. Royster Doyster.
The fourthe Bell.
He commeth. He commeth.
The greate Bell.
Our owne. Our owne.

Hartlepool. F. A. YORKE, Major, R.A.

A NEW RING OF TWELVE.

HEAVIER PEAL FOR LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.

The bells of the Parish Church, of Leeds, Yorkshire, have been recast and rehung, and are to be dedicated to-morrow (Saturday).

According to the history of the church it would appear that in the early part of the eighteenth century the church had six bells; these were increased to eight in 1746, then to ten in 1798, and, when the new church was built in 1841, a peal of thirteen bells was installed, i.e., a ring of twelve, with tenor approximately 35 cwt., and an additional semi-tone bell between the treble and 2nd so as to form a light ring of eight.

The going order of the bells had been very unsatisfactory for some years, until in February, 1931, the 8th bell collapsed in its bell pit owing to a breakage of one of its gudgeons. The question of restoring the peal was then taken in hand. It was eventually decided to entrust the work to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, who have recast the thirteen bells and added sufficient new bell metal to form a peal of twelve in the diatonic scale in the key of C natural, but the semi-tone bell is now between the 6th and 7th bells of the peal, i.e., commonly known as 'a flat 6th,' which produces another diatonic scale of eight in the key of F natural. The tenor bell of the peal of twelve weighs approximately 42¼ cwt., and the tenor bell of the peal of eight weighs approximately 17 cwt. This latter will form a handy light ring. The entire peal has been remodelled and hung with the most modern type of fittings in a massive iron and steel framework, which accommodates all the thirteen bells on one level.

The bell chamber windows have been treated with sound deadening material so as to reduce the sound of the bells in the immediate vicinity of the church. Five of the bells of the peal are utilised for the sounding of the Westminster quarters and hours, whilst to each of the thirteen bells are fitted two additional striking hammers which are operated by a carillon playing machine, which is automatically set into operation at certain hours by a connection with the clock movement. There is a further hammer fitted to each of the bells, so that the entire peal of thirteen bells may be operated by one person from an Ellacombe chiming apparatus.



LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—The gift of William, George and Samuel Smith, 1840.
On opposite side, Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1932.

2nd.—Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1932.

3rd.—This ring of 13 bells was originally cast in 1840 by Messrs. Mears and Sons, London.
On opposite side, Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1932.

4th.—This ring of 13 bells was recast and rehung in 1932 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.
On opposite side, Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1932.

5th.—The record of a connection with the Parish Church of ten generations of one family, from John Kitson, of 1667, to Edwin Fripp Clark, of 1927.
On opposite side, (Taylor's Mark). Recast 1932.

6th.—To the glory of God. This bell was recast as the gift of the Barron Bell Trust, 1932. Emma Barron, Founder; F. Hopkins, G. M. Walrond, H. W. Eldred, Trustees.
On opposite side, (Taylor's Mark). Recast 1932.

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DEATH OF MR. ALBERT E. PARSONS.

FORMER MASTER OF THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Albert E. Parsons, of Old Hill, Staffs, who passed away at the age of 67 years, on December 23rd.

Mr. Parsons' chief ringing interests were centred in the Worcestershire Association, which he had served in many capacities, having been one of its representatives on the Central Council and Master for nine years from 1912. In 1921 he was elected a vice-president of the association. He was also actively identified with St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and was frequently one of the speakers at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner.

When Worcester Cathedral bells were recast in 1928, Mr. Parsons made himself responsible for collecting the subscriptions for the 8th bell, which was recast by the Worcestershire Association. He was also treasurer of the association's War Memorial Fund.

He joined the association in 1888 and rang his first peal under its auspices in January, 1889. Altogether he had rung 94 peals, of which he had conducted 21, for the Worcestershire Association, his total peals being about 120. During the period 1890-1900 he was associated with the then famous Kidderminster band which, under Mr. Richard Matthews' conductorship, was doing much ringing in the higher methods. In recent years his peal ringing had been much curtailed, but in 1930 he took part in a peal of Stedman Triples by past and present officers of the association.

Mr. Parsons had been in ill-health for a considerable time, and his death brings a great loss to the association, among whose members he was held in the highest esteem and respect. The sympathy of a large circle of friends will go out to the widow.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at Halesowen Church. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was to have been attempted at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on that day, was postponed on account of his death.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Benhilton, Surrey, for morning service, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) by members of the local band: R. Foreman 1, H. Good 2, F. Randall (first quarter-peal) 3, H. Smerdon 4, G. Chiverton 5, G. Reed 6, E. Enticknap 7, W. C. Smith (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 7. First quarter-peal of Major as conductor.

At Diss, Norfolk, on Christmas morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with tenor covering: A. G. Harrison 2, Geo. Archer 3, C. J. More 4, A. Leeder 5, D. Whiting 6, W. Steggall (conductor) 7, W. Musk 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Peterborough, on Christmas night, for carol service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. J. Jutson (conductor) 1, Sister Jutson 2, C. Woods 3, W. Alderman 4, W. H. Waldron 5, F. Rowlinson 6.

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Half tone.—Me and my brethren around me were cast from a design of Mr. William Gowkrodger, of Leeds, being the first peal of thirteen bells ever cast in this kingdom. 1840.

On opposite side, Cast 1840 (Taylor's Mark). Recast 1932.

7th.—To the glory of God. This bell was recast as the gift of the Barron Bell Trust, 1932. Emma Barron, Founder; F. Hopkins, C. M. Walrond, H. W. Eldred, Trustees.

On opposite side, (Taylor's Mark). Recast 1932.

8th.—To the glory of God. This bell was recast as the gift of the Bartholomew Trust, 1932. William Hamond Bartholomew, Founder; Rev. S. C. Harris, G. E. Hudson, Secretaries.

On opposite side, (Taylor's Mark).

9th.—Rev. W. Thompson Elliott, M.A. Vicar: Edwin Kitson Clark, Vicar's Warden; Herbert Bacon Smith, Arthur Hollis, Robert James McLeannan, Louis Schofield, Cecil James Frankland, Henry Schofield, Albert Riding, Wardens.

On opposite side, (Taylor's Mark). Recast 1932.

10th.—His Campanis in Dei Gloriam Renovandis Large Interfuit, Carolus Franciscus Tetley, LL.D., A.S., MCMXXXII.

On opposite side, (Taylor's Mark). Recast 1932.

11th.—Rev. W. F. Hook, D.D., Vicar; Rev. J. W. Clarke, B.A., Lecturer; Rev. G. Elmhirst, B.A., Curate; Rev. E. Brown M.A., Clerk in Orders; Rev. W. D. Morrice, B.A., Assistant Curate. 1840. (Taylor's Mark.) Recast 1932.

On opposite side, His Campanis in Dei Gloriam Renovandis Large Interfuit, Carolus Franciscus Tetley, LL.D., A.S., MCMXXXII.

Tenor.—The gift of Jas. Rhodes, Esq., of Knostrop, and his wife, Maria, 1840. (Taylor's Mark.) Recast 1932.

On opposite side, Recast as the gift of Clorinda Woodhouse, in memory of her parents, Edwin and Charlotte Woodhouse, of Leeds, 1932.

The Leeds peal is the sixteenth entirely new or recast ring of twelve bells to have been installed during the past sixty years, and of this number twelve of them have been cast at the Loughborough Foundry.

It is interesting to note from the inscription on the half-tone bell that Leeds was the first tower in which a ring of twelve was supplemented by a thirteenth bell.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A VICAR'S EXAMPLE.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association took place at Sunderland on Saturday, December 17th, ringers being present from London, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Whickham, South Shields, Chester-le-Street, West Hartlepool and the local band. Ringing first took place at Holy Trinity Church, and afterwards a substantial tea was served at St. Ignatius' Institute.

A short meeting was held immediately after, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, being in the chair, supported by the Rev. P. N. W. Strong.

The loyal toast was honoured, and the chairman made a sympathetic reference to the death of the late president, Mr. E. Ferry, the members standing in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

The vice-president welcomed Mr. Thomas, of London, and Mr. T. Metcalfe, secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and also ringers from the outlying districts, and said what a great pleasure it was to the officials when they were supported by members of other districts. Their presence was greatly appreciated. He went on to say that their Vicar was a good friend to his ringers. He often visited the belfry and offered a short prayer before they commenced ringing. He would like to see that happen in all belfries.

Mr. Metcalfe proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and went on to say how pleased he was with the vice-president's remarks with regard to the Vicar and his ringers. He hoped the day would come when that procedure was a general rule. —The Vicar, in reply, thanked the ringers for their welcome, and said, although he knew nothing about ringing, he admired the ringers for their devotion to their art and their great service to the Church. He had noticed that the ringers were certainly no strangers to each other, and he thought this was a great testimony to the ringing associations. He hoped the ringers would come again soon to Sunderland, where a welcome would always await them.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for the splendid tea was carried with acclamation.

The next meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, February 11th.

Ringing afterwards took place at St. Ignatius' Church, the methods rung being Stedman Triples, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

DAVENTRY SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

The Method.	A Peal of 5,600.			
12345678	23456	W.	M.	H.
21354768				
12537486	52436	—		
21573846	45623	—	—	
25178364	65324		—	
52713846				
52178364	26354	—		
25713846	32465	—	—	
52731486	42563		—	
25374168				
23571486	64523	—		
32754168	56342	—	—	
23574618	36245		—	
32756481				
23765418	43265	—		
32674581	24536	—	—	
23765481	54632		—	
32674518				
23647581	26435		—	—
32465718	42635			—
23645178	64235			—
32461587				
34265178	52643	—	—	—*
43621587	65243			—
34612857	26543			—
43168275				
43612857	35264	—	—	—
34168275	23564			—
31462857	52364			—
13426587				
31245678	43526	—	—	—
13254768	54326			—
	35426			—
13527486				
Bob.	23456	—		
12357486	* Omit 3 H for 5,152.			

The first peal in this method was rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, on December 12th, 1932, conducted by L. G. Brett.

THE LATE MR. HERBERT HAIGH.

MEMORIAL DEDICATED AT ORDSALL.

The memory of the late Mr. Herbert Haigh, of Worksop, who was one of the founders of the North Notts Association in 1886, and had served the association in various capacities from that time until his death, in January, 1932, has been tangibly perpetuated by the setting up of a library in the tower of All Hallows' Church, Ordsall, in which place he was born in 1866. For many years Mr. Haigh was one of the mainstays of the association, and for sixteen years from 1912 served it as hon. secretary. He was a member of the committee from the foundation of the association, and at the time of his death was hon. treasurer. He also represented the association on the Central Council.

After his death the whole of Mr. Haigh's ringing books and papers were placed by the family in the care of the Rector of Ordsall, and these form the nucleus of the libary. The brass tablet bears the inscription:—

North Notts Association of Change Ringers. Founded 1887.
In memory of Herbert Haigh, who lies buried in this churchyard. Secretary, 1912-1929. Treasurer, 1912-1931. Member of the Committee 1887-1931.

The oak base on which the memorial is placed is the gift of Mr. R. W. Stockdale, the present hon. secretary of the association.

MEMORIAL DEDICATED.

The dedication of the memorial took place at a largely attended meeting, and was performed by the Rev. A. Parkinson, Rural Dean and Vicar of East Retford. The service was conducted by the Rector of Ordsall (Rev. R. F. Wilkinson). Members of the association were present from Retford, Worksop, Gainsborough, Anston, Barlborough, Creswell, Everton, East Markham, Edwinstowe, Gamston, Shireoaks and Sutton-on-Trent; Mr. William Haigh, brother of the late Mr. Haigh; Mrs. Hodson, Huddersfield (sister); Mrs. Haigh (niece); Mrs. Turner, Worksop (daughter); Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Rowsell, Lancham; the Revs. R. E. Rogerson (East Markham), T. H. J. Eling (Sutton-on-Trent), and B. Hughes (curate of Ordsall), and the clergy taking part: Mr. P. P. Barlow (churchwarden) and Mr. H. M. Cafferata, Sutton-on-Trent.

The Rural Dean's text was, 'He was a good man' (Acts xi. 24), which words he associated with the late Mr. Haigh. After referring to the influence of bells on the lives of Christian people and their inspiration to poets, the preacher said: 'Though the music of the bells is sweet, the service of the bellringers is sweeter. I speak with all sincerity when I say how deeply I personally value all that you do in whatever tower you serve as bellringers. It is not for the parish priest that you render your service, but it is for the glory of God that you give your best. God rejoices in the skill that you bring to your great work. Bellringers learn the art of concentration in their ringing. Whilst your mental faculties are offered in the service of God, your service of devotion is also acceptable to Him. I thank you for all you do in your great work. Continue in the work you have undertaken, for the message of the bells is sweet and your service is sweeter.

'I will close my message with a reference to Herbert Haigh, in whose memory we are gathered to-day. You knew him better than I did. He was one of the earliest to make my acquaintance when I came to East Retford. I was struck by his enthusiasm and by his devotion to the art of bellringing, and in the encouragement he gave to others. He not only delighted in giving service, but he was generous in the gifts he made. He has left a memory which by your own desire you have determined to mark in the church he loved. I hope that this association which he loved so much will continue to flourish. We are fortunate in the fact that the Rector of Ordsall has the skill and concentration of effort in the part he is taking in bellringing, and we look to him for leadership. I appreciate the energy with which many young fellows have taken up the work which Herbert Haigh has laid down. I have seen signs of the right type of young men offering themselves for service in towers in the town, and I hope that the example of the secretary and his assistant and of others will be followed in this respect.'

PIONEERS IN NORTH NOTTS.

After tea in the Parochial Hall, the Rector alluded to the devoted efforts of the late Mr. Haigh for the welfare of the Association, and to the tremendous amount of time he spent and the sacrifice he made in the early days of the association in conjunction with the late Mr. Charles Crawford and others in the North Notts area. Among the pioneers were the late Rev. H. T. Slodden, Vicar of Worksop, who was secretary from 1887 to 1895; and the late Rev. B. Darley, Vicar of Harthill, who was secretary from 1895 to 1912.

Mr. R. W. Stockdale read the financial statement, relative to the cost of the memorial, as under:—

Receipts: Mr. T. Hercy Denman £2 2s., Mr. Herbert Smith £1 1s., Mr. H. M. Cafferata £1, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 10s., collected from towers £1 17s. 10d., unattached members 18s., non-resident life members 12s., the old East Retford band 11s., Mrs. C. Crawford 2s. 6d., Mr. A. Crawford 2s. 6d., Mrs. A. E. Rowsell 2s. 6d., Mr. H. Marks 2s. 6d.; total, £9 1s. 10d. Expenditure: Faculty for memorial £1 5s., the brass memorial tablet £3 3s. 6d., the binding of 19 volumes of 'The Ringing World' £4 7s. 4d., postage and postage charges 3s. 3d., in the treasurer's hands 2s. 9d.; total, £9 1s. 10d.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT VISIT HOWDEN.

The December quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Howden on Saturday, December 17th, and was attended by about 40 ringers from Hull, Eastrington, Hemingbrough, Kirk Ella, Beverley Minster, Pontefract St. Giles' and All Saints', Selby, Thorne, Withernsea, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincolnshire, and the local company.

Service, in which the choirboys and the organist took part, was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an interesting address. Tea was partaken of in the Manor House Cafe, a building which was once the residence of the Bishops of Durham, at the time when Howden formed part of that diocese. The Vicar took the chair at the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, viz., Horace Flox and Harry Newton, of All Saints', Pontefract, and Percy Strangward, of St. Giles', Pontefract.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, Rev. A. Waring, M.A., was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer, and seconded by Mr. H. S. Morley. The Vicar, in responding, gave the ringers a most hearty welcome to Howden, and wished every success to the Yorkshire Association. He also extended his best wishes for Christmas and the new year to all the members.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting in March at Goole.

Further ringing took place afterwards on the very fine new peal of eight, which have recently been put into the tower by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. to replace those destroyed in the disastrous fire. They were greatly admired by all.

KEIGHLEY'S RINGERS 100 YEARS AGO.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Keighley on Saturday, December 17th. By kind permission of the Rector (Canon J. C. F. Hood) the fine peal of bells (tenor 17½ cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston was available, and about 30 members were present from Armley, Birstall, Batley, Burley, Bradford Cathedral, Calverley, Denholme, Drighlington, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley, St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Queensbury, Skipton, Silsden and the local company. Various methods, ranging from Minor to London Surprise, were practised. Tea was served in the schools, and at the business meeting which followed the vice-president (Mr. J. Cotterell) was in the chair.

The following new members were elected: Mr. Harry Homer (Rothwell), Mr. John Major (Felkirk), Mr. Alan Rushworth and Mr. Herbert Helliwell (Haworth).

It was decided to arrange the next meeting, if possible, in March at Ossett.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of bells was accorded on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, who made reference to the tablets in the tower, one recording a peal of Stedman Triples in the year 1836, composed by Chas. Mason, of Otley, and another a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Both were ultimately found to be false, but nevertheless they went to show that this ancient tower of Airedale possessed a capable band of change ringers even in those early days.

A vote of thanks to the local company and to the ladies for the bounteous tea was proposed by Mr. J. Baxendale, seconded by Mr. G. Titterington. A course of Treble Bob on handbells by Messrs. P. J. Johnson, J. Cotterell, W. Popplewell and W. Barton concluded the meeting. The tower was afterwards again visited for further ringing.

THE BELLS OF MERRY ENGLAND.

Dear bells of Merry England,
From high or lowly tower,
Tell out the praise of Jesus
With every fleeting hour:
Peal sweetly o'er the country,
At morn or close of day,
To cheer a bed of sickness,
Or glad a pilgrim's way.

O bells of Merry England,
For ever sweetly ring.
Tell out among the nations
That Jesus is the King.
Send forth your glorious message,
Till earth from sin is free,
And Christ, the Lord Eternal,
The Christ of all shall be.

J. STAY.

(Continued from previous column.)

The Rev. R. E. Rogerson, East Markham, spoke of the enthusiasm of the Rector of Ordsall in matters of change ringing and of the hearty welcome that was always accorded to ringers at Ordsall Church. He thanked the secretary and his assistant for the preparations made for the gathering, and the ladies for the preparations of the tea.

The Rev. T. H. J. Eling, Sutton-on-Trent, in supporting the remarks of Mr. Rogerson, acknowledged the assistance he had received from the late Mr. Herbert Haigh.

BARKBY BELLS RESTORED.

FALLACY OF 'CHEAP-JACK' WORK EMPHASISED.

Those who visited Loughborough Bell Foundry on the occasion of the recent Ladies' Guild meeting had the unusual opportunity of seeing two rings of five bells standing side by side—one for Barnby, the other for Barkby. The latter were being retuned and rehung after the short period of six years since a previous 'rehanging on the latest pattern roller bearings' by a local firm of engineers.

Barkby is a small village some two miles from Syston, Leicestershire (recently made famous for turkeys as well as plums!), and the Parish Church possessed bells from an early date. The present 3rd dates from 1570, the 5th is dated 1608, 2nd 1634, treble 1631, recast 1854, and the 4th 1803. After the above-mentioned 'rehanging' Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, took a band to the church for a peal to add yet another tower to his Leicestershire 'collection.' He succeeded in ringing 5,040 Doubles on April 9th, 1927, and put the following note to the record: 'A stupendous task. The "go" was dreadful, and it was only the determination and pluck of the ringers that made the peal possible. Much time was spent in splicing ropes, etc., and I was too exhausted at conclusion of peal to verify inscriptions.'

Subsequent peal attempts by other visiting bands failed through bad 'go.' Eventually one of the bearings broke down, and thus in a short time the bells had to be overhauled by a competent firm. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the work, and the bells were dismantled and taken to Loughborough for tuning and rehanging on ball bearings.

They were rededicated by Dr. Cyril Bardsley, Lord Bishop of Leicester, on Sunday evening, December 18th. Prior to the service the local company rang some 'rounds and call changes,' and after the service visitors from Billesdon, Thrussington, Syston and Leicester rang Stedman, Grandsire and Canterbury Doubles. The tenor weighs 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E, and Barkby bells can now be pealed with ease.

SUNDAY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The stipulation of the Crown Lands Commissioners in a new residential area seems to have drawn attention once more to the question of bell noises. Propter hoc, there appears in 'Punch' an article entitled, 'The Bells; or Sunday Sounds,' wherein Mr. A. P. Herbert directs his pen against what he calls the 'bell world.' Mr. Herbert's entertaining banter clothes, as usual, a serious purpose, and his protest is, up to a point, reasonable.

He puts forward the old argument against the clanging of single bells early in the morning, and so far as I can gather this is his chief complaint. No one will deny that the chiming of a single bell for an inordinately long period is peculiarly irritating; nor can one deny that the simultaneous ringing of two adjacent peals of bells in different keys is anything but offensive to the ear.

Where Mr. Herbert is wrong, I think, is in assuming that ringers as a body approve of such practices. He says: 'They (the bell world) have never distinguished between the various categories of bells, of which a few were mentioned above. They assume that all the noises they make on Sunday are admirable and must be suffered by the people without a word of protest. Any kind of bell, however awful, may be rung at any hour on Sunday, however early.' Later he says: 'But any other kind of Sunday sound is anathema in the bell world. The laughter of children on the municipal swings; the sound of an organ, played competently in a cinema; the language of Shakespeare, the music of the world; the click of bowls and golf balls; the whispers of lovers, the music of bands in the parks; the friendly clink of glasses at the inns. . . . The bell world—the real bell world—have lumped them all together as bad sounds, as they have lumped all their bells together as good sounds.'

It is perhaps not generally understood that a band of ringers is rarely responsible for the chiming of single bells. Ringers themselves usually detest the single bell as heartily as the rest of mankind. Moreover, change ringers, as music makers of an established order, are jealous of their reputations, and eager to present their best to the public ear.

As to the extraordinary assertion that all other Sunday sounds are anathema to the bell world, it may be worth while to remark that the bell world probably holds a great number of people as sensitive to music and literature as the author of 'Tantivy Towers,' and most decidedly there are very few quite insensible to the friendly clink of glasses.

We have a right, I think, to ask for a definition of the 'bell world.'

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 4th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Chapman 1, T. Abbot 2, H. Ette 3, G. Ette 4, A. Bellamy 5, J. Main 6, C. Richardson 7, A. Boddington (conductor) 8. Rung to commemorate the 22nd birthday anniversary of the conductor.

DEATH OF PENISTONE VETERAN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Leonard Hinchliffe, aged 78, who died on Wednesday, December 21st, at the home of his son, Mr. O. Hinchliffe, Cubley Village, Penistone.

He was associated, as a ringer, for over 60 years at Penistone Parish Church, and in his younger days had rung several peals. Formerly he was a member of both the Yorkshire and the Barnsley and District Associations.

The interment took place on Saturday, December 24th, at Penistone, and the bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled prior to the service, and immediately after. During the evening a muffled quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was rung by: J. H. Sykes (conductor) 1, G. Sharpe 2, A. Champion 3, E. Tyas 4, G. Bashforth 5, E. Brooks 6.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A PEAL WITH TREBLE AS OBSERVATION BELL.

The following transposition of Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' peal has been arranged by Mr. J. Hunt, of Taunton, and has the treble as the observation bell:—

Calls at 3.4.5.6 5.6 12.13.

3.4 7.8 S.14
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5 A.
B.
4 A.
B.
4 A.
B.
3 A.

3.4 7.8.

A.
(Thurstans' standard calling.)
3.4. 7.8.
3.4.5.6 12.13
5.6

B.
S.2. 3.4.5.6 12.13
5.6

Another transposition, which gives the 2nd as observation, is begun with 12.13 5.6, and ends with 3.4 7.8 3.4.5.6, the rest of the calling being the same as above.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on December 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Harris 1, W. Coley 2, T. Greenhall 3, W. Brown 4, E. Forrest 5, J. Cox 6, W. Webb 7, A. Hackett (conductor) 8.

HASLEMERE.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, at St. Bartholomew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes): *R. Moore 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. Bowden 3, J. H. B. Hesse 4, H. Furlonger 5, E. J. Ayliffe 6, *J. P. Pelloe 7, *H. Smithers 8, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 9, F. Wicks 10. * First in the method.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Sunday, December 11th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Parsons (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, W. H. Howe 3, A. Hawkins 4, W. E. Troke 5, W. Prockson (first quarter-peal 'inside') 6, A. W. Coles (conductor) 7, J. Clifford 8.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. E. Carr 1, Rev. R. P. Farrow 2, L. Towers 3, W. A. Wood (first quarter in the method) 4, C. H. Webb 5, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 6, A. Ballard 7, C. H. Briggs 8. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Preece (first quarter-peal on eight bells) 1, A. Alford 2, W. Colwell 3, G. Shaw (first quarter-peal on eight bells as conductor) 4, J. J. Webb 5, W. T. Poston 6, R. E. Summers 7, H. H. Winney 8.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, November 27th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): R. G. Knowles 1, F. W. Neate 2, S. T. Holt (conductor) 3, W. Powell 4, G. Lewis 5, D. R. Morris 6, G. Hinton 7, F. Price 8, C. Tansell 9, E. Crump 10.

RUISLIP.—On Sunday, November 27th, for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Poulter 1, W. Bunce, jun., 2, G. M. Kilby 3, W. Bunce, sen., 4, A. Hunter 5, H. Ive 6, T. Collins (conductor) 7, S. Ewer 8. The Bishop afterwards visited the tower and congratulated the ringers. He also signed the visitors' book.

WANDSWORTH.—Before evening service, at Holy Trinity, West Hill, on November 27th (Advent Sunday), being the anniversary of the inauguration of the bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples from Thurstans' Four-Part: T. Bonney 1, W. Langdon 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, H. R. Pasmore 4, A. B. Peck 5, J. Rumley 6, W. H. Seabrook (first quarter-peal in the method) 7, H. R. Newton 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, November 13th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Blaby 1, F. G. Biggs 2, F. D. Boreham 3, H. Stratford 4, A. G. Janes 5, P. Newton 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

NOTICES.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

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Luton, Beds,
Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. Subscriptions are invited from all who desire to be associated with the memorial, and contributions should be sent either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James,' or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH, YORKSHIRE. — The recast ring of thirteen bells (tenor 42¼ cwt. in C), hung in new cast iron frame by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ripon on Saturday, Dec. 31st, at 3 p.m. The bells will afterwards be available for visiting ringers from approximately 4.30 to 7.30 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea-Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds, 12.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Eckington (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 31st. A meat tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head to those who notify Mr. T. A. Howes-Smith, The Yews, Eckington. A welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, BOSTON, LINCS. — The recently recast and augmented peal of 10 bells by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be open to ringers on Saturday, 31st, and will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. Dewey, 6, Orchard Street, Boston, Lincs.

THE 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. Andrew's, Holborn, on Jan. 5th (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.

KNAPTON, NORFOLK.—The ring of 5 (3 recast) rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will be dedicated on Friday, Jan. 6th, at 7 p.m., by the Ven. Archdeacon of Norwich. Tea provided in Parish Room for those notifying the Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, Paston Vicarage, Norwich, by the previous Thursday. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Church-Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 7th, 1933. Bells (8) 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.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Devizes, St. John's (8), on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service in St. John's 4.30. Tea in Parish Room at 5 p.m. St. Mary's (6) and St. James' (6), Southbroom, available for ringing afternoon and evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Gaywood on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Lynn (St. Margaret's) bells available for a limited time in the evening.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7th, St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, from 4.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting at Whitechapel, 5.30 p.m. Tea will be supplied by the Rector of Whitechapel. Please make this meeting a success. Visitors will be very welcome. — James G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher: The Vicar. Tea at 5. Names to me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. Business meeting at 6.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec., 11, Cygnet Street, Poolstock, Wigan.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at the Woolpack Hotel, Moor Street, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. 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.

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, Jan. 7th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and the bells of St. Peter's (8) from 7 p.m. till 8 p.m. Business meeting in St. Andrew's belfry at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Tea can be obtained at King's Café, St. Peter's Street. — George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Bures St. Mary on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Baxter's, Swan Inn, at 5 p.m.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe (5) on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Usual arrangements. February and March meetings, Creaton and West Haddon. Dates to be fixed.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — The annual meeting will be held at the Judges' Lodgings, No. 4, The Close, Winchester, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Business meeting at 3 p.m., followed by tea at 4. Service in the Cathedral at 5. Cathedral bells (12), St. Maurice (6) available at 1.30 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming by Jan. 2nd. — G. Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in School at 4.30 (1s. each), proceeds to be devoted to the Restoration Fund, followed by meeting. Business to include election of local officers, also nomination of general officers and C.C. representatives. Will all members make an effort to attend? — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tower open 5 o'clock. Meeting 7.30. Election of officers and other important business. Will members please try and be present?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

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

PONTESBURY, SALOP.—Ring of 6 bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Special thanksgiving service Sunday, Jan. 8th, at 6.30. Preacher: The Venble. Archdeacon of Ludlow.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The third annual dinner will take place at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Ringing at S. Nicolas' Church (10 bells) from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 28th, a lecture on 'Bell Towers' will be given by E. H. Lewis, Esq., M.A., President of the Central Council, to which all ringers and others interested are invited. Full particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The first district annual supper and social will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1933. Tickets, 3s. each, available from the district officers and committee and Mr. C. T. Coles (N. and E. District). Please book the date. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.: Sunday morning, Jan. 1st, at 10.30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9th, practice, 7 p.m.; quarterly meeting, 8.15 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 23rd, practice, 7.30 p.m. Will members please book Saturday, Feb. 11th, for annual general meeting? Further notice later. A happy New Year to all.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.15.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions for 1933 can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early. —C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room (1s. 6d. each), followed by business meeting. Election of officers, etc. Numbers for tea to reach me by Wednesday previous. All outstanding subscriptions to be paid at this meeting if possible. Please turn up and make this annual meeting a real bumper attendance.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Howson) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool. Wigan Branch members are especially invited to this meeting. A really good attendance is requested, but please notify.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.,

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all ringers attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me (certain) by Monday, Jan. 9th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting of the Lancaster Branch will be held at Low Bentham, on Jan. 14th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. J. Prince, Low Bentham, near Lancaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. — F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting held at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The 12th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 1933, 6 p.m., at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Tickets, 5s. 6d., may be obtained from Messrs. J. S. Hawkins, London; A. Walker, Birmingham; G. Nailor, Castle Cary; W. Yeend, Cheltenham; J. Austin, Gloucester; J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton; R. A. Post, Oxford; A. Prince, Bath; L. Tanner, Weston-super-Mare; or from officials, stewards and tower representatives, Bristol Guilds. The Bishop of Malmesbury will attend, and All Saints' (City) (8 bells) will be available from 4.45 p.m. to 5.45 p.m., after a silence of 15 years. Other arrangements for afternoon will be announced in due course.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol, 2.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) open during afternoon. Committee meet 3.15 in Vestry. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) at Warner's Café, Market Place, 5 p.m. General meeting follows. Tea only reserved for those who notify Mr. E. Bartram, 55, King's Road, Melton Mowbray, before 19th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WATFORD.—The next meeting will be held on Jan. 21st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Ringing after till 8.30. Use that odd change to have a change and ring a change at Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel.: City 4270.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Will all ringing friends—especially those in the South-Western Division of the Essex Association—kindly note that as from Jan. 3rd next my address will be 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex?—E. J. Butler.

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A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, on Thursday, December 22nd, in 1 hour 10 mins., 1,932 Grandsire Triples: F. Vickers 1, F. Dedman 2, W. Insley 3, *E. Belson 4, W. Jeffs 5, *F. Jeffs 6, J. E. Arnold (composer and conductor) 7, *A. Kemsley 8. * Longest length.

A HALF-PEAL.

On Thursday, December 15th, at St. John's Church, Loughton, the first half of Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hour 32 mins.: *A. White 1, G. Perry 2, A. E. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen., 5, *H. J. Thorpe 6, G. Carter 7, J. Rann, jun., 8. * Longest touch in the method.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Billingshurst, Sussex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mr. J. Luxford, who was churchwarden for many years: R. Wood 1, T. Adams 2, R. Wood, jun., 3, J. Burdfield 4, T. Newman 5, A. Fiest (conductor) 6, W. Wicks 7, W. Holden 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 18th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): A. G. Barthomley 1, G. Green 2, W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, S. Taylor 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips 6, P. Green 7, C. Button 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise Major by treble and tenor ringers.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On Sunday afternoon, December 18th, 720 Bob Doubles in 24 mins.: W. Morris 1, L. Cordell 2, S. Clarke 3, I. Cavill (conductor) 4, A. P. Cannon 5.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Morris 1, S. Clarke 2, E. Rochester 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Wheeler 5, I. Cavill 6, J. Cordell 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major as conductor. Kindly arranged by Mr. G. Dent for the conductor, who hails from St. John's, Deptford.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, December 18th, 720 Bob Minor: O. A. Moody 1, Mrs. L. Warner 2, M. White 3, R. Heath 4, L. Moon 5, L. Warner (conductor) 6.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—For the dedication festival at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Robinson 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, Miss L. Willoughby 3, A. S. Roberts 4, H. Williams 5, W. H. Southeard 6, W. H. Sleeman (longest length as conductor) 7, H. Stephens (longest length) 8.

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